

2 televisions. Marcy asked, why do we need 2 cable boxes? Melvin told her to run two televisions. Marcy said she understood that but why do we need to pay for 2 cable boxes for a volunteer fire department. Melvin said that it has been that way for many years. Marcy told Melvin; I hear what you are saying but I am trying to save money. Stephen said that Marcy talked to him about it the other day, that we don't have a bottomless amount of money. Marcy said that she had to move money around to cover utility cost last year. Stephen said that it is not going to get any better and Marcy agreed with him. Duane said that the plan is for the ambulance to be over here from 8:00 am until midnight. At midnight the ambulance will go back to Winchester because they have to clock in and clock out and then they can restock the truck, so they won't need a place in Farmland to keep supplies. When they leave at midnight then the thermostat will be turned back down. Steve asked, if you find a permanent place would they still be here from 8:00 am till midnight. Duane said, unless they can hire more people than it will be as planned. Duane said that no one has money. Duane said that this is what is going to force him into an early grave. Let Winchester take the center of the county and house a full-time crew in Farmland. He said that Winchester is short on manpower also. Stephen said then that creates a whole new challenge because then that would need beds.


Jim said that the Board needs more information. Marcy said that she will do her best at getting information together. She told the Board that she has talked to Jason about the ambulance. Marcy said that she will give Jason a copy of all the minutes. Stephen wants both attorneys to get together and draw up a plan. Jim agreed that he thinks the attorneys can draw up a plan and the Board can decide from that.

Stephen mentioned that when it's time to vote, he will not be voting because it would be a conflict of interest. He is an employee for Randolph County EMS. Jim said that we will see what the lawyers come up with. Stephen said that we want the ambulance in Farmland, but we need a plan.

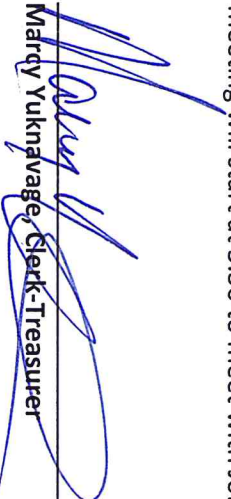
Stephen made a motion to adjourned at 2:49 pm.

Marcy had the Board sign the approved minutes and the claims docket.

Marcy reminded the Board that the February 1st meeting will start at 5:30 to meet with John Tinsman.



Town Board President



Marcy Yuknavage, Clerk-Treasurer

February 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The Farmland Town Council met on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 5:30pm, for a special Town Council Meeting. Those present were Steve Hernly, Jim Main, Stephen Conner, Jason Welch, Melvin Nott, John Tinsman, and Marcy Yuknavage.

Jim opened the special town board meeting.

Jim announced that this meeting was concerning the property and home at 301 S Main St and the cars at 104 S Main.

John Tinsman told the board that his tenant, Gary Buckles moved to Wisconsin but is still paying rent. John said that he has told Gary for months that he needs to do something with the cars. John said that he told Gary that sooner or later the town would be down there telling him that he needed to do something about them. John asked how much time Gary must move them. Melvin said the ordinance states 72 hours. John said that 72 hours wouldn't be enough time at all. John asked to give him a little longer. Jason asked if our ordinance allows us to tow the cars. Melvin told Jason that after being notified the person has 72 hours before being towed. Jason asked Melvin if the expense of towing falls back on the vehicle owner or the property owner. Melvin handed a copy of the ordinance to Jason to review. John told Melvin that he can provide Gary's address to him. Jason said according to the ordinance, we can just put a notice on the vehicle. Jason told John that the ordinance states that the vehicle may be removed at the expense of the property owner. John said that it could be his problem now and it makes him mad. John said that he will let Gary know that if he doesn't remove the vehicles then John would evict him. John said then he would take possession of the vehicles and sell them for junk.

Jason told Melvin to give John a notice and send a notice to the owner of the vehicles. The board agreed to give Gary 30 days to remove the cars. Melvin will send a certified letter.

301 S Main Street: John said that they painted the roof this past summer. John said that he has an Amish crew from Losantville. He said that he has them lined up to come this spring and totally redo it. They will be replacing windows and doing the outside first then they will be moving inside. Jason asked if the windows were boarded up so no kids or animals could get in there. John told Jason that they are. Melvin said that he has not walked around the property and has only looked at it from the road. Melvin said that there is a hole in the crawl space on the south side of the house facing the vet's office. John said that he would fix all holes and broken windows in within the next 30 days. Jason said the main concern is if kids or animals get in there and get hurt. John will send someone to the house tomorrow to look it over. The board agreed to revisit this house in May. If nothing is done, then the board will pursue.

Jim asked if we want to discuss Melvin and Hoosier fire before the regular town board meeting begins. Melvin said that he would rather have an executive session. Jason handed the statuses to Melvin for him to give to his attorney. Jason told Melvin that when you are a decision maker you are not legally allowed to benefit financially from decisions made. Jason said that he doesn't know all the details. Jim said that he doesn't want to see Melvin get in any trouble over anything. Melvin said that he understands case law, but it isn't like he started this job and now we just started buying from Hoosier Fire. Melvin said that we have bought 3 fire trucks from them. Melvin said it's not like it's a new company and we are just starting to buy from them. Jason said the difference is he is the chief who makes the decisions and will benefit financially from the decisions. Melvin said that he sits the commission rate, and he would not screw the town of Farmland to get money in his pocket. Melvin said that he has been on the fire department for 33 years. Jason told Melvin to talk to someone else because he is the one who would get in trouble. Melvin told Jason thank you for the information. Steve asked Melvin if he still wanted an executive session and Melvin said yes. Melvin asked for a couple of weeks, so it gives him time to talk to his attorney. Marcy told Melvin and the board that we meet again on February 15th at 1:00. Melvin said that we could meet after the special meeting. Jason wanted to know how long the first meeting would take so he could be here. Marcy told Jason that we would be opening bids for the CCMG and it shouldn't take long.

