

November 1, 2022

The Farmland Town Council met on Tuesday, November 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, Chris Burner, Curtis Cunningham, Maurice Foudray, Curt Flannery, Judy Cole, John Halco 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 Meeting Minutes as written for October 4, 2022. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.

October 2022 bank reconciliation recorded as reconciled. Stephen motioned to accept bank reconciliated. Jim 2nd. All Ayes

October 10 & 24, 2022 payroll recorded as reviewed and approved. Stephen motioned to approve. Jim 2nd. All ayes.

City Building – 1. Office closed November 8th, 11th, 24th & 25th.

2. The Board approved to have the executive and special meetings for employee evaluation on November 14th at 10:00am.

3. Marcy told the Board she was still reviewing Health coverage to see if she could get a better rate than a 19.9% increase.

4. Letter from Resident James Wells. Jim asked if he comes to the meetings and Marcy said no that he was the one that praised Melvin last month in a letter. Marcy explained that she received an email from Mr. Wells requesting the towns ordinances. Marcy explained to Mr. Wells that our ordinances are being codified and will be available online when finished. Marcy also explained to Mr. Wells that he could request a copy of ordinances and they would cost \$.10 per page. Mr. Wells asked when the codification would be done, and Marcy told him that she does not have a date from the codifier. Mr. Wells said that he would wait for the codification to be done. Mr. Wells sent a letter to the Board to the Board asking about the ordinances and asked why the minutes and ordinances are not posted on the Town's website. He has requested that the Town's meeting minutes be posted on the Town's website. Marcy explained to the Board that she is the only one to post things on the website and that she has been busy. Marcy explained that the website is the back burner for her and that she does it when she has time. Stephen asked if anyone could come a get a copy of the minutes and Marcy told him yes for \$.10 per page and after they have been approved. Marcy told the Board that she will try and post when she uploads the minutes to Gateway for SBOA. Marcy told the Board that she has updated the website with all approved minutes. She also told the Board that when the ordinances are finished being codified, they will be on the website as well. The Board thanked Marcy for getting them updated on the website. John Halco asked Marcy when she uploads the minutes. Marcy explained to John that she tries to upload to Gateway the day after the meeting and if she isn't too buried then she uploads to the website as well.

5. Marcy asked for part-time help with the storage room. Marcy asked if she could use Maddy when she is available. The Board approved. Stephen motioned to allow Maddy to work part-time in the office. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.

6. Danny and Donna Mills requested a grant for HFUSA. Marcy told the Board that she pays \$1000.00 to HFUSA each year. Stephen asked Marcy if she has that in the Budget and Marcy said yes that she has allowed \$1000.00 in the 2023 Budget. Stephen asked about a few months ago they were asked about donating to the American Cancer Society. Stephen said that they were concerned about the legality of donating taxpayers' money. Stephen asked Jason if we were alright to donate to HFUSA. Jason said we were alright and that SBOA has never had an issue with it. Marcy explained that the donation to HFUSA is in our Year End Report for donations. The Board decided to leave that amount the same for next year. Judy Cole said that historically the amount has varied from \$2000, \$1500, and down to \$1000. Jim motioned to keep the donation to \$1000. Stephen 2nd. All Ayes.

7. Marcy asked the Board to sign the nepotism and contracting policies in their folders and return to her. The Board signed them and handed them to Marcy.

8. TREC – Tax Refund Exchange and Compliance tabled until Jason reviews. Marcy explained that it is a way to get money owed to the town and it doesn't cost the town anything. This program goes after tax returns. John Halco asked how our current policy works and Marcy told him that we keep sending certified letters to try and get money owed to the town. She explained that she can file a lien but that is only on sewage not water. Marcy explained that we can't file a lien and go through TRECS at the same time. IT has to be one or the other. She said that going through TRECS would save the town money and time. Curtis Cunningham asked if we file liens against landlords and Marcy said we can, but most landlords will not allow it to get that far. Stephen said he makes a motion to enter into this agreement. Jason asked how long the term is and how do we terminate if we no longer want to do it. Marcy asked Jason if he wants to review the agreement and give us his legal opinion. Jason agrees that he should review it. Stephen amended his motion and now would like to table until the next meeting after Jason has time to review it.

HFUSA – Curtis explained that they are making their calendars for 2023 and would like to request street closures for a few events.

