

# TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, January 13, 2026  
7:00 pm  
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL  
N8309 County Road C, Mindoro, WI 54644

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

**Other Attendees:** Matt Rhodes, Peter Vanlaarhoven, Larry & Cindy Craig, Gayle Monicken

## CALL TO ORDER:

- Chairman, Mike Hesse, called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- **Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to approve minutes from November 4, 2025 Regular Meeting, November 19, 2025 Special Meeting and the December 2, 2025 Regular Meeting.  
**3/0/0 PASSED**

## PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Larry Craig had questions pertaining to the potential acceptance of holding tank waste from Farmington Residents living outside of the sanitary district. This subject was first proposed at the December 2, 2025 meeting by Mitch Fenske as an added stream of revenue for the district. Mitch assured Craig that acceptance would be limited to those with board approved contracts and all materials would be subject to pre-testing and random testing to ensure that influent metrics matched those of the actual SD materials.

## Poll Worker Appointment

Crystal Sbraggia requested that Jill Schlifer, Roxanne Storandt, Liz Christianson and Julie Jenniges be approved to serve as poll workers during the 2026- 2027 election years.

**Mmsp: Lash / Hesse** Motion to approve Poll Worker appointments as presented. **PASSED**  
**3/0/0**

## PARK:

Hesse stated that a number of used needles were found at the Mindoro Park located at County Road D. The LaCrosse County Sheriff Department first discovered the needles and is investigating the illegal disposal.

## **SANITARY DISTRICT**

Matt Rhodes, Representative for Rural Mutual Insurance, was in attendance to discuss the current Farmington Sanitary District property insurance policy. The board worked with Rhodes to update values for equipment that is included in the policy.

Mitch expressed his desire to finalize a sludge reducing plan that he could begin implementing early spring. He proposed using either Aquafix or AMS products again. He is confident that either product, when used with the Metafloc algae reducer, will effectively reduce sludge build up and improve the health of the lagoons. Fenske noted that approximately \$20,000 would adequately cover either the Aquafix or AMS approach. Ideally, \$30,000 could be used for a plan that included both AMS and Metafloc. The board will discuss these options further and make a decision at the special sanitary district budget meeting to be held on January 21, 2025.

No updates from Davy regarding Prairie Farms rates and flows were available. No final decisions have been made.

## **CEMETERY**

No updates.

## **ROADS & EQUIPMENT**

**M.Olson** - No updates.

**LRIP Project Amundson Coulee Road** – Hesse read Resolution 1-2026 authorizing the Town of Holland to be administrator over the shared LRIP project. Resolution passed by votes 3-Aye, 0-Nay.

**Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt:** Motion to approve Resolution 1-2026. **3/0/0 PASSED**

Dennis Konze shared an update on repairs that are being made to the boom mower roller that is part of the new tractor.

Kastenschmidt shared a request from Taylor to have roller chains added to his plow truck. The cost would be between \$4,000 - \$6,000. The board denied the request at this time.

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

First Responder received a 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of \$19,000 worth of state funding for non-transporting EMS agencies.

Mike continues to work with the grant writer preparing an application for a federal fire grant that will help cover the cost of new structural turnout gear.

The department will soon be purchasing six sets of wild fire turnout gear. Grant funding awarded in 2025 will cover 50% of this purchase.

FD Service Award Program – Mike and Crystal continue to correspond with VFIS reps to ensure proper enrollment into the program this first year.

### **RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE**

Dennis reported a number of resident complaints regarding muddy conditions at the recycling center. He suggests adding more concrete to the east side of the area.

### **TREASURER REPORT AND CHECKS**

**Mmsp Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to approve the December Treasurer Report, including receipts 673279 TO 673292. **PASSED 3/0/0**

**Mmsp Lash / Kastenschmidt:** Motion to approve December town checks 24615 – 24661 and previously approved EFT transactions. **PASSED 3/0/0**

- **Mmsp: Hesse / Lash:** Motion to approve December Fire Department checks 4861-4862. **3/0/0 Passed**

**Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt:** Motion to approve SD December EFT transactions and checks numbered 6035-6050. Missing Check 6034 **PASSED 3/0/0**

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to enter closed session under WI Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss compensation of public employees. Roll call vote, Hesse aye, Lash aye, Kastenschmidt aye. The board convened in closed session at 8:15 PM.

**Mmsp: Lash / Hesse:** Motion to return to open session Roll call vote, Hesse aye, Lash aye, Kastenschmidt aye  
The board returned to open session at 09:05pm.

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to increase Kevin Krueger's wage by \$1.00. Taylor, Mitch, Dennis, Ronda and Larry will receive an increase of \$0.25. **PASSED 3/0/0**

### **Other Business:**

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