

TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY MARCH 1, 2022
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL
N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman, Mike Hesse, called the regular Town Board Meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 2, 2022. . **3/0/0 PASSED**

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Dan Heidel further explained the PC meeting that took place prior to the March 1, 2022 meeting in which the public reviewed the Future Land Use map that the County is proposing to include into their updated comprehensive plan. The county is looking for final recommendations from the town by the March 11. The board agreed to have the Plan Commission submit their final recommendations directly to the county. No special Town Board meeting will be held.

Maureen Mooney | Parcel 5-855-2

Ms. Mooney was in attendance to present her request that a CUP be granted to allow for a portable yurt to be constructed onto land parcel 5-855-2, which is located on Hwy T, is 10.98 acres in size and currently zoned Exclusive Ag.

Mooney, a traveling health care worker, is requesting to install a portable, 180 square foot yurt or tent-like structure with collapsible framework onto her parcel of land that does not qualify for residential rezoning. She explained that she plans to occupy the yurt during times when she is not traveling, but is confident that she will be staying at the yurt no more than 6 months or 50% of the year. She shared a map to illustrate the proposed placement of the yurt and noted that it would be built outside of the floodplain and compliant with all county setback requirements. Mooney explained that water would be transported to the site and that she would be working with the county to obtain proper wastewater privy or disposal permits.

According to Dan Heidel, the commission compared the request to a similar CUP granted to Steven Lechnir for land parcel 5-836-5 in 2016. Both requests involved the placement of a portable structure onto Exclusive Ag land that would allow occasional occupancy totaling less than 50% of the time. Proper wastewater disposal permits would need to be approved through the county, as would any other permits for additional attachments or structures.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Hesse: Motion to approve the CUP request with conditions as outlined by Plan Commission on February 15 2022. **3/0/0 Passed**

February 15, 2022 PC Motion To Approve

Mmsp: Raabe / Lash Motion to recommend approval for a CUP to be granted to Maureen Mooney that would allow for the placement of a portable yurt onto land parcel 5-855-2. This recommendation is contingent upon the following conditions including <50% occupancy, proper permitted wastewater disposal and fire number creation. **4/0/0 Passed**

ARPA FUND REQUESTS

SANITARY COMMUNITY GROUP – ARPA Fund Request

Jordan Jones and a couple of other SD residents were in attendance to share ideas on how to lessen the financial burdens that the SD is currently experiencing. They wished to request again that the town consider all avenues of funding for this group including ARPA funds and BIL grant monies. They are confident that several projects along with loss of revenue could qualify the district for these funding awards.

Mike Hesse stated that he was currently working with Davy Engineers on drawing up plans for the North Street Lift Station replacement so that they can be submitted as soon as the DNR's BIL application process opens up.

LION'S CLUB- ARPA Fund Request

Tom Brindley was in attendance to inquire about the process to request a portion of ARPA funds. He would like to submit a request on behalf of the Mindoro Lions Club. Hesse noted that a public meeting would be held soon to gather such requests, noting that there are already a number of requests already received that ultimately will need to be prioritized and divided. He asked that Tom calculate the estimated loss of revenues that the Lions Club experienced.

The board decided to hold a Joint Meeting with the Plan Commission on March 15, 2022 at 6pm to collect further suggestions on how the ARPA funds could be best used.

DEPUTY CLERK APPOINTMENT

Crystal Sbraggia, Clerk, asked the board to consider her request to appoint Cindy Roberts to the position of Deputy Clerk. This appointment will be necessary in June 2022, when Sbraggia is out of the country on vacation.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to appoint Cindy Roberts to Deputy Clerk. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Hesse / Kastenschmidt: Motion to cordially accept the donation offered by the Friends of the Library. **3/0/0 Passed**

IT SERVICES

Sbraggia shared additional information on the packages offered by MCS Network Inc to provide IT services to the town.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve purchase the gold package for (3) computers and (5) .gov email accounts and (2) email merges. **3/0/0 Passed**

SANITARY DISTRICT

Mitch, Wendell and Cindy were in attendance to share an update.

The district is looking to buy 18 meters.

Mitch is working closely with Prairie Farms to optimize waste output coming to town without going over DNR thresholds.

COUNTY PARK

No Updates – Waiting on County

CEMETERIES

No Updates

ROADS & EQUIPMENT

Kevin noted that he is keeping an eye on three frozen culverts.

Hesse shared that he will be submitting an application for BIL funding by April 1 for Herman Coulee to be hopefully included on the first round of grant awards. Additional roads will be submitted for the chance to receive 2nd Round monies, all is depending on how many applications we have time for and can afford the engineering for. Second round applications are due July 1, 2022.

Kastenschmidt shared that the skidsteer should arrive soon and the mower will be delivered by the end of March.

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

No updates

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Grand reimbursement on hold pending historical study of building due to age.

No Further FD updates

EMS is utilizing online training portal to complete refresher training.

SOLID WASTE / RECYCLING

Dennis is back following his medical leave.

Plans will be put together to repair the ramp that was damaged.

TREASURERS REPORT

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve receipts 474314-474321. 3/0/0 Passed

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHECKS:

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve checks 4630-4633. 3/0/0 Passed

TOWNSHIP CHECKS:

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve checks 22470-22525 and previously approved EFTs 3/0/0 Passed

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to Adjourn at 9:14pm 3/0/0 Passed