- Christmas Walk – Tuesday, December 6, 2022. Curtis said that the walk starts at 5:00 and would like to have Henry Street closed at 4:00 to give the nativity time to sit up. They also offer carriage rides to the community. Jim asked what time does it start? Curtis said that it starts at 5:00 but would like it closed at 4:00 to get everything sat up.
- July 1, 2023, for the 2nd Annual Jerryfest. It will be an all-day event. Curtis told the Board that the Christmas Walk and Jerryfest are not fund raisers but are community events.
- Chili Cook-off is the next event. Curtis said that they did not have the approval to close the road this year but had over 200 people attended and it was very tight for everyone. Curtis said that the Chili Cookoff is one of their biggest fund raisers. He said that it cost about \$10,000 each year to run the facility and they pretty much break even. Stephen asked when the Chili cookoff is and Curtis said that historically it's the 1st Saturday in October. Curtis said that Fire Prevention in the 2nd Saturday and he thinks that is where the concern came from. Curtis said that they do not mind entering other dates like the week before. Curtis said that getting the street closed is more important than the date itself. Jim asked what was the first date requested and Curtis told him December 6th for the Christmas Walk.

Jim said that he would make a motion for the Christmas Walk. Jim said that a few years ago we had some of the events in the park and Judy said yes, we had some concerts over there. Jim asked if they would consider having the chili cookoff in the park. Judy said no they have not considered it because it's difficult to find the park, but they really count on people driving by and stopping just out of interest. Judy said that the concerts they had in the park were solo performances and not a money raiser. Jim said that we are putting a lot of money into the park. Judy said some signs would help get more people to the park. Stephen said that he was thinking that we need to get signage up so people know how to get to the park. He thinks we need to get the park advertised a little better. Curtis spoke up about the county is working on a sign program for the county. Randolph County United will be getting with each community in Randolph County to see their needs for parks.

Stephen asked if they would consider the July event since it's a single group and if we get signage put up, to be in the park. Judy told him that it isn't a single group that it is several bands and vendors, so they need the visibility of being downtown. Marcy said another problem we have is that there are no restrooms at the park. You wouldn't be able to have an all-day event with no restrooms.

Curtis said that the main thing would be to have the building open to use of the facilities, food and for weather concerns.

Jim asked again what the dates were. Curtis said July 1st for Jerryfest. Steve asked if it is an all-day deal. Judy answered yes. Stephen asked if it a Saturday and Curtis answered yes. Judy asked Steve, historically doesn't Keith close the hardware store during the 4th of July weekend? Stephen said he did this year and Judy said she believes he did the year before as well.

Stephen said that he feels the problem is October because of closing Henry Street 2 consecutive Saturdays in a row. Judy said that it's only been consecutive because the banners were made that way. Curtis asked if they would consider closing the road if there was a weekend in between events and Stephen said yes. Steve asked if they ever considered doing it with fire prevention. Steve said that he feels it would benefit all parties involved. Chris Bunner said that it would take away from money the fire department made on food. Stephen said that the fire department only has hot dogs and popcorn, and Marcy told him no that the women's auxiliary sells food to raise money. Curtis pulled up his calendar and said that fire prevention will be October 14th and that rules October 7th out, so he asked about September 30th. Curtis said they don't mind moving the date because the further back they put it the better chance they will have for good weather.

Steve asked Jim and Stephen what their thoughts were. Jim asked what the dates were again. Stephen replied December 6th, July 1st, and September 30th. Jim asked if December 6th was at night and Stephen said yes. Curtis said that they are asking for 2 Saturdays. Jim asked Stephen his thoughts. Stephen replied, I guess. Stephen made a motion to grant the road closures for December 6th, July 1st, and September 30th. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. Judy thanked the Board.

Police – Marcy told the board that Melvin apologized for not making it back to the meeting. Marcy told the board that in their folder is a copy of the cost for a new 2023 Tahoe Police Vehicle. Marcy told the board that Joe believes he will get at least \$20,000 for his vehicle. Marcy told the Board that Joe plans on buying his current vehicle. Stephen asked if we have the money in the budget for this vehicle. Marcy told them that she believes she budgeted \$50,000 in the police budget for the car and other needs in 2023. Stephen asked Jason if it would be a conflict for Joe to purchase it and Jason said he would have to pay fair market value and it would have to be advertised. Stephen said he believes Joe shopped around and is getting what he needs and what he wants. Jim said that we have had Joe's vehicle longer than we normally do. Stephen said if things go the way he thinks they will then we will have another officer

working more starting in 2023 rather than an unpaid reserve. Marcy told Stephen that we will not have a part-time officer in 2023 because that came after the budget. Stephen said oh I thought Mike could just keep working and get paid after he goes to the academy. Marcy said no, not until 2024 if they allow the money in the budget. John Halco asked if the quote includes everything Joe will need. Marcy said she believes the quote is for everything except lights. Jim said that Joe will take the lights off his current vehicle and put them on his new one. Steve asked if we need to vote on this and Marcy said that Joe gave her the copy to let the board know that he has his name on one. Marcy told the board that they already gave approval for him to order one in 2023.

Fire – The cost of the Commercial Package Policy renewal went down by \$154.00. Stephen made a motion for Marcy to pay for the insurance. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.

Fire Contracts – Marcy told the Board that she went ahead and did the fire contracts because she knew they would approve the renewal of the commercial package. Marcy said that the contracts are exactly the same as last year except their cost went down as well. Jason said that they need to vote on each contract. Stephen motioned that they sign the **Farmland Volunteer Fire Department Contract**. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. The Board signed both copies of the Farmland Volunteer Fire Department Contract. Stephen motioned to sign the **Green Township Fire Contract**. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. The Board signed both copies of the Green Township Contract. Stephen motioned to sign the **Monroe Township Fire Contract**. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. The Board signed both copies of the Monroe Township Contract. Stephen motioned to sign the **Stoney Creek Township Fire Contract**. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. The Board signed both copies of the Stoney Creek Township Contract.

Streets – Choice One Contract to update Asset Management Plan for \$1500. Marcy explained that she doesn't have time to do it and Melvin said he doesn't have time and the Choice One has done it the past several years. Jim asked what the purpose of signing this contract and Marcy said that if we don't sign it, we will not be able to get grants like the Community Crossings Grant from INDOT. Stephen motioned to have Choice One update the Asset Management Plan. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. Steve signed his approval.

Water – Notice of Decision from IDEM. Marcy aid that Jason said it has to do with the landfill. Jason said IDEM had to send it to everyone in the county. Jason said that it doesn't really affect us.

Sewage – Nothing

Claims Docket for November 1, 2022 - \$135,321.00 – Stephen made a motion to accept it. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. Board will sign docket after the meeting.

Ordinances & Resolutions – Jason explained to Steve that he must have a motion to read the ordinance by title only. Then he will read the ordinance by title only. Steve must have a motion to suspend the rules and have the 2nd and 3rd reading by title only. He will then read the 2nd and 3rd reading by title only. Steve must have a motion to approve the ordinance then sign.


Jim motioned to read **Ordinance 2022-06** by title only. Stephen 2nd. All Ayes. Steve read Ordinance 2022-06 by title only (Opioid Restricted Funds). Jim motioned to suspend the rules and have the 2nd and 3rd readings by title only of Ordinance 2022-06. Stephen 2nd. All Ayes. Steve read the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 2022-06 by title only. Jim motion to sign Ordinance 2022-06. Stephen 2nd. All Ayes. The Board signed Ordinance 2022-06.

Stephen motioned to read **Ordinance 2022-07** by title only. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. Steve read Ordinance 2022-07 by title only (Opioid Unrestricted Funds). Stephen motioned to suspend the rules and have the 2nd and 3rd readings by title only of Ordinance 2022-07. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. Steve read the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 2022-07 by title only. Stephen motion to sign Ordinance 2022-07. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. The Board signed Ordinance 2022-07.

Stephen motioned to read **Ordinance 2022-08** by title only. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. Steve read Ordinance 2022-08 by title only (Amend 2022 Salary Ordinance). Stephen motioned to suspend the rules and have the 2nd and 3rd readings by title only of Ordinance 2022-08. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. Steve read the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 2022-08 by title only. Stephen motion to sign Ordinance 2022-08. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. The Board signed Ordinance 2022-08.

Citizens Comments – No Comments

Steve closed the meeting @ 6:53pm.


Steve Herrily, President – Town Board


Marcy Yuknavage, Clerk-Treasurer