

TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
July 2, 2024
7:00pm
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL
N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve the minutes from May 14, 2024, June 4, 2024 and June 12, 2024 meetings. **3/0/0 PASSED**

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Larry Craig shared that a representative from land conservation came to view the area of land near his property that he feels is being washed out. He has not received their official response regarding that visit but plans to share with the board when he does.

MINDORO PARK

Mitch Fenske provided the board with an update on the Mindoro parks.

- The crews have been busy mowing and cleaning up fallen trees.
- The washed-out areas are still on hold until weather dries up.
- Still waiting on Mel-Min CC coaches to set up a time to walk the trail.
- Fenske and crew plan to replace a number of shingles on the both the park shelter and lagoon pump house this summer.

SANITARY DISTRICT

Mitch Fenske provided the board with an update on the Farmington Sanitary District.

- The main lift station project is on schedule to commence this September.
- The AMS product recently approved by the board has been added, but it is too early to tell if it is working properly.
- Fenske plans to meet with Mr. Truax regarding the upcoming repairs to the sewer lines that run through the trailer park. Recent moves from residents may present an opportunity to complete the project with minimal disruption to property.

- Fenske is preparing to apply for a MDV permit that will allow the town to pay a county fee in order to maintain compliance for high phosphorus levels. This is a temporary solution that the town can rely on for a limited time until Water Quality Trade projects can be implemented. Discussion took place regarding the WQT program and other phosphorus reducing methods and credit programs.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to enter into the 5-year MVD payment plan agreement with La Crosse County. Passed 3/0/0

CEMETERY

Mitch Fenske provided the board with an update on the Farmington Sanitary District.

- The crews have been very busy mowing.
- 2 graves identified by residents as needing attention have been leveled off and reseeded.
- Waiting on drier weather to fully repair the washed-out areas.

ROADS & EQUIPMENT

- **2024 Chip Seal and Resurfacing:** Scott Construction is scheduled to begin their portion of this year's chip seal work in August. Struck & Irwin will be completing their in-town micro surfacing work in July. They also agreed to seal the very large crack on Wanless Road at no charge.
- **M. Olson Road:** A bid for the Contech alternative structure option was reviewed. This option included the delivery of an alternative structure, unassembled. Although a new concept to the board, they believe this to potentially be a viable option. Hesse warned, however, that any project over \$50,000 must be approved by an engineer to guarantee that it is an appropriate long-term solution. According to Hesse, the next step is to collect official bids. Still the board will need to consider budgetary constraints before fully approving any option.
- **Baker Road ARIP Application** has been submitted. Results are pending.
- **Herman Coulee Road Update:** Jewell is waiting on the DNR before being able to present their finished design plan. Following plan submittal, the town will process the proper paperwork for grant dollars to be dispersed and reimbursement from LaCrosse County to take place.
- **Hanson Road Update:** Waiting for confirmation on proper liability insurance to be received before DS Dirtworks can begin work on this project.
- **Wenzel Road:** Mitch noted that a washout has occurred on Wenzel Road. He has talked with Rob at ACT about working on that area.
- Discussion took place regarding the decision to purchase cold mix from Scott Construction. Although a bit higher in price, Fenske is confident that the product's smaller stone texture makes for a higher quality mix that will outperform the less costly product that we have used in recent years. The board recommended that Fenske remain within a \$10,000 budget for such materials this year.

Western Star Plow Truck: The new plow truck is now finished and part of the active fleet. It has not been used for many tasks so far, but seems to be working fine. General Communications has been contacted and is expected to install the radio yet this summer. At the same time, GC will install the radio that was donated by the Melrose FD into one of the Farmington FD vehicles.

A special meeting will be held on July 16, 2024 starting at 6:00pm for the purpose of conducting annual employee evaluations. This meeting will be closed to the public. The Plan Commission, if a meeting is necessary, will be pushed back to an 8:00pm start time.

Fenske noted that there are a number of random items that he plans to sell via an online auction site. Items possibly include a small generator and plow.

The FD is expected to make a decision on whether they have a use for the shelving units at the shop.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Farmington FD will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast on July 28, 2024. The newsletter will be mailed soon.

Hesse was excited to share that four young residents have expressed interest in joining the Fire Department. Plus, one additional resident plans to join the First Responders.

The potential FD retirement plan, once proposed by Jerome Zibrowski, is still being investigated by the FD. They are hoping to present an official proposal at this year's budget workshop.

The Farmington First Responders wish to officially thank Vern Ruffie for volunteering his time to install the new infinity system into Rescue 1. This new system provides a large area of wifi even in remote areas, enabling volunteers to transmit medical updates ahead of patient arrival and provide strong connection for all mobile FirstNet phones.

RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE

According to Dennis, he is once again receiving requests from residents for more concrete to be installed at the recycling center. No decision.

TREASURER REPORT AND CHECKS

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve the June Treasurer Report including receipts 632253-632270. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve town checks 23812 to 23848 and previously approved EFT. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve Fire Department check 4771. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve SD June EFT transactions and checks numbered 5808-5821. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to adjourn at 8:10pm.