

TOWN OF FARMINGTON

MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

June 3, 2025

7:00pm

FARMINGTON TOWN HALL

N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

Attendees: Mike Hesse, Paul Lash, Jodi Anderson

SD: Cindy Storandt, Mitch Fenske

Minutes Prepared By: Crystal Sbraggia

Absent: Greg Kastenschmidt

Other Attendees: Larry Craig, Cindy Craig, Gayle Monicken, Chad Hasz, Melissa Hasz

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve the minutes from May 06, 2025 regular meeting with noted corrections to the public concerns section. **2/0/0 PASSED**

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Gayle Monicken brought up questions and concerns regarding M.Olson Road. Monicken claims that the closure of the road continues to cause him undue hardship by increasing his fire insurance and lowering his property value. Discussion took place about the multiple roads that offer access to the Monicken property. According to Hesse, there are three town roads that lead into his farm (Amundson Road, J. Bryhn Road, M.Olson Road). Monicken asked why the town does not file an insurance claim for the repairs. Hesse noted that insurance does not cover roads. Hesse also explained that limited resources need to be spent in a way that prioritize projects that serve as many residents or as many miles as possible. Structures that are landlocked and service multiple families will naturally take priority. One example that was discussed was Schultz Road (located off Skoy Coulee Road). According to Hesse, there is a potential need to focus funds on a bridge located on Schultz Road. A firm has recently inspected the structure; however, no report has been received yet.

Larry Craig asked whether or not the town gave ARPA funds to the school district. Hesse explained that it was not ARPA funds that were shared, but rather the first round of Covid related CARES Act funding that was given to the school. That particular funding was very specific in nature and could not be spent on roads. Approximately \$10,000 was given to partially cover the cost of purchasing chrome books for students at Melrose – Mindoro School District.

Larry Craig also asked why the shed currently being built near Burr Oak did not need to go in front of the plan commission. According to Hesse, he spoke with the county and the shed meets the requirements set forth through county zoning, therefore, no variance of any sort needed to be brought to the town for approval.

Chad and Melissa Hasc I N9475 McIntosh Road

Chad and Melissa Hasc were in attendance to present their request for a variance that would allow for the construction of a shed onto their 6.5 acre property, parcel 05-00468-002. The proposed shed measures 70x96 (6,720 square feet). The allowable size by county ordinance is 2084 square feet. The shed would not exceed the allowable 21-foot height restriction. The couple explained that the shed would be utilized for vehicles and equipment that would otherwise need to be stored outside. Their property and proposed building location is situated in a way that the new shed would not be visible from the road or to neighbors. The couple reported sharing their plans with neighbors and not receiving any objection.

The Plan Commission heard this request at their May 20, 2025 meeting. Although the variance is larger than what the commission would normally approve, the committee agreed that the request is unique considering the distance from the highway and the fact that it will not be visible from the road or to neighbors. They recommend approval of the variance request.

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to recommend approval of variance to build a shed that measures up to 70x96. **2/0/0 PASSED**

- **Liquor / Operator / Cigarette License**

The board reviewed applications for the following to receive **Class B Liquor / Beer License**.

Rev'd Up, LLC, N9404 Hwy V, Holmen, Agent: Jacqueline Stedman;
Cindy's LLC, N8268 County Road C, Mindoro, Cynthia Thompson;
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Muddy Creek, N9274 County Road C, Mindoro, Kelly E. Johnson;
Top Dawgs Pub & Grill, N8292 County Road C, Mindoro, Paul Kast;
Rumors Bar & Grill, Grant Enterprises LLC, N9261 County Road C, Mindoro, Jenna Grant;
Haldeman Investment LLC, Haldeman's Hilltop Tavern W5297 CTH T, Holmen, Jack K Haldeman;

MMSP: Lash / Hesse: Motion to grant a Class B Liquor / Beer License to all seven applicants; Rev'd Up LLC, Cindy's LLC (Qty: 2), Kelly E Johnson, Paul Kast, Grant Enterprises, LLC and Haldeman Investment LLC. **2/0/0 PASSED**

Class A Liquor / Beer License

The board reviewed applications for the following to receive a Class A Liquor / Beer License.

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

MMSP: Hesse / Lash: Motion to grant a Class A Liquor / Beer License to ProVision Partners (Allied Cooperative Mindoro Country Store). **2/0/0 PASSED**

Operators:

The board reviewed operator license application material for the following applicants:

Cynthia Thompson, April Judd, Travis Thompson, Kimberly Cain, Kelly Johnson, Kelley Fenske, Jesse Jacobson, Janell Quall, Tracy Riley, Lisa Olson, Amy Berger, Robert Cobb, Jaqueline Stedman, Jack K. Haldeman, Karla Sime, Dustin Olson, Karyssa Haldeman, Grace King

MMSP: Lash / Hesse: Motion to grant an operator license to all eighteen applicants. **2/0/0 PASSED**

Cigarette License:

The board reviewed applications for the following to receive a cigarette / tobacco product license.