The Farmland Town Council met on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 6:00pm, for a Regular Town Council Meeting. Those present were Steve Hernly, Jim Main, Stephen Conner, Jason Welch, Kent Anderson, Donna Anderson, Maurice Foudray, Curt Flannery, Brad Mullens, John Halco, Duane Petry, Lori Young, Jessica Lindley, Jill Curry, Melvin Nott, and Marcy Yuknavage.

Steve opened the town board meeting.

Steve asked everyone to stand for the Pledge.

Steven motioned to accept Meeting Minutes as written for January 13, 2022. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.

December 2021 Bank Reconciliation noted as being reconciled, reviewed, and approved by Jim Main.

City Building – Marcy explained the Comcast savings for the City Building, Police and Fire Department
Water – Jill Curry introduced Lori Young and Jessica Lindley, all three are from Curry and Associates she also introduced Kent & Donna Anderson from Kenna Consulting. Jill said that she works on grants and engineering for water and wastewater. Jill said that they have been working on the PER (preliminary engineering report). Jill passed out some reports and cost associated with the projects. Jill went over them and discussed what funding is available for drinking water (SRF, ORCA and USDA). Jill said we need to move fast and submit by April 1st. Jill went over in detail the projects and the cost. Jill said that our water tank is sufficient. She said that our wells need replaced. Andy said that IDEM wrote the town up for the wells and the well housing. Jill showed options for a water plant and depending on what the board wants. Jill said that there isn't an easy way to rehabilitate the existing plant, but it could be done. They reviewed our water mains in town and listed several things to be done like looping all over town. They recommend replacing the SCADA System (communication Andy uses, it's the control system remote monitoring).

New Plant with Softening, all water mains & 2 new wells - \$5,415,895.40

New Plant without Softening, all water mains & 2 new wells - \$4,349,895.40

Rehabilitate Old Plant, Softening and iron with all water mains - \$4,736,695.40

Jill said you want to do as much in one loan/grant, so you are not paying all the non-construction cost every time. Jill recommends having a new rate study done and see what the rate impact would be to do the projects. The board gave Marcy the approval to have the rate study updated. The board wants to discuss the options with Andy to see what his opinion is. Jill thinks we have enough to get a good ORCA or SRF grants. Jill said that USDA isn't as competitive as the other two. Kent and Donna would need to do an income survey in town for an ORCA grant.

Sewage – Andy presented the board with information from Clearbrooke Technologies for a Lagoon Treatment Program. Andy said that he is required to do something because of the algae, he has a year to show that he is working on it. Andy said this would also get rid of our sludge. The cost per month is \$1,178.62. Stephen motioned to hire Clearbrooke. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. Andy said that it will take a month to get everything sat up. Steve signed the contract.

HFUSA – Marcy asked permission to donate \$1000.00. Jim motioned to donate \$1000.00 to HFUSA. Stephen 2nd. All Ayes.

Police – 20 calls / domestics on the rise

Fire – 23 total calls / 20 1st responders and 3 fire. Nothing major

Streets – Melvin provided a quote from Wright Way for a V-Box Spreader. He said the one in the back of the truck broke. He said Benji and Joe rigged it to work but does not know how long it will last. He said he believes it is 12 years old. Jim motioned to purchase the new v-box spreader. Stephen 2nd. All Ayes.

John Halco – told the board that he has 125 trees coming in mid-April and offered to have them planted on the hill where the fill was placed by the ball field. He has already purchased grass seed to seed the area he already laid straw. Jim asked Melvin's thoughts. Melvin said that we will be having little league down there. The Board thinks that some trees would be nice but not too many. Melvin to work with John on determining how many to plant.

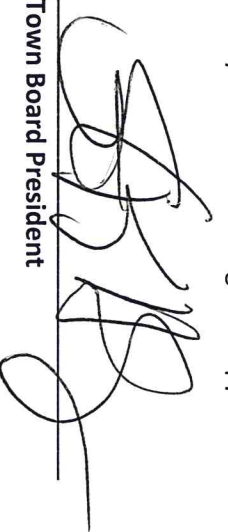
Resolutions and Ordinances – Ambulance Contract – Jason said that the county has worked out a contract to pay Farmland \$500 each month for February and March to house the ambulance. Melvin said that the officers met last night and came up with a plan. Melvin to talk to Duane about some housekeeping. Jim motioned to sign the contract. Stephen 2nd. All Ayes. Board signed contract.


Claims Docket for February 2022 - \$105,765.74

Citizen's Comments – none

Stephen made a motion to adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Marcy had the Board sign the approved minutes and the claims docket.


Town Board President


Marcy Yulnavage, Clerk-Treasurer