

TOWN OF FARMINGTON

MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

February 4, 2025

7:00pm

FARMINGTON TOWN HALL

N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

Attendees: Mike Hesse, Paul Lash, Jodi Anderson, Greg Kastenschmidt, Mitch Fenske

SD: Cindy Storandt

Minutes Prepared By: Crystal Sbraggia

Absent:

Other Attendees: Larry & Cindy Craig, Wilfred Berg, Jason Young, Wendell Pfaff, Janet and Jeff Woodward, Sandy Freng, Dale Kirchner, Betty Kirchner, Taylor Brehmer, Casey Pfaff, Richard Hutschenreuter, Mark Roberts, Richard Carvalho, Deanna Wiatt, Gayle Monicken, Greg Bennett, Jackie Stedman, Amber Libke, Travis Lockington, Travis Powers, Holly Powers, Andy Schlifer, Susan Kast

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman, Mike Hesse, called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve the minutes from February 4, 2025 regular meeting and February 25, 2025 special meeting. **3/0/0 PASSED**

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

No public concerns.

LEGION POST 507

Jason Young and Wendell Pfaff were in attendance to share the Legion Post 507 plans for a proposed Veteran's Memorial to be built near the entrance of the Farmington Cemetery. The first two stones have been ordered and paid for already by donations raised by Post 507. The stones are scheduled to be placed this fall. It is a perpetual plan where additional stones will be added throughout time. According to Hesse, LaCrosse County Zoning has already approved of the placement and the size is small enough that it does not require a permit. Hesse does, however, need to discuss the placement with the LaCrosse County Highway Department as the memorial, sidewalk and retaining wall (to be placed off of the 2nd stairway landing) does fall into the ROW of County Highway D. The Town will be working with ACT to prepare the bank for placement and will be gathering professional opinions regarding proper retaining wall structures.

MELROSE MINDORO REFERENDUM

Casey Pfaff, Mel-Min School District Finance Administrator and Deanna Wiatt, Mel-Min

Superintendent, were in attendance to speak on behalf of the Melrose Mindoro School District in regard to the upcoming referendum that will appear on the April 1st Spring Election ballot. They fielded questions and encouraged residents to attend the longer meetings to be held at the school later in March.

REV'D UP LLC Agent Change Application

The board reviewed the application for agent change submitted Rev'd Up LLC. The request changed the agent from Jessica Hayes to Jaqueline Stedman.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash Motion to approve the request to change the agent of Rev'd Up LLC to Jaqueline Stedman. **3/0/0 PASSED**

OPERATOR LICENSE

The board reviewed the operator license application and background check for Jaqueline Stedman.

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve an operator license for Jaqueline Stedman. **3/0/0 PASSED**

PARK

NO UPDATES.

SANITARY DISTRICT

- **Main Lift Station Project:**
Some components for the project have been received.
Work continues on the FEMA funding paperwork.
- **AMS product:** The final sludge judge report is not available yet.
- **Trailer Park Sewer Line Project:** This repair will be processed as an add on to our Main Lift Station project and will take place at the same time. No updates at this time.
- **Water Rates:** PSC is reviewing the district's application. The SD is waiting for a public hearing date to be set. No updates to report.
- **Shared SD position:** Taylor Brehmer, who is currently working on full SD certification, recently took on a part time position with the Town of North Bend. Fenske brought up concerns regarding shared costs such as continuing education and certifications. Hesse decided that he will be meeting with the Town of North Bend to determine where costs can be shared.
- **Hydrant Repairs:** Mitch Fenske noted, that after the recent water main leak, he has identified a number of hydrants and valves that are not working properly. He plans to coordinate with the creamery and schedule a day to change those that need to be replaced.
- **Sand Trap Service:** Mitch noted that the SD will be invoicing the town for their share of sand trap pumping costs that were accrued last fall. He plans to gather additional quotes before having this same service completed this year.

CEMETERY

It was suggested that the cemetery road be added to the 2025 seal coat list. No decision was made.

ROADS & EQUIPMENT

- **Chip Seal 2025** – No update. Kevin will complete passer ratings upon return.
- **Herman Coulee Road**: No update. Waiting on additional funding to apply for.
- **M. Olson Road**: No update. Hesse continues to seek additional funding opportunities.
- **Culvert Project** – State hired engineer to inspect culverts. No report yet.
- **Amundson Coulee Road** – Town of Holland may be submitting a join application for a discretionary fund grant.
- **Culverts**: Fenske suggested the town consider purchasing a pressure washer attachment to flush out culverts. The cost would be approximately \$1250. No decision was made. Depending on budget, the board may consider later this fall.

EQUIPMENT

- Brush boom mower repair: Returned to CNC machines for further machine work.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

If and when additional federal grant opportunities become available, the Farmington FD has decided to apply for funding for additional turnout gear. No update on this year's application for funding to purchase new radios.

Hesse expressed appreciation to the Holmen Fire Department for gifting 20-25 used handheld radios. Although the units are already 25 years old, the donation will be very useful to the department until new radios can be purchased. The tech is expected to be on-site soon to reprogram the radios.

The Farmington First Responder Chili Dinner is scheduled for March 16, 2025. It will once again be held at the Melrose – Mindoro school.

Funding assistance funds not released for EMS.

RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE

No update

TREASURER REPORT AND CHECKS

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Hesse: Motion to approve the February Treasurer Report including receipts 632346-632355. **3/0/0 Passed**

BRCB CD was transferred to First National CD.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve town checks 24181 – 24222 and previously

approved EFT. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Hesse: Motion to approve Fire Department check 4813-4816.
3/0/0 Passed

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve SD February EFT transactions and checks numbered 5908-5919. **3/0/0 Passed**

Travis Lockington was in attendance to voice concerns regarding oversized farm equipment causing damage to Lockington Road and County Highway Q. Hesse is aware of this complaint and noted that he did conduct an investigation into the matter using the information provided to him by the complainant. At this time, he could not prove a violation. Lockington requested that the town investigate further as he is confident that the machines driven by Antel Farms are overweight and causing damage.

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to adjourn at 8:34pm. **3/0/0 PASSED**