

February 22, 2022 Special Meeting

The Farmland Town Council met on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 1:00pm, in the council room at 104 E Henry Street for a Special Town Council Meeting. Those present were Steve Hernly, Jim Main, Stephen Conner, Jason Welch, and Marcy Yuknavage

Steve called the meeting to order.

Steve asked everyone to stand for the pledge.

Jason told the board that they need to make a motion to award the contract based on the recommendation from the engineer. The 3 bids received were reviewed by Choice One and Jason Welch. It was determined that Dirt Works & Asphalt Paving Inc., of Parker City, Indiana appeared to be the lowest and responsible bidder.

Dirt Works - \$299,795.50


Brumbaugh - \$372,180.00

Milestone - \$387,040.00

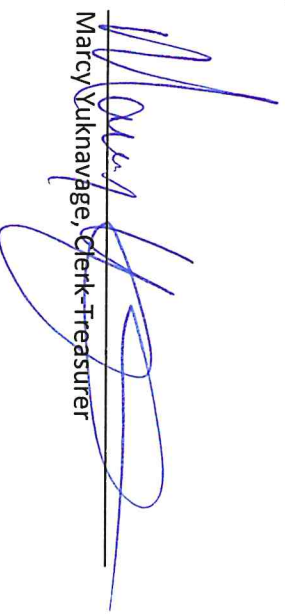
Steven motioned to award Dirt Works the contract. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.

The board signed the contract and other paperwork required from CCMG.

Steve closed the meeting at 1:09 pm



Steve Hernly, President – Town Board



Marcy Yuknavage, Clerk-Treasurer

March 1, 2022

The Farmland Town Council met on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 6:00pm, in the council room at 104 E Henry Street for a Regular Town Council Meeting. Those present were Steve Hernly, Jim Main, Stephen Conner, Jason Welch, Brad Mullen, Jessica Lindley, Jill Curry, Lori Young, Melvin Nott, Joe Bertram, and Marcy Yuknavage.

Steve called the meeting to order.

Steve asked everyone to stand for the Pledge.

Steve opened the regular town board meeting.

Stephen motioned to accept February 1 Regular Meeting, February 15, 2022, Special & Executive Meetings and February 22, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes as written. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.

January 2022 bank reconciliation recorded as reconciled.

City Building – Marcy told the Board that she published the AFR in the paper on February 22, 2022.

Marcy explained that she just found out at a SBOA webinar that she needs to have someone review the AFR before publishing. Marcy will add that to the internal controls.

Travel Expense is currently \$25.00 per day for meals. The current per diem rate in Indiana is \$59.00 per day. Marcy printed an example of Melvin's travel expense report and showed how the current \$25.00 does not cover very much at all. The Board voted to raise the expenses from \$25.00 per day to \$59.00 per diem per day no receipts needed. Jim motioned, Stephen 2nd. All Ayes. Marcy told the Board thank you and asked if she could write checks to Melvin & Joe. Stephen asked if that would include Mike Boruff. Marcy said yes but she did not receive and receipts from Mike. The Board told Marcy to write a check to all three for the days they were in class. Marcy said that she would have the handbook updated.

Towns insurance to increase almost \$5000.00. Marcy explained that EMC has not done an audit on the town in several years and the increase is because of replacement cost. Marcy explained that she

and Cheryl from Matchet & Ward are working on reviewing the policy to see what can be done. Marcy told the Board that currently we have a \$1000.00 deductible, and she would like the approval to change it to \$5000.00. Cheryl told Marcy that we have not had any claims and we could save money if we changed the deductible. The Board approved to change the deductible from \$1000.00 to \$5000.00. Stephen, suggest we shop around for next year.

HFUSA – Marcy said that she didn't have anything to report.

Police – Melvin said that him, Joe, and Mike went to class last week. They now have most of their hours of training for the year.

Jim asked when the police go to someone's house and they overdosed, does the person get a fine or ticket for it? Melvin told him that if they find drugs or paraphernalia then they can be fined but cannot be taken to jail.

Fire – Melvin said about 10 people attended training on grain bin rescue. Melvin said that when Joe was Chief, Matchet & Ward donated a grain bin rescue tube to the Farmland Fire Department. The cost of the tube is around \$4000.00. We have the 4th one in the county.

Rescue 34 was towed yesterday. It is out of commission. We don't know what is wrong with it.

