

TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

July 1, 2025

7:00pm

FARMINGTON TOWN HALL

N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

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

SD: Cindy Storandt, Mitch Fenske

Minutes Prepared By: Crystal Sbraggia

Absent:

Other Attendees: Larry Craig, Cindy Craig, Wilfred Berg

CALL TO ORDER:

- Chairman, Mike Hesse, called the regular meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve the minutes from June 3, 2024 Regular Meeting and June 16, 2025 special meeting and May 29, 2025 Board of Review. **3/0/0 PASSED**

PUBLIC CONCERNS: No public concerns.

PARK:

- Shelter Roof – After measurements are taken, the board will be collecting quotes to determine if shingles or metal are the best option.
- Trails – Mitch and Hesse will be working with Dennis to communicate design areas.
- Eagle Scout project / pavilion construction – The resident is working on plan now.

TREE REMOVAL QUOTES:

Quotes regarding services to remove trees in town right-of-way near Perkins Road and County Road VV were considered. Quotes received: MC Landworks \$1,250 & RC Tree Service \$2,000. Once area is opened up the town will assess the seeding needs.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to move forward with the lesser quote submitted by MC Landworks. **3/0/0 PASSED**

SANITARY DISTRICT

- The Village of Melrose has requested intermittent assistance with sanitary district services via the mutual aid agreement in place with the two municipalities. Time and

Mileage will be recorded and invoiced to Melrose.

- **Main Lift Station Project:** The project is progressing. With recent rainfalls the old system has neared its capacity on several occasions. Thank you to Mitch for closely monitoring its ability to keep up.

Winona Mechanical has submitted the fourth invoice for the project.

MMSP: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve payment Application #4 in the amount of \$124,545.60. **3/0/0 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 collected sludge removal costs. The estimate included the removal of 700-900k gallons. Greg did not agree with the number of gallons included to be necessary to clear the sludge, hence, does not feel they have adequate information to make informed decision.

MetaFloc, algae reducer, has been ordered.

Letters encouraging residents to test for copper and lead in their water supply will be sent out to all sanitary district residents. This will be the easiest way to determine if town infrastructure contains such material, since records not kept regarding this information.

A letter will also be sent to sanitary district residents informing them of the minimal water rate increase that was established by the public service commission. Rate increases will range from approximately \$3 per month to \$7 per month depending on pipe size. Fire protection hydrant rental fees went down to \$35,074.

- **CEMETERY**

Veteran's Memorial Update

As part of the veteran memorial project, quotes will be collected soon from contractors that are able to extend the sidewalk. Hesse still needs to have a conversation with the LaCrosse County Highway Department regarding right-of-way and the proposed retaining wall.

ROADS & EQUIPMENT

- **Chip sealing is done.**
- It was noted by Hesse that Marcos Fredrick tore down buildings and paid for construction of cul-de-sac on H Olson Road, allowing for a much easier turn around for snow plows. The resident paid for the breaker rock for the project, while the town paid for the crushed top rock.
- **Herman Coulee Road:** No update. Waiting on additional funding opportunities.
- **M. Olson Road:** No update.
- **Amundson Coulee Road** – No update

EQUIPMENT

Taylor will be repairing the turbo and rebuilding the transmission on the old Ford Truck (retired fire truck).

No update on grader tires.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

The FD is working on a grant that will help the department pay for wildfire protection gear.

The annual FD Pancake breakfast will be held on Sunday, July 27, 2025.

RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE

No updates.

TREASURER REPORT AND CHECKS

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve the June Treasurer Report including receipts 632393 TO 632400 AND 673201 TO 673204. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve June town checks 24354 – 24389 and previously approved EFT transactions. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve June Fire Department checks 4836-37. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve SD June EFT transactions and checks numbered 5955-5966. **3/0/0 Passed**

Other Business:

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to adjourn at 7:56pm. **3/0/0 PASSED**