TOWN OF FARMINGTON
MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, June 2, 2026
7:00pm
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL
N8309 County Road C, Mindoro, WI 54644

Attendees: Mike Hesse, Paul Lash, Greg Kastenschmidt, Jodi Anderson
Public Works and SD: Wendell Pfaff and Taylor Brehmer
Minutes Prepared By: Crystal Sbraggia
Absent: Cindy Storandt

Other Attendees: Dennis Jacobsen, Gayle Monicken, Larry and Cindy Craig, Mike Grant, Wilfred Berg

CALL TO ORDER:

- Chairman, Mike Hesse, called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- **Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt:** Motion to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2026 Regular Meeting and May 12, 2026 Special Meeting. **3/0/0 PASSED**

- **PUBLIC CONCERNS:**

  Larry Craig questioned where records are kept related to sales on Wisconsin Surplus. Although discuss, no items have actually been placed on the Wisconsin Surplus Auction site since 2025. Revenue from those sales was reported on the applicable Treasurer's Reports and properly deposited.

  Mike Hesse and County Supervisor Dennis Jacobsen provided information regarding a new La Crosse County committee being formed to study data centers and develop recommendations for county leadership over the next year. The committee will consist of five County Board Supervisors and one elected representative from each municipality within the county. Mike Hesse will serve as the Town of Farmington representative.

  Jacobsen also shared the following county updates:

  - Road improvement and broadband expansion goals have been removed from the updated county strategic plan.
  - The county continues to evaluate how best to utilize approximately $7 million in opioid settlement funds. Jacobsen expressed support for dedicating a portion of the funds to school-based prevention programs and EMT training.

- Funding decisions for large bridge repair projects (structures exceeding 20 feet) remain delayed. Jacobsen indicated he is not optimistic that the County Road A bridge project will receive funding.
- Progress continues on the Pathways to Home initiative; however, residents living outside city limits remain ineligible.

Mike Hesse reported on broadband improvement projects currently underway in the Town of Farmington. Spectrum is installing fiber infrastructure along County Highway T, Baker Road, and William Severson Road, with similar improvements planned near Davis Creek Road.

Joint efforts by Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services and Jackson Electric Cooperative to provide high-speed internet service to underserved areas, including portions of Farmington, are currently on hold. Bug Tussel, Starlink, and Brightspeed may also be evaluating future expansion opportunities within underserved areas of the township.

Mike Grant l Rumors Bar & Grill l County Road C
Mike Grant appeared before the Board to explain his variance request. Following discussions with the county zoning office, he proposed a revised plan that differs slightly from the version presented to the Plan Commission on May 27, 2026.

The project involves replacing the existing horseshoe pit area with a covered patio featuring two 14-foot overhead doors facing County Highway C and one 14-foot overhead door facing the main restaurant building.

The original proposal presented to the Plan Commission reduced the building footprint by moving the front wall farther from the roadway. Grant believed this would have eliminated the structure's encroachment into the setback area. Following discussions with county zoning staff, he learned that the proposed modification would not reduce the encroachment. As a result, he requested consideration of an alternative plan that retains the front wall in its current location.

County Highway C's right-of-way extends 33 feet from the roadway centerline, with an additional 50-foot setback requirement beyond the right-of-way. The existing building is located less than 30 feet from the roadway centerline. While the proposed structure will continue to encroach into the setback area, it will not increase the existing encroachment.

Mmps: Kastenschmidt / Hesse: Motion to approve the variance, based on the fact that the neither proposal results in further encroachment into the setback area. **3/0/0 PASSED**

Liquor / Operator / Cigarette License
The board reviewed the following Class B Beer and Liquor and Class A Beer and Liquor applications:

Class B Combination Beer and Liquor Licenses

- Cindy's LLC, N8268 County Road C, Agent: Travis Thompson;
- Cindy's LLC, N8269 County Road C, Agent: TravisThompson;

- Muddy Creek, N9274 County Road C, Agent: Kelly E Johnson;
- CJ's Cut Inn LLC, N8292 County Road C, Agent: Misty Jolivette;
- Grant Enterprises LLC dba Rumors Bar & Grill, N9261 County Road C, Agent: Jenna Grant;
- Karin's Korner LLC dba Hilltop Bar & Grill, W5297 CTH T, Agent: Elizabeth Leszczynski;
- No application was received from Rev'd Up LLC. The license returns to the town.

