

# TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING  
September 3, 2024  
7:00pm  
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL  
N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

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

Other Attendees: Dennis Jacobsen, Gayle Monicken, Ryan Huebsch, David Pfaff, Larry Craig, Wilfred Berg

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt:** Motion to approve the minutes from August 6, 2024 regular meeting and August 6, 2024 and August 20, 2024 special meetings. **3/0/0 PASSED**

## **PUBLIC CONCERNS:**

Ryan Huebsch candidate for the 94<sup>th</sup> State Assembly was in attendance to introduce himself and offer assistance to the town if elected in November.

Dennis Jacobsen Lax County Supervisor was in attendance to stress the importance of calling county reps with concerns regarding budget items, such as the need for money to be prioritized for roads, broadband and emergency services. Current plans, budget cuts and examples of roads that have been neglected for decades were shared.

Larry Craig questioned the board about their plans for the vacant lot on Fulton Street. Hesse shared that the board prefers to hold out for market rate housing.

Larry Craig questioned how employee hours spent at the park were calculated. Discussion took place regarding employee time sheets and tracking.

## **MINDORO PARK**

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

- Mitch reported meeting with Nick Yanske, Mel-Min CC coach, to gain feedback on the trail and how it could be most useful to the CC team. Mitch stated that only minor changes to extend the trail were noted. There may be a need to extend the trail to ensure that it meets CC standards. Mitch plans to measure the distance to confirm.

## SANITARY DISTRICT

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

- **Main Lift Station Project:**

Waiting on Davey Engineering and Winona Mechanical to commit to a new timeline.

**Change Order Request #2: Increase \$11,045:** Add Build America Buy America requirements to comply with the requirements of the Congressional Directed Spending Grant. The lift station package on original bid did not include American Motors, pumps check valves and electrical components. Contractor to prepare and submit BABA Project Completion Certification

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to approve Change Order #2 that increases the overall cost by \$11,045 to cover costs associated with BABA requirements that necessary in order remain in compliance with grant. **3/0/0 PASSED**

- **The AMS product:** The lagoons were agitated to breakup sludge that settled on the bottom. A better update on the AMS effectiveness will be possible after the September sludge judge.
- **Trailer Park Sewer Line Project:** No Further updates.
- **Water Rates:** No update.
- **MDV permit:** Permit application material was submitted.
- **Well #2:** An additional \$2,000 will need to be spent to cover necessary electronic upgrades.

## CEMETERY

- Crews continue to spend many hours mowing.
- There are plans to begin fixing low spots yet in September.
- The Legion plans to install a flag pole at the Black Oak Cemetery.
- Wet Coulee Cemetery fence – In response to a concern regarding the condition of the fence, the crews plan to remove the fence and replace with a chain instead.

## ROADS & EQUIPMENT

- **2024 Chip Seal and Resurfacing:**

Concerns have been received from residents regarding apparent imperfections on in-town road that were resurfaced by Struck & Irwin. Fenske has been in contact with the company and they plan to come back to check on the concerns soon.

Fenske reported that Scott Construction finished their assigned roads and that he was happy with the finished product.

- **M. Olson Road:** No other updates. Bids won't be distributed until further funding is identified.
- **Baker Road ARIP Application**  
The ARIP funding application submitted by Jewell for Baker Road repairs was denied in the first round of distributions. Jewell will resubmit application for round 2. Mike is reworking narrative that is due at the end of September 2024.
- **Peterson Road** - Reports regarding a hanging branch on Peterson Road were received. Crews will
- **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 disbursed and reimbursement from La Crosse County to take place. Must be billed to the county by November 30, 2024.

Stormwater Grant Round 2 – Hesse noted a potential for a 2<sup>nd</sup> round of stormwater grants to become available through LaCrosse County. If it becomes available, he plans to submit an application for further funding for Herman Coulee.

- **Hanson Road Update:** Discussion took place regarding the condition of Hanson Road. Recent ditching efforts did help to alleviate the issues temporarily, but Fenske has requested that the road be prioritized for chip seal in 2025.
- **Wenzel Road:** No Update.

**Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt:** Motion to approve changing the lock for the town hall office door. **3/0/0 PASSED**

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

- Mike is working with the grant writer to submit an application for funding for the purchase of new radios.
- The department has been cleaning apparatus for Spanferkel.
- Work is being completed on the 1969 Brush Truck.

## **RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE**

Disposed of TV, bulbs and electronics. No other updates.

## **TREASURER REPORT AND CHECKS**

**Mmsp: Lash / Hesse:** Motion to approve the August Treasurer Report including receipts 632285-632300. **3/0/0 Passed**

**Mmsp: Hesse / Lash:** Motion to approve town checks 23897 to 23928 and previously approved EFT. **3/0/0 Passed**

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to approve Fire Department check 4775 -4780. **3/0/0 Passed**

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to approve SD August EFT transactions and checks numbered 5829-5844. **3/0/0 Passed**

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to adjourn at 8:01pm.