

TOWN OF FARMINGTON

MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, November 4, 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
Minutes Prepared By: Crystal Sbraggia
Absent: Mitch Fenske

Other Attendees: Gayle Monicken, Jerry Boer, Wilfred Berg

CALL TO ORDER: **PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING** **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman, Mike Hesse, called the Public Budget Hearing to order at 7:00pm.

Mike presented the proposed 2026 budget and answered questions related to the budget.
No objections were heard. Mike Hesse closed the hearing at 7:04pm.

Motion by Roll Call to adjourn Public Hearing, Hesse, Kastenschmidt and Lash. **3/0/0 Passed**

SPECIAL MEETING OF ELECTORS **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman, Mike Hesse, called the Special Meeting of Electors to order at 7:04pm.

The Town Board asked for the electors to approve the 2025 Levy payable in 2026 at the allowable amount of \$541,421.

Mmsp: Greg Kastenschmidt / Dennis Konze: Motion to approve the 2025 Levy at \$541,421.
No further discussion. 8 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstain.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to adjourn 7:06pm. **3/0/0 Passed**

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve the minutes from October 7, 2025, Regular Meeting. **3/0/0 PASSED**

- Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt** Motion to approve the 2026 budget as presented.
3/0/0 PASSED

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

No public concerns

Employee Health Insurance – Jerry Boer, Representative for Benefit Advisors, was in attendance to explain options laid out in the 2026 Employee Health Insurance plan handout. The one most comparable to the current plan increased by 23%. Discussion took place regarding a supplemental ISO telehealth insurance option.

P502 HMO and add on ISO. Jerry will come and talk with the employees.

Sign up information.

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Hesse: Motion to renew Platinum P502 HMO and add on ISO for Kevin, Taylor Mitch and Larry. **3/0/0 PASSED**

Operator License – review and make a decision.

Operators: Rachel Sterling, Amanda Jolivette, Eric Scafe, Jena Powers, Crystal Gerken, Brittany Cummings, Melissa Klein, Trevor Hanson, Jennifer Burns, Braidyn Ruetten, Vicky Rainey

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve an operator license be granted to Rachel Sterling, Amanda Jolivette, Eric Scafe, Jena Powers, Crystal Gerken, Brittany Cummings, Melissa Klein, Trevor Hanson, Jennifer Burns, Braidyn Ruetten, Vicky Rainey. **3/0/0 PASSED**

PARK:

- Trails –Trails have been seeded.

SANITARY DISTRICT

- **Main Lift Station Project:**

Discussion took place regarding Winona Mechanical Payment application #8, Change Order #6 and Engineering Amendment #2.

MMSP: Hesse / Kastenschmidt Motion to table payment Application #8 of \$5,631.85 until Davy is available to discuss. **3/0/0 PASSED 3/0/0**

MMSP: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve Change Order #6 for \$851.50. **3/0/0 PASSED**

Mmsp: Hesse / Kastenschmidt: Motion to table until Davy is available to discuss this with us. **3/0/0 PASSED**

- **CEMETERY**

The stones are finished and ready to install once the concrete is complete.

ROADS & EQUIPMENT

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

Mike met with Town of Holland working on joint LRIP Discretionary (50/50) and supplemental (70/30) applications for Amundson Coulee Road. Total cost is estimated to be \$838,000 which service approximately 28 houses and 4 active farms.

Next month we will consider a resolution authorizing Holland to be administer over the project.

The new plow truck is now in service.

ATV Trail Extension: The Town of Onalaska has now opened up their roads to ATV use. Area UTV clubs have requested that with this change the town recommend that the county open both County Road M and W to UTV traffic.

Mmsp: Hesse / Lash – Motion to recommend approval of opening County Road M and W, south of County Road D to UTV usage. **Passed 3/0/0**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

The FD recently received a grant that will cover 50% of the cost to purchase 5 new sets of wild land fire gear.

Hesse noted that he, along with Taylor Brehmer and Kelly Wild, are running an explorer post to expose kids to Fire / EMS emergency services.

RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE

LED lights at highway shop will be changed out this week, the public works crew will be adding lights onto the four dumpsters.

New electrical service will be added to the shed that is located by the lagoons. This will allow some vehicles to be stored in that building.

The board has requested that Mitch begin using the old Ford for SD business purposes. Beginning November 10, 2025, Mileage, unless previously approved by the board, will not be paid for any employee that chooses to use their own vehicle.

TREASURER REPORT AND CHECKS

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve the October Treasurer Report, including receipts 673252 TO 673268. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve October town checks 24511 – 24569 and previously approved EFT transactions. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve October Fire Department checks 4850-4854. **3/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to approve SD October EFT transactions and checks numbered 6010-6025. **3/0/0 Passed**

Other Business:

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash Motion to approve reimbursement to Mike Hesse in the amount of \$321 to cover state convention registration fees. **3/0/0 PASSED**

Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash: Motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm. **3/0/0 PASSED**