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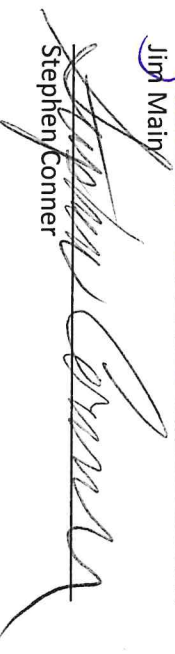
Executive Meeting

The Farmland Town Council met on Friday, March 18, 2022, at 1:00 for an Executive Meeting, in the council room at 104 E Henry Street. The Executive Session to meet with a town employee. Those present were Steve Hernly, Jim Main, Stephen Conner, Andy Croyle, and Marcy Yuknavage.

The Farmland Town Council certifies that discussion with a town employee was the only topic discussed.


Steve Hernly, President


Jim Main


Stephen Conner


Marcy Yuknavage, Clerk-Treasurer

March 18, 2022 Special Meeting

The Farmland Town Council met on Friday, March 18, 2022, for a Special Meeting directly following the 1:00pm Executive Meeting, in the council room at 104 E Henry Street. Those present were Steve Hernly, Jim Main, Stephen Conner, Andy Croyle and Marcy Yuknavage

Steve opened the special meeting.

Steve asked everyone to stand for the pledge.

The Board discussed hiring a full-time utility employee starting at \$14.00 per hour. This employee would work directly for Andy and would work with Benji. Jim motioned to hire a utility employee. Stephen 2nd. All Ayes.

Andy discussed with the Board about not applying for any loans or anything. He thinks we should use the ARP money we have and will receive. He thinks we should just budget each year to get projects done. He doesn't want to raise the utility bills. He said that people can't afford them right now. He said that we can do a lot of the work on our own and if we need to hire someone then we will do so. He said the number one priority is putting valves on the 8" main on Henry Street. Jim told Andy to cancel the March 28, 2022, meeting with Curry.

Stephen asked about the PER. Andy told him that it is done and if we change our minds and want to apply for a loan or grant in the future then we will already be one step closer.

Andy said that he will make a priority list and we will work off the list one at a time. He has already told Culy to come and fix the wells and he got in trouble over the buildings for the wells. He needs a green light to start getting quotes. Marcy reminded the board that we will be receiving almost \$300,000.00 total of the ARPA money.

Marcy mentioned to the Board about the discontinuation of the URT (Utility tax rate). She said that she doesn't know when this will happen because the government does not have all the answers yet. At the conference they said that we would have to lower rates and explain to the residents that the rates are being lowered because the government did away with the tax.

Jarrold, the rate study guy said that we have good cash flow because our guys do a lot of things in house. Instead of putting a band aid on things Andy fixes it the right way.

Andy wanted to talk about the EDT money for the Utility Building. He said that a couple of the small guys want 30% down. Andy told them that municipalities are not permitted to do business that way. Andy wanted to know if we could buy the supplies and hire the contractors to build. Marcy said that she would find out.

Insurance for Dirt Works. The contract says that the contractor must have Limited Pollution Liability Insurance. Choice One sent information and Marcy passed it out explaining that the insurance is an additional insurance and for small contractors it could be very costly. Luke Hemmelgarr, engineer from Choice One said that the town would need to vote on it. Luke said that it would apply if they were repairing the road beside an old filling station or something like that. Vern is asking the Board to wave the extra pollution insurance. Stephen motioned to wave the requirements for the limited pollution liability insurance. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.

Jim asked about sidewalks on Morris Street. Marcy said that needed to be discussed before we placed it out for bid. It's too late to do anything about it.

Steve asked about a drain right near the park and Andy told him that they need to talk to Melvin and if need be, Andy can help install a drain while the road is being done.

Marcy said that at her conference she learned that itemized receipts are required for per diem. She will get the handbook revised and have employees sign acknowledgement of the changes.

Steve asked if anyone wanted to say anything. – no comments

Steve closed the meeting at 1:32 pm



Steve Herrily, President – Town Board



Marcy Yunkavage, Clerk-Treasurer