

TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
February 6, 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 January 2 & 6, 2024 Regular Town Board Meeting. **3/0/0 PASSED**

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Discussion took place regarding Susan Kast's inquiry encouraging the town to adopt and enforce an ordinance that would require residents under circumstances to install snow shoes upon their roofs. Susan shared information that she collected from both county and state representatives. Mike agreed to look into the situation with the Wisconsin Towns Association.

Operator License

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve Kim Cain's operator license. **Passed: 3/0/0**

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve a trial 6-month operator license. **Passed 3/0/0**

MINDORO PARK

No Update.

SANITARY DISTRICT

Carson Hackett from Davy Engineering was in attendance to discuss the potential replacement of Lift Station #2 (near the trailer park). This smaller lift station, like the main lift station on North Street is nearing end of life. A portion of the connecting sewer lines are of concern as well. Due to the location of the sewer lines, further investigation into viable options is necessary before the board can make any decision on the direction of this project.

Mmsp: Last / Kastenschmidt: Motion to table the engineering contract as proposed by Davey Engineering for lift station #2. **Passed 3/0/0**

Hackett also asked the board for permission to move forward with bidding for the replacement of the Main Lift Station. No decision has been made at the federal level as to whether the town will be granted any money for the project, however, the board did agree that Davey should move forward with the bidding, noting recent repairs that makes this project even more of a priority. Hackett did inform the board of a low interest funding option that may be available to the town in the event that the federal funds are not awarded.

Mmsp: Hesse / Kastenschmidt – Motion to move forward with the bid portion of the project and to hold a special meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 to open bids. **3/0/0 Passed**

CEMETERY

Larry Craig reminded Fenske of the headstones at Farmington Cemetery that were in need of repair due to water runoff.

ROADS

Discussion took place regarding 2024 chip sealing. Fenske shared a list of roads near the west end of the township that he felt should take priority. Hesse shared an ag based funding opportunity for Baker Road. He will contact Jewell Engineering for the cost of preparing the application.

The board gave Fenske permission to replace five worn out road signs.

Sbraggia reminded Fenske that the cost for residents to replace fire number signs has increased to \$30.

EQUIPMENT

The inventory list of structures is due to the county April 15th. Inspections are due by December 2024.

Equipment sales totaled \$39,936 (TT60A New Holland Tractor, Tar kettle, 1993 F350, 1997 Freightliner, 2003 International 7400, IS1500 Ferris Lawn Mower, IS1500Z Parts Machine).

Mitch is requesting \$14,000 of those proceeds be put towards the purchase a new mower. Kastenschmidt requested that Mitch collect quotes.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Fire Department is working with the American Legion to plan for the annual Ham Party.

Mike expressed his thanks to the Mel – Min Alumni Organization for their donation of \$850 to both the Farmington FD and First Responders.

The Farmington First Responders will hold their annual Chili dinner on March 17 at Mel-Min Campus.

RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE

No Update.

TREASURER REPORT AND CHECKS

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve the December Treasurer Report including receipts 633993-63400 & 632201 – 632207. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve town checks 23574 to 23639 and previously approved EFT. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve Fire Department checks 4734-4754. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve SD January EFT transactions and checks numbered 5760-5772. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to reimburse Crystal Sbraggia \$484 for expenses paid for background checks, meeting reservations

Mmsp: Hesse / Kastenschmidt: Motion to adjourn at 8:27pm.