Ambulance being housed in the Fire Department seems to be working fine. They have left lights on and were asked to make sure all lights are off when they leave. Melvin said that he has talked to Duane and the commissioners after March to put the ambulance in the red barn. Stephen said that people in town have been shocked that an ambulance arrives so quickly. Steve asked if they have talked about a more permanent place. Melvin said he doesn't want to speak for the commissioners, but he knows one of them wants to build a building. One commissioner wants to look at contracting out the service. Stephen said that they are interested in the property on Jackson and Morris.

Streets – Melvin said that he would like to thank Andy & Benji for plowing and putting out salt while he and Joe were at class. He said that he really appreciates all they do to help.

LED lighting for the 18 poles up town. AEP will rebate the cost to change the 18 poles to LED. Joe said that the current ballast for each light is \$400. The town insures the 18 poles uptown. The Board voted to hire Voltage unlimited to change the Main Street Light poles to LED. Stephen motioned to hire Joe to change the lights. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.

INDOT Roadway Project - They will resurface ST Rd 1 from Jackson and Main to the turn off at the American Legion. They will fix all ramps and make sure they are ADA compliant.

Water – Jill Curry spoke about numbers and helping us understand how the project impacts the rates. 4000 gallons is the typical usage for each household. Jill said that she talked to Andy about priorities, and she said that his priority is the Henry Street project. He also wants to do the 2" Main projects and the loops. Andy said that we could do the iron filters at the plants. Jill said that they are willing to work with the town. She said that the iron filtration will need to be done sooner rather than later. Jill said that a million-dollar loan would be the minimum loan they would suggest.

Jim said he feels that we need to get with Andy and talk to him. Jason asked if the projects they are talking about need to be done now or is it something that can wait. Lori said that the projects will need to be done fairly soon, within the next 10 years but that the town would save money if they did all the project in one loan. Jill said that we are under a deadline to submit no later than May 1, 2022. SRF only plan for once a year to loan money.

Marcy told Jill that what we need is comparing apples to apples. We need to see how the projects would affect our bills. Jill said they could do a survey and meet later this month. Jim asked Marcy how many people in town are having trouble paying the current water bill. He wanted to know how many people are behind on paying. Melvin said that it is the same people every month. Lori said that she understands the rates are a tuff decision. Lori said that it's almost a game to see if you can get grant money. She said that if you don't ask then you won't get it but if you do then there is a possibility that you could get it. Lori said you are not committed until they bid a project and close the loan. Jill said we can wait and apply later this year for an ORCA grant.

Jim wants to set up a meeting for later this month. Marcy said that she has class the week of March 13 and on vacation the following week. The Board and Curry decided on March 28, 2022, at 6:00pm.

Stephen wants to go around with Andy and see for himself what all needs to be done.

Jill gave Marcy an SRF application.

Marcy told the Board that there are 102 people on the disconnect list. Jason asked how many users total and Marcy told him a little over 600. Jason said that the disconnect list is pretty high. The Board talked about the people in town and how it would affect them. Marcy told them that the minimum water bill is \$70.10 and if we selected 2 it would raise to \$84.78.


Sewage – Andy met with IDEM and Ryan and discussed some kind of meter being installed out on a bridge. IDEM is requiring it to happen.


Ordinances & Resolutions – The Board will table the Amend Text to Unified Zoning Ordinance.

Claims Docket for March 1, 2022 - \$123,544.09 – The Board acknowledged it and will sign docket after the meeting.

Citizens Comments – Nothing

Steve closed the meeting @ 7:11pm.


Steve Hernly, President – Town Board


Marcy Yuknavage, Clerk-Treasurer

March 8, 2022

Hearing / Special Meeting

The Farmland Town Council met on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 1:00pm, in the council room at 104 E Henry Street for a Special Town Council Meeting. Those present were Steve Hernly, Jim Main, and Marcy Yuknavage. Stephen Conner was on an Ambulance run.

Steve opened the hearing.


Steve asked if there are any questions about re-establishing the CUM Fire Fund @ \$.03 on every \$100.00. No questions.

Steve closed the hearing.

Steve opened the Special Meeting.

Steve asked for a motion to read Resolution 2022-05 by title only. Jim motioned to read Resolution 2022-05 by title only. Steve 2nd. All Ayes. Steve read Resolution 2022-05 by title only. Steve asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2022-05. Jim motioned to approve Resolution 2022-05. Steve 2nd. All Ayes. Steve and Jim signed Resolution 2022-05.

Steve closed the meeting at 1:09pm


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