

# TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING

April 15, 2025

Followed the 7pm 171<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting

FARMINGTON TOWN HALL

N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

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

SD: Cindy Storandt, Mitch Fenske

Minutes Prepared By: Crystal Sbraggia

Absent:

**Other Attendees:** Dennis Konze, Wilfred Berg, Rick Paisley (Fire Chief), Larry and Cindy Craig, Gayle Monicken, Tom Brindley, David Pfaff, Dan Heidel

### CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman, Mike Hesse, called the regular meeting to order at 7:55pm.

**Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt:** Motion to approve the minutes from March 4, 2025 regular meeting and March 17, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 special meetings. **3/0/0 PASSED**

### PUBLIC CONCERNS:

No public concerns.

### PARK

- Hesse shared that a Melrose-Mindoro Tech Ed student is putting together a presentation for the board through which he will formally request the opportunity to build the trail system park shelter as part of his Eagle Scout project.
- Hesse approved for Dennis to begin clearing the trails at any time.
- The public works crew will be scheduling time this summer to replace the shingles on the park shelter.

### SANITARY DISTRICT

- **Main Lift Station Project:** The start date has been moved to May 19, 2025. Some components for the project have been received. The Trailer Park sewer line repairs will be taken care of at the same time as main lift station
- Mitch shared data that illustrated a 50% decrease in variance fees paid out by the SD. The trend between 2018 – 2021 was approximately \$1,000 annually, since he began working for the town in 2022, the fees have dropped closer to \$400 annually.

**MMSP: Lash / Kastenschmidt:** Motion to approve the proposal submitted by Quarles and Brady LLP to provide bond counsel services in relation to the approximate \$226,325 Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2025 (Clean Water Fund Loan).

- **AMS product:** The final sludge judge report is not available yet.
- **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.

## **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.
- **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** – As part of the inventory phase of the Wisconsin small structure program, we received a payment from the state for collecting and reporting information pertaining to culverts within our municipality. No final aggregate report has been provided by the state.
- **Amundson Coulee Road** – Town of Holland may be submitting a join application for a discretionary fund grant.

## **EQUIPMENT**

- 2017 Ram was taken in for an alignment.
- Lawn Mowers are being serviced for spring.

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to increase the number of captain positions from four to six as requested by Fire Chief Rick Paisley. **3/0/0 PASSED**

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash** Motion to extend Wisconsin Fire Fighters Life Insurance coverage to include reserve and training members as requested by Fire Chief, Rick Paisley. **3/0/0 PASSED**

No update on the 2025 grant for radios. No update on future grants opportunities.

## **RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE**

- Scott Kirchner and Cartyr Stumlin were recently hired as part time groundskeeper / lawn mowers. Scott started training at the recycling center this week. Cartyr will begin mowing at the park soon.
- E-Waste items have been removed the recycling center and delivered to Hilltopper. Residents are interested in the town hosting a free electronic recycling event similar to

the one recently held by Dynamic Innovations in Onalaska. Dennis agreed to look into the details.

#### **TREASURER REPORT AND CHECKS**

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to approve the March Treasurer Report including receipts 632356-632368. **3/0/0 Passed**

**Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt:** Motion to approve March town checks 24223 – 24259 and previously approved EFT and two transfers. **3/0/0 Passed**

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Hesse:** Motion to approve Fire Department check 4817-4823. **3/0/0 Passed**

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to approve SD March EFT transactions and checks numbered 5920-5926, with a correction to a typo that incorrectly lists a wrong check number. Check number 3920 should have been listed as 5920. Also, check 5921 was actually a town expense, therefore, the town will be reimbursing the SD \$281.70. **3/0/0 Passed**

**Other Business:** Piles of garbage have been noticed piling up outside the laundry mat. The board has made multiple attempts to reach out to the county health department regarding enforcement of clean up and dumpster requirements.

Gayle Monicken requested that the town build up the south end of J.Bryhn Road with additional gravel.

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