

TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, December 2, 2025
7:00 pm
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL
N8309 County Road C, Mindoro, WI 54644

Attendees: Mike Hesse, Paul Lash, Jodi Anderson
SD: Mitch Fenske
Minutes Prepared By: Crystal Sbraggia
Absent: Greg Kastenschmidt, Cindy Storandt

Other Attendees: Matt Rhodes, Jack Zabrowski

CALL TO ORDER:

- Chairman, Mike Hesse, called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- Minutes Review as listed incorrectly on the agenda. The October meeting has already been approved. The approval of the November minutes will take place in January 2026. No action taken.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

No public concerns

LaCrosse County & Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission (MRRPC) Hazard Mitigation Plan – Jack Zabrowski, Senior Planner for MRRPC, was in attendance to discuss with the board a series of questions to help him update the LaCrosse County Hazard Mitigation Plan. This collaboration is now required by FEMA. A final draft will be presented to the town at a later time followed by a resolution to approve of the plan. Zabrowski provided those in attendance with a Farmington plan summary.

Mike Hesse will be sending his suggestions in writing to Zabrowski following the meeting.

Property Insurance

Matt Rhodes shared and presented the renewal policy to the board. He will be setting up a separate meeting with Cindy, Mitch and Mike to discuss the upgraded equipment for the Sanitary District.

Poll Worker Appointment

Crystal Sbraggia requested that Kay Timm, Cindy Tracey, Debbie Salek, Faith Johnson, Josh Johnson and Karla Sime be approved to serve as poll workers during the 2026- 2027 election years. Cindy Roberts and Kay Timm will serve as Chief Inspectors.

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse Motion to approve Poll Worker appointments as presented. **PASSED 2/0/0**

Operator License – The board reviewed Cheyenne Kanakare’s background check and application for operating license.

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to grant an operator license to Cheyenne Kanakares. **PASSED 2/0/0**

PARK:

- Hesse provided an update on Brandon, a Mel-Min student and Boy Scout, as the Scout continues to work on plans to construct a shelter that will be positioned near the walking trails at the Mindoro County D Park. Brandon is also working to raise funds to cover the cost of concrete to be used within the shelter.

SANITARY DISTRICT

- **Main Lift Station Project:**

Discussion took place regarding a potential issue that could arise for the SD if a certain resident does not follow through on suggested weatherization for her mobile home. Although the town cannot force the resident to make the necessary weatherization efforts to protect the exposed water lines. The board plans to charge this resident for any costs incurred that are related to the neglect. The board approved Mitch to hire Maxwell White in the event that repairs end up being needed.

Mitch Fenske was pleased to share that Davy reports are showing very low phosphorus levels.

Mitch reported that he is cleaning and organizing the shed located at the lagoons. He requested approval to sell the following items on Wisconsin Surplus.

2018 ISX 800
Pump (Red) – FD
Containment Stuff
Rebuilt pump
Generator
Bookshelves

Mitch will put a practical reserve on the items including a reserve of \$7,500 for the 2018 ISX 800.

Lash / Hesse: Motion to sell 2018 ISX 800. **2/0/0 PASSED**

The board approved for the concrete slab to be pulled out and replaced with rock to make room for the generator to be placed near the lift station at the mobile home park.

MMSP: Hesse / Lash Motion to approve Application #8 of \$5,631.85. **PASSED 2/0/0**

Mmsp: Hesse / Lash: Motion to approve the revised Engineering Amendment #2 with a total change of \$23,459.31 in additional charges. **PASSED 2/0/0**

Fenske reported that the Aquafix product that he uses to treat the ponds is working very well. He expects to spend approximately \$1,500 every 2-3 months for the product. He also noted that efforts made by Prairie Farms is also helping to keep the numbers lows.

Mitch reported meeting with Davy and Prairie Farms regarding rates and flows. No final decisions have been made.

Mitch plans to begin accepting materials from private holding tanks within the township as an extra source of revenue for the district. According to Mitch, recent samples taken from different holding tanks have proven a flow rate similar to that of the town, leading him to believe there is no negative consequence for accepting such materials for a fee.

- **CEMETERY**

No update.

ROADS & EQUIPMENT

It has been reported that the wheels on the F550 will require larger mudflaps in order to keep debris from flying onto the side windows. Also, an error related to cooling needed to be cleared. Taylor will be looking into this further and contacting the manufacturer if necessary.

Mike announced that he has been appointed to the Wisconsin State ARIP committee. Part of this assignment will be to help make decisions regarding ARIP grant applications.

Jewel is making final updates to our Baker Road ARIP application. This application will be submitted prior to the December 15, 2025 deadline.

M.Olson - No updates.

LRIP Project Amundson Coulee Road – No update. A resolution authorizing the Town of Holland to be administrator over the shared LRIP project will be approved in January 2026.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

The FD recently received a grant that will cover 50% of the cost to purchase 5 new sets of wild land fire gear. As part of the funding, Mike is working to provide an inventory list of the current gear.

Hesse noted that an update related to the Roy Funstead estate may be available in January.

RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE

The LED lights were installed at the recycling center by our in-house team of employees.

TREASURER REPORT AND CHECKS

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve the November Treasurer Report, including receipts 673269 TO 673278. **PASSED 2/0/0**

Mmsp Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve November town checks 24570 – 245614 and previously approved EFT transactions. **PASSED 2/0/0**

Mmsp: Hesse / Lash: Motion to approve November Fire Department checks 4856-4860. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Lash Hesse: Motion to approve SD November EFT transactions and checks numbered 6026-6033. **PASSED 2/0/0**

Other Business:

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to adjourn at 0907pm. **PASSED 2/0/0**