Class A Beer & Liquor License

- Provision Partners Cooperative: dba: Allied Cooperative Mindoro Country Store, N8319 County Road A, Agent: Janell Quall

Mmps: Kastenschmidt / Lash Motion to approve all Class B and Class A Combination Beer and Liquor License applications. **3/0/0 PASSED**

Retail Cigarette & Tobacco License:
The board reviewed the following cigarette and tobacco license applications:

- Karin's Korner LLC dba Hilltop Bar & Grill, W5297 CTH T, Agent: Elizabeth Leszczynski;
- Provision Partners Coopative: dba: Allied Cooperative Mindoro Country Store, N8319 County Road A, Mindoro, Agent: Janell Quall

Mmps: Kastenschmidt / Lash Motion to approve all cigarette and tobacco license applications. **3/0/0 PASSED**

Operators:
The board reviewed the following operator license applications:

- Kelly Johnson , Travis Thompson , April Judd , Kimberly Cain , Janell Quall , Jesse Jacobson , Kelley Fenske , Tracy Riley , Amy Berger , Karla Sime , Mary Claire Sutherland , Kevin Ruetten , Josie Rommel , Marissa Baker , Danielle Vinson , Misty Jolivette , Joseph Jolivette , Tanna Schimanski , Jenna Grant , Vicky Rainey , Crystal Gerken , Rachel Sterling , Eric Scafe , Trevor Hanson , Brook Gunther , Cheyenne Kanakares , Jena Burchell , April Hanson , Amanda Manske, Genell Johnson , Todd Johnson , Sandra Scherz , Elizabeth Leszczynski , Jack Goldstein , Ryan Neary

Mmps: Kastenschmidt / Lash Motion to approve all operator license applications. **3/0/0 PASSED**

Consider Ordinance 2026-4 – Mike Hesse read the revised draft ordinance as recommended by the Plan Commission. This second draft further defines “all-weather surface” and specifies the elements required in a maintenance agreement prior to issuance of a building permit.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to Approve Ordinance 2026-4, superseding the 1999 Multiple Housing Road Specifications Ordinance. **PASSED 2/0/1 Hesse Abstained**

PARK:
Taylor Brehmer, representative for the Mel-Min Area Youth Soccer Organization, thanked the board for allowing the group to place their equipment shed at the park.

Public works has been clearing brush along the green space and mowing trails.

SANITARY DISTRICT

Resolution 2026-3 2025 CMAR Compliance Maintenance Annual Report
The board reviewed the CMAR report, noting all “A” grades except for phosphorus which received a “B”.
Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve Resolution 2026-3 2025 CMAR. **Passed 3/0/0**

The AquaHawk MBS algae treatment was applied to the ponds on May 31, 2026. As of June 2, 2026, results had not met expectations. Staff will continue monitoring progress and evaluating additional treatment options. Taylor is obtaining quotes for alternative products.

No action was taken.

Additional updates included:

- The aerator in Pond No. 3 failed and was replaced.
- The 2025 Water Consumer Confidence Report was reviewed. The report has been posted publicly, and a notice will be distributed to residents.
- The water main replacement project remains pending scheduling.
- Wendell and Taylor completed spring water system flushing. Several locations require additional attention due to sediment buildup, and multiple valve boxes will need replacement.

Sonar Sludge Judge Project: No update.

CEMETERY
Several residents complimented the condition of the cemeteries over Memorial Day weekend. The Board expressed appreciation to the Public Works Department for their efforts.

ROADS & EQUIPMENT
Bids will be solicited for the 2026 chip seal program. Planned projects include Anderson, Hanson, Staff, Jerome, and Young Roads. Amundson Road remains a priority should funding become available.

Local Small Structure Improvement Program (LSSIP)

Schultz Road Structure - No Updates
M.Olson Structure - No updates.

LRIP Project Amundson Coulee Road – Holland is administering this shared grant and is currently waiting to receive the State Municipal Agreement (SMA).

Consider LRI-S Agreement w/ Town of Holland
The board reviewed the LRI-S Agreement as submitted by the Town of Holland.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve the agreement as proposed.
PASSED 3/0/0

ARIP Funding: Hesse continues to work on improving the narrative for the 2nd round of this funding opportunity. The next application is due in July 2026. He will be adding to the applications, photos and letters of support from legislators.

- The older Ferris (2024) has a broken throttle cable. Parts have been ordered and may be covered under warranty.

- The International still has codes coming back for the EGR system, the codes were cleared again and will continue to be monitored.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

- The Fire Department was deemed ineligible for Wildland Fire Gear Grant funding due to a late payment resulting from a check that was damaged during delivery by the USPS.
- The Maintenance of Effort Report is due soon. Information due to clerk by June 15, 2026.

RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE
Dennis Konze reported that tires and refrigerators have been removed from the site. Fluorescent bulbs will be disposed of next. Cartyr will train at the Recycling Center this Saturday, replacing Scott, who is unavailable to work.

TREASURER REPORT AND CHECKS
Mmsp Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve the May Treasurer Report, including receipts 673329 TO 673339. **PASSED 3/0/0**

Mmsp Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve May town checks 24835 – 24843 and 24851 – 24883 and previously approved EFT. **PASSED 3/0/0**

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: No report available for FD

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve SD May 2026 EFT transactions and checks numbered 6083-6095. **PASSED 3/0/0**

Other Business:

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to adjourn at 0818pm. **PASSED 3/0/0**