

TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
January 2, 2024
7:00pm
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL
N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

Attendees: Mike Hesse, Crystal Sbraggia, Paul Lash, Jodi Anderson, Greg Kastenschmidt
Absent:

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman, Mike Hesse, called the regular Town Board Meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve the minutes from December 5, 2023 Regular Town Board Meeting. **3/0/0 PASSED**

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Larry Craig was in attendance requesting the board visit his property closest to the intersection of Perkins Road and County Road VV to inspect an area where he claims a tree has been partially cut down by a neighbor and was left blocking the entrance to his property.

The board agreed to hold a special meeting on Saturday, January 6, 2024 at 10:00am at the intersection of Perkins and County Road VV. Hesse agreed to print maps to show property lines and easements prior to the meeting.

MINDORO PARK

The crew continues to boom mow along the fence line and complete other maintenance work along the current trail. Proposed trails will be flagged out for clearing as well.

SANITARY DISTRICT

Fenske shared a positive plant report for December 2023, noting one sewer backup incident on 12/23/2023 near the portion of the sewer line that is known to be collapsed. The backup was caused by a build up of rags and flushable wipes. Fenske is working to find longer term solutions.

Fenske continues to work with the water conservation rep to help identify resident projects that could result in water trade credits for the SD.

No further update on the pipe lining project was available. The project remains incomplete near the old school building.

It was determined that the North Street lift station project will not be covered by state funding in 2024. The project came up short on the approved project list by less than 2 points. The project could still survive within the federal budget if it is approved.

CEMETERY

The Burr Oak Cemetery sign has been repaired. Lash asked permission for a similar sign be constructed for the Black Oak Cemetery.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Hesse – Motion to hire a third party to construct a sign for the Black Oak Cemetery. **PASSED 3/0/0**

Per the request of Larry Craig, the town crew will inspect additional graves for standing water. The crew did already look into the original site in question, but agreed to expand their inspection to the nearby graves that Craig also feels could be damaged.

ROADS

Discussion on potential road repairs for Hanson and Wenzel Road took place. Hesse asked that weight limit signs remain on the Larson Road structure until further efforts to strengthen the structure are complete.

Hesse noted that Rural Insurance company will be responding to the case made against the town pertaining to M. Olson Road.

Hesse shared that the LaCrosse County LRIP committee has awarded \$68,000 in funding to the Town of Farmington to be used towards the cost of repairing the collapsed structure on M. Olson Road. Based on Jewell Engineering estimates this would cover approximately 46% of the Aluminum solution option. Fund availability is yet to be determined.

EQUIPMENT

The new plow truck will be delivered to Universal Equipment this week. Kastenschmidt will provide an estimated date of completion at February's meeting.

Fenske continues to work on getting equipment slated for sale posted on Wisconsin surplus.

Fenske gave an update on equipment maintenance work and repair statuses. Discussion took place on whether to continue with repairs on the older International truck.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to sell the International truck on Wisconsin Surplus. **Passed 3/0/0**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Farmington FD received notification that they did not receive any FEMA grant funds for radio replacements.

The Farmington FD wishes to thank the Black River Country Bank for the \$60 donation that was gifted through their employee Jeans Day incentive program.

The Farmington EMT wishes to thank Hanson and Associates for the \$500 employee choice donation.

Hesse reported that the new FD furnace has been working well. Mitch suggested the board consider replacing one or both of the furnaces in the town hall, as they both have surpassed their intended lifespan.

RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE

Dennis Konze is working to document and haul all electronics to Hilltopper for recycling.

Dennis Konze plans to be off during the month of February for knee surgery.

Kastenschmidt confirmed that Konze's request for additional lighting should not be a problem and will be taken care of in the near future.

The Recycler brochures have been mailed to all residents.

TREASURER REPORT AND CHECKS

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve the December Treasurer Report including receipts 633987 to 633992. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Hesse / Lash: Motion to approve town checks 23520 to 23573 and previously approved EFT. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve Fire Department checks 4732-4733. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve SD December EFT transactions and checks numbered 5750-5759. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to adjourn at 8:05pm.