

# TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING  
November 25, 2024  
6:00pm  
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL  
N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

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

Public Attendees: Gayle Monicken, Larry Craig

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mike Hesse called the special Town Board Meeting to order at 6:00pm. This meeting was rescheduled from its original date of November 20, 2024.

## **PUBLIC CONCERNS:**

No public concerns

The 2024 budget update was presented by Cindy. She mentioned major repairs and expenses throughout the year related to a pump failure, excess sludge and a water main break. Storandt also noted that despite these unexpected costs, the sanitary district managed save some money in all the necessary funds.

Cindy gave an update on the different loans that the SD is currently obligated.

- The Environmental Improvement Fund Loan will be paid off in May 2025.
- The First National Bank Loan will be paid off in July 2025.
- BCPL Loan will be paid off in 2027. The 2025 payment amount is \$45,602.50 and needs to be paid for through a levy.
- \$85,000 is still owed back to the town. Consistent payments are being made.
- The first payment for the new lift station project will not come due until 2026.

The anticipated timeline for the water rate increase is May 2025. The district is currently waiting on next steps from the PSC before a public hearing can be scheduled. Sewer rates will be reconsidered once funding options for the lift station are confirmed.

Hesse is pleased with the flow of last year's budget and recommends that 2025 reflect the same breakdown of revenue and expenses.

**Mmsp: Hesse / Lash:** Motion to adopt a budget similar to 2024 reflecting the same expenses and revenue. **2/0/0 Passed**

**Mmsp: Hesse / Lash:** Motion to set the 2024 Town of Farmington Sanitary District Levy at \$45,603, with no additional monies being levied above the BCPL loan amount. **2/0/0 Passed**

### **First National Bank CD**

Jodi Anderson provided options regarding the expiring 15-month Park CD through First National Bank.

**Mmsp: Lash / Hesse** – Motion to allow the CD to automatically renew for 12 months at 4.55%. **2/0/0 Passed.**

No options are yet available for the Black River Country Bank Park CD. That CD is set to expire in February 2025. Anderson will share available options in January as they become available.

### **Employee Health Insurance**

The board briefly discussed the employee health insurance re-renewal options.

**Mmsp: Hesse / Lash:** Motion to re-renew employee health insurance under the Quartz P502 Performance Network beginning January 1, 2025. **Pass 2/0/0**

**Mmsp: Hesse / Lash:** Motion to enter closed session under WI Statute 19.85(1)(c) to conduct performance evaluation of public employees. Roll call vote, Hesse aye, Lash aye. The board convened in closed session at 6:55 PM.

**Mmsp: Lash / Hesse:** Motion to return to open session Roll call vote, Hesse aye, Lash aye. The board returned to open session at 7:05 pm.

Consensus is to hold an interview at 1:00pm on December 3, 2024 with a candidate for a possible part-time position.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

No public concerns

**Mmsp: Hesse / Lash:** Motion to Adjourn 7:45pm