- ProVision Partners Cooperative: dba Allied Cooperative Mindoro Country Store, N8319 County Road A, Mindoro, Agent: Janell Quall
- Rev'd Up, LLC, N9404 Hwy V, Holmen, Agent: Jacqueline Stedman;
- Rumors Bar & Grill, Grant Enterprises LLC, N9261 County Road C, Mindoro, Jenna Grant;
- Haldeman Investment LLC, Haldeman's Hilltop Tavern W5297 CTH T, Holmen, Jack K Haldeman;

MMSP: Hesse / Lash: Motion to grant all four applicants a license to sell cigarette and tobacco products. **2/0/0 PASSED**

PARK

- Shelter Roof – After measurements are taken, the board will be collecting quotes to determine if shingles or metal are the best option.
- Trails – Hesse approved for Konze begin working on the trails and noted that Mitch would be his point of contact regarding design of trails.
- Larry Craig questioned whether these trails would be mowed and expressed concerns about washouts. Hesse noted that the trails will be grass and will be mowed. He reassured Larry that the trails were designed in a way to prevent erosion and washouts.
- No updates on proposed Eagle Scout project / pavilion construction.

SANITARY DISTRICT

- **Main Lift Station Project:** The project has commenced but is off to rough start. The new base was damaged during the initial setting process. Because it is a custom base, it will take some time to receive a replacement. The town is not responsible for the cost of the replacement. Winona Mechanical is working to expedite the replacement order.

The board reviewed the Payment Application #2 and #3.

MMSP: Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve payment Application #2: **\$94,183.95** and Payment Application #3: **\$124,111.80. 2/0/0 PASSED**

- **Trailer Park sewer line repair:** Sewer line spot repair near the trailer park will begin after the main lift station project is complete. Mitch has worked with new park owner to move the trailers away from the project area. The site is clear and ready for repairs to begin.
- **Sludge Reduction:** Fenske requested that the board consider purchasing a new product called Metafloc, a biological clarifier and phosphorus binder designed to improve water quality in lakes and ponds by controlling algae blooms. He explained that by reducing algae the product would allow sunlight to reach the water and ultimately reduce sludge build up over time. The cost to treat the lagoon ponds would cost approximately \$11,000.

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve the purchase of Metafloc algae reducer. **2/0/0 PASSED**

Fenske also suggested purchasing another 4 totes of AMS product. He noted that it is the same product used last year that resulted in approximately 30" of sludge reduction. He believes the product is effective, as it not only removes sludge but also involves other elements that improve the overall health of the lagoon. No decision was made. The board will consider the product again at a later meeting.

- **Water Rates:** Public service commission public hearing held last week. Decision will come out later this week.

CEMETERY

ROADS & EQUIPMENT

- **Chip Seal 2025** – Quotes will be reviewed at a special June 16, 2025 meeting.
- **Herman Coulee Road:** No update. Waiting on additional funding opportunities.
- **M. Olson Road:** No update.
- **Amundson Coulee Road** – The Town of Holland will be working with Jewell for the 2027-2028 funding opportunity.

EQUIPMENT

No update on grader tires.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Hesse noted that the FD is working on next grant round for turnout gear. They plan to apply for DNR wildland fire fighting gear funding (50% funding) The Maintenance of Effort Report is due to clerk by 15th and to the state by July 1, 2025.

Hesse shared that the Farmington EMS and FD were both very grateful to be named in Roy Fonstad's will. Fonstad passed away in March of 2025. The organization will be gifted an unknown estate balance at a later date.

RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE

The new employee, Scott Kirchner, is doing well helping out at the recycling center.

The inventory of TV's and some refrigerators have been hauled away.

Dennis reported that racoons are becoming an issue, but does not have a good solution at this time.

TREASURER REPORT AND CHECKS

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve the May Treasurer Report including receipts 632382-632392 with necessary corrections to the SD loan and payment portion. **2/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve May town checks 24304 – 24353 and previously approved EFT transactions. **2/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve May Fire Department checks 4831-4835. **2/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Lash Hesse: Motion to approve SD May EFT transactions and checks numbered 5939-5954. **2/0/0 Passed**

Other Business: The board reviewed receipts submitted by Crystal Sbraggia. Expenses included payment for website hosting, background checks, postage and office supplies.

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to reimburse expenses totaling \$1,769.31.

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to adjourn at 9:09pm. **2/0/0 PASSED**