

TOWN OF FARMINGTON

MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, October 7, 2025
7:00 pm
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: Wilfred Berg, Gayle Monicken, Cindy & Larry Craig, Dennis Konze, Misty Jolivette, Jack Glennie

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt: Motion to approve the minutes from September 2, 2025, Regular Meeting & September 23, 2025, Budget Workshop Meeting. **3/0/0 PASSED**

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

No public concerns

Employee Health Insurance – Renewal rates not yet available. The item will remain on the agenda for November.

Cindy & Larry Craig | Perkins Road / County Road VV

Mike noted that the public works crew has a plan to use the dirt removed from repairs on Severson Road to be used for fill on Perkins Road / County Road VV.

Liquor / Operator / Cigarette License – review and make a decision.

Class B Combination Beer and Liquor Licenses

An application for a Class B Combination Beer and Liquor License was submitted by CJ's Cut Inn, LLC, and reviewed by the board. The anticipated transition from Top Dawgs to CJ's Cut Inn is November 5, 2025.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve a liquor license for CJ's Cut Inn, LLC
3/0/0 PASSED

Operators: Misty Jolivette, Joseph Jolivette, Heather Moen, Carlie Berger, Lexi Rank, Mary Claire Sutherland, Colleen Cudo, Kevin Ruetten, Lisa Powers, Josie Rommel, Mike Klein,

Marissa Baker, Danielle Vinson, Tanna Schimanski, Jenna Grant, ~~Savanna Edwards, Valerie Schumert~~, Shayla Sisk

Savanna Edwards and Valerie Schumert did appear on the agenda, but did not submit proof of taking the Responsible Beverage Server course; therefore, they will not be considered until a later date for an operator license.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve an operator license be granted to Misty Jolivette, Joseph Jolivette, Heather Moen, Carlie Berger, Lexi Rank, Mary Claire Sutherland, Colleen Cudo, Kevin Ruetten, Lisa Powers, Josie Rommel, Mike Klein, Marissa Baker, Danielle Vinson, Tanna Schimanski, Jenna Grant, and Shayla Sisk. **3/0/0 PASSED**

- **Hold Harmless Rental Clause –**

Motion was made in September 2025 to approve the use of the proposed Hold Harmless Clause pending attorney approval. Hesse confirmed attorney approval, reporting no objections from the attorney. Moving forward, this clause will be incorporated into a newly developed town hall rental agreement form.

- **Consider Vehicle Purchase –**

Kastenschmidt proposed the purchase of a 2023 F550 Truck from Sleepy Hollow for \$83,096. The vehicle, which has been involved in an accident, shows fewer than 5,000 miles. When compared to the same vehicle new off the lot, there is a savings of over \$40,000. Discussion took place regarding prior damage, pricing, budget, warranty, and included plow accessories.

Although not in the 2025 plans, the board agreed that since the price was decent and the money was available in the savings fund that it would be in the best interest of the town to take advantage of the opportunity to purchase the vehicle that comes with a brand new 10' straight plow and existing sander unit. The board opted out of the extended warranty, but acknowledged the 1-year manufacturer's warranty that remains.

Mmsp: Hesse / Kastenschmidt: Motion to purchase Ford F550 from Sleep Hollow for \$83,096. **3/0/0 PASSED**

PARK:

- Shelter Roof – No updates.
- Trails –Hesse again formally thanked Dennis and Larry Konze for donating their time and equipment to grade the trails. Mike and Dennis plan to seed the trails this week.
- Pavilion Project: Hesse reported that the Melrose Mindoro Student wishing to construct a pavilion for the park continues to work with his advisor on creating a plan for the project. No Updates.

SANITARY DISTRICT

- **Main Lift Station Project:** Winona Mechanical has submitted the seventh invoice for the project.

MMSP: Kastenschmidt / Lash Motion to approve payment Application #7 of \$35,739.35. 3/0/0 PASSED 3/0/0

-Approve **Change Order #6 to increase cost by \$851.50**

Change Order #6, which includes the cost for Xcel to relocate the electrical service, which Winona Mechanical paid to keep the project moving, a total addition of \$851.50.

Discussion took place regarding the project and overages that have been experienced.

MMSP: Hesse / Lash: Motion to reject Change Order #6 for \$851.50, as Winona Mechanical should have accounted for such costs within the original contract.
3/0/0 PASSED

Discussion took place regarding damage done to private property near the main lift station project site. Zibrowski, one of the property owners experiencing damage related to the project, has applied additional grass seed to his lawn. Hesse noted that he should be reimbursed for his time and materials. He also lost a tree that was outside of the ROW of the project; therefore, the town will continue to work with Zibrowski in the Spring of 2026 to find a suitable replacement option. Hesse will be working to see if the town can be reimbursed for these costs from Winona Mechanical. David Pfaff reported a loss of soybean crop related to the project. He has submitted the value of that loss directly to Winona Mechanical.

A new water leak in the trailer park was noticed. Mitch is confident that it likely resulted from Winona Mechanical excavation. Mitch is monitoring, but believes that it may need repairing, and if so that the trailer may need to be pulled back out in order to fix the leak. This may be another issue that needs to be discussed with Davy Engineering and Winona Mechanical.

Additionally, a water main is leaking in the county highway shop lot. There is approximately 150' that needs to be replaced or slip-lined. Mitch suggested that the board consider moving the hydrant at the time of repair and installing a valve. The board asked for an outline of different repair options, including pricing, time tables, and the breakdown of what could be completed by in-house staff.

Fenske plans to sell some items that are no longer needed via online auction. Fenske noted that he will be assisting the Village of Taylor next Wednesday on a project. Time and mileage will be charged to the village.

Taylor and Mitch will be attending a seminar for the Sanitary District on Thursday.

- **CEMETERY**

No update on the memorial.

ROADS & EQUIPMENT

M.Olson - No further information released on state 6-20 structure funding rules. Currently, there are no funding opportunities to apply for.

- Public Works will be addressing Severson and Perkins Road.
- All roadways have been mowed. The mower is working well, other than the roller.
- Mowing at the cemetery and park continues.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Farmington VFD Service Award Program

Paperwork for the creation of the Farmington VFD SAP has been submitted. The next step will be to identify members who have reached the following eligibility requirements that have been determined by the Farmington FD.

Annual Eligibility Requirements include attendance at:

40% of calls

70% of trainings

70% of meetings

****To remain fair for those who work evening shifts, those who work during scheduled meetings can read minutes within 2 weeks in order to receive credit for attendance. Alternative trainings will be scheduled as a way to offer more flexible eligibility requirements.**

RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE

Dennis noted that the crew missed the most recent E-Cycling event put on by Dynamic Recycling, but that efforts would be made to make it to the next one that is offered.

It was noted that the brush and wood collected at the previous dump site on Q need to be burned over the winter. Dennis volunteered to take on this project.

TREASURER REPORT AND CHECKS

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve the September Treasurer Report, including receipts 673241 TO 673251. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve September town checks 24479 – 24510 and previously approved EFT transactions. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve September Fire Department checks 4846-4849. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve SD September EFT transactions and checks numbered 6000-6009. **3/0/0 Passed**

Other Business: Board is comfortable moving forward with the proposed budget as is. No additional workshop dates are needed.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to adjourn at 8:04 pm. **3/0/0 PASSED**