

TOWN OF FARMINGTON

MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

May 6, 2025

7pm

FARMINGTON TOWN HALL

N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

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

SD: Cindy Storandt

Minutes Prepared By: Crystal Sbraggia

Absent:

Other Attendees: Larry Craig, Cindy Craig, Gayle Monicken, Deb Jones

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman, Mike Hesse, called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash Motion to approve the minutes from April 15, 2025 regular meeting and April 28, 2025 special meeting. **3/0/0 PASSED**

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Larry Craig asked when the trees near his house on Perkins Road discussed last year would be removed. Mike stated that he is in the process of collecting several bids and that the project would likely include the removal of multiple trees in order to allow more sunlight. The town does not plan to grind out the stumps. Per state statute the lumber will be first offered to the adjacent land owners.

Gayle Monicken has concerns regarding water on Amundson Road. Greg will check with the crew regarding this area tomorrow.

Deb Jones was in attendance to request that a railing be installed along the ramp outside of the handicap exit. The board will look into this and potentially add it as part of the door replacement project.

Deb also suggested that the welcome signs located on each end of town be painted a different color on the back side. Hesse shared that the signs were constructed and placed there by the Mindoro Lions Club and suggested that she speak with someone from that organization.

Greg noted that Mitch has received a resident request to add nets to the basketball hoops at the Mindoro Lions Park. The board agreed that it would be best not to install nets at this time, citing fears of injury or pole damage from kids attempting to hang from the nets.

LIQUOR LICENSE FEE REGULAR ORDINANCE

The board reviewed Ordinance 1-2025 that updated the liquor license renewal fees (ord 1-2025). The new ordinance increases Class A licenses in a way that is more consistent to the fees charged to Class B license holders.

MMSP: KASTENSCHMIDT / LASH – Motion to approve ORDINANCE 1-2025, which supersedes ORDINANCE 03-2020, setting new beer and liquor license renewal fees.

Passed by Roll Call 3/0/0 Aye: Kastenschmidt, Aye: Lash, Aye: Hesse PARK

- The owners of a camping trailer spotted at the Mindoro Park were recently asked to vacate the property as no camping is allowed at the park. Additional signage will be added to the area to help communicate that rule.

SANITARY DISTRICT

- **Main Lift Station Project:** The start date has been moved to May 19, 2025. Some components for the project have been received.
- **MMSP: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to approve **Resolution 01/2025** Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Up to \$228,825 Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2025, and Providing for Other Details and Covenants With Respect Thereto. **Passed by Roll Call 3/0/0 Aye: Kastenschmidt, Aye: Lash, Aye: Hesse**
- **MMSP: Kastenschmidt / Lash:** Motion to approve and authorize signature of documents pertaining to the closing of Farmington Sanitary District - \$228,825 Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2025 (Clean Water Fund Loan). **Passed by Roll Call 3/0/0 Aye: Kastenschmidt, Aye: Lash, Aye: Hesse**
- **AMS product:** Mike and Mitch received the final report. According to Mike the product was successful.
- **Water Rates:** The town is waiting for the PSC to confirm the public hearing date before notices are posted. The tentative date is set for May 28, 2025 at 10:00am.

CEMETERY

- According to Mike Hesse the first memorial for the stone has been ordered.
- Larry Craig asked if the town planned to do any further headstone repairs this year. At this time, the board has not scheduled any further work to be done.
- Larry asked that they pay close attention to water that is pooled at the top portion Farmington Cemetery. He is concerned that more water will pool if the road is raised at all.

ROADS & EQUIPMENT

- **Chip Seal 2025** – No update.
- **Herman Coulee Road:** No update. Waiting on additional funding opportunities.

- **M. Olson Road:** Hesse recently learned that the LRIP grant awarded to the town to help pay for repairs of M.Olson Road, has to be matched with local money. This means, if the town moves forward with those LRIP funds, further grant monies cannot be added on top of that award and either the town or the benefitting land owners would be required to cover the rest of the expenses. At this time the board is not confident that the town will have funds to use for this project.

Mike learned at the 2025 Road School that through the culvert project the state is finding a significant portion of the culverts reviewed, thus far, are in critical condition. Realizing that the local municipalities cannot afford to fix these structures alone, legislators are considering adding up to \$49 million dollars to next year's budget to help to fund local culvert repairs. This is not a guaranteed award, however, it is possible that the culvert on M.Olson Road could be eligible for a portion of this funding. Final budget approval will likely be pushed back until later this fall.

- **Amundson Coulee Road –** The Town of Holland may be submitting a join application for a discretionary fund grant.

EQUIPMENT

- 2015 International – Oil Pan repaired by SnoDepot LLC
- Kastenschmidt noted that the town's grader is in need of tire repair, however, due to its age it may be difficult. Degenhardt Tires is currently looking into options.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

The new FD bylaws require final member adoption to be approved by the town board. The Fire Department is recommending that Ben Stumlin, Dawson Rommel, Michelle Neader, Brady Patterson and Sheradyn Johnson be approved as the newest active members of the Farmington Fire Department.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve Ben Stumlin, Dawson Rommel, Michelle Neader, Brady Patterson and Sheradyn Johnson be added to the Farmington Fire Department active member roster.

RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE

No updates.

TREASURER REPORT AND CHECKS

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve the April Treasurer Report including receipts 632369-632381. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve April town checks 24260 – 24303 and previously approved EFT and two transfers. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt Lash: Motion to approve April Fire Department checks 4824-4830. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve SD April EFT transactions and checks numbered 5927-5938. **3/0/0 Passed**

Other Business: Hesse was once again very impressed with the amount of information shared at the 2025 Road School that Taylor Brehmer, Larry Konze and himself attended in April.

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to adjourn at 8:06pm. **3/0/0 PASSED**