

May 4, 2022

The Farmland Town Council met on Tuesday, May 4, 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, Brad Clott, Curt Flannery, John Halco, Michael Boruff, Andy Croyle, 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 Meeting Minutes as written for April 5, 2022. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.

March 2022 bank reconciliation recorded as reconciled.

March 28, April 11 & April 25, 2022, payroll recorded as reviewed and approved. Marcy explained that the spreadsheet adds more transparency and another set of eyes on the payroll for SBOA. The board approved Stephen to be the town board member to review the payroll and approve.

City Building – 1. Marcy told the Board that Randolph County has requested a person to be on the EDIT Board for Randolph County from Farmland. Marcy told them that Hazel has always been on the board but that they need to either ask Hazel to continue to serve or find someone else. Steve asked if anyone wanted to serve on the EDIT Board. There was no interest shown. The Board asked Marcy to call and verify with Hazel if she would like to continue being on the EDIT Board.

2. Marcy let the Board know that she received the insurance check for the copier and deposited back into the general fund. Marcy told the Board that she paid for the loaned copier with the money and now the loaner copier is owned by the Town.

3. Resident asked for alley to be fixed between 206 & 208 N Plum. Resident said that it is a dead-end alley but has deep ruts in it from the renters turning around and it makes mowing a little challenging. Jim said that it is a dead-end alley which leads to his property. Jim does not feel that anything needs to be done. Jim said that the ruts are not in the Chalfant's yard.

4. Request for donation from Cancer Services for Randolph County. Board wants to table so they can investigate it. Stephen said that his opinion is that if the funds went straight to the cancer funds, then he wouldn't have a problem with it but he just doesn't know anything about it. Stephen made a motion to table. Jim 2nd.

HFUSA – Asking permission from the town to close Henry Street in front of the city building on July 2nd for Jerry Fest. (This will be a concert in memory of Jerry Cole). Melvin said that they would close it down first thing in the morning. Stephen motioned to close Henry Street on July 2nd. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.

Police – 1. Police report – 27 calls, 6 medical, 1 arrest for battery and he issued 2 more handgun permits.

2. Melvin said that the property on East Williams have start cleaning it up. He said that they have started on the front.

3. Melvin