

TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
October 3, 2023
7:00pm
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL
N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

Attendees: Mike Hesse, Crystal Sbraggia, Paul Lash, Jodi Anderson
Absent: Greg Kastenschmidt

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman, Mike Hesse, called the regular Town Board Meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve the minutes from September 5 and 26, 2023, with correction to September 26 Attendees listed. **2/0/0 PASSED**

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Larry Craig noted that LaFarge had received a large grant for utility infrastructure. He was curious why Farmington did not apply for that award. Mike noted that the grant awarded to LaFarge was received through The Community Development Block Grant Public Facilities (CDBG–PF) fund and that the town did not meet the income restrictions set forth for the grant.

Larry also mentioned that he spoke with LaCrosse Memorials and was given an estimate of \$200 to repair his relative's headstone. He asked that the town let him know when that particular stone has been repaired, as he would like to pay for that portion of the bill.

Mike announced that he has once again been in contact with the LaCrosse County Health Department regarding the lack of dumpsters being supplied for the boardwalk apartment residents. He also expressed concern regarding additional debris that has collected outside of the laundry mat. The county shared their attempts to reach the property owner thus far, promising to escalate the communication.

Operators Licenses / Temporary Class B License

The board reviewed an application submitted by the Gunderson Gilbertson Legion Post #507 requesting a temporary Class B Retail license be granted to the group for a ham dinner fundraiser event they have planned to be held at the Fire Station on November 4, 2023. The board approved the application.

Mmsp: Hesse / Lash: Motion to grant a temporary Class B Retail License to the Gunderson

Gilbertson Legion Post #507 for use at the Farmington Fire Station on November 4, 2023.

Passed 2/0/0

The board reviewed applications and background checks for Samantha Edberg, Alycia Johnson and Tanna Schimanski.

Mmsp: Hesse / Lash: Motion to grant an operator license to Samantha Edberg, Alycia Johnson and Tanna Schimanski. **Passed 2/0/0**

The board reviewed CD Rates presented by Treasurer, Jodi Anderson. They agreed to move the following Park Fund monies to a Certificate of Deposit at both First National Bank and Black River Country Bank.

Mmsp: Hesse / Lash: Motion to place \$50,000 into a 15-month CD at First National at the rate of 5.01% with the clerk, treasurer and chairman providing authorizing signatures. **Passed 2/0/0**

Mmsp: Hesse / Lash: Motion to place \$25,000 into a 9-month CD at Black River Country Bank at a rate of 5.10% with the clerk, treasurer and chairman providing authorizing signatures. **Passed 2/0/0**

MINDORO PARK

No updates.

SANITARY DISTRICT

Mitch attended a LaCrosse County Meeting regarding the SD water quality trade plan. No final decisions were made but the group seemed receptive to his presentation.

Aquafix recently made a site visit. A positive report and spring forecast were received.

Mitch has not received any updates in regard to the lining project scheduled to take place this month.

Arcade Pumping jetted the sewer lines leading up to the project site, as well as lines at the lift stations, fire station and parks.

The SD continues to make \$5,000 monthly payments towards the balance of their intergovernmental town loan.

Cindy has sent out information to residents regarding utility assistance options available through the LaCrosse County Housing Department. State funding has been depleted, but some county funding is available.

CEMETERY

Paul requested permission to replace sign at the Burr Oak cemetery. Mike agreed that he could move forward with this plan.

No timeline has been received from LaCrosse Memorial for the headstone repair project.

ROADS

Mike updated the board on M. Olson Road repair plans, stating that the final recommendations should be available soon, as final measurements will be taken this week.

Fenske reported that culverts on Rhyme Road have been replaced.

EQUIPMENT

No updates have been received regarding the delivery of the new plow truck. An October delivery was originally anticipated.

Furnaces at the Town Shop have been serviced. No major repairs are necessary.

Furnaces in the Fire Station have also been serviced. One is in need of repair; however, a final quote has not been received. The vendor will inspect the units in the town hall in the near future, as well.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

No update on the federal fire grant funds that the FD is hopeful to receive in order to be able to purchase new handheld and in-vehicle radios.

Funding for EMS has been approved, however, will not become available to towns for at least one year.

Mike is working to finalize reports pertaining to ARPA funds received by Farmington EMTs.

RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE

Konze reported a resident backing into the gate post next to salt shed. He was unable to retrieve the person's contact information.

Konze has not received any reply back from Hilltopper regarding quality of dumpsters.

Mike, Dennis and Mitch will soon be attending a DNR seminar to learn about changes made to the recycling program.

TREASURER REPORT AND CHECKS

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve the August Treasurer Report including receipts 633954 to 633964. **2/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve town checks 23394 to 23433 and previously approved EFT. **2/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve Fire Department checks 4725-4726
2/0/0 Passed

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve SD August and September EFT transactions and checks numbered 5704-5725. **2/0/0 Passed**

Other Business

Budget Workshop Dates: 10/10/2023 6:00pm finalize town and cover SD.

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to adjourn at 7:45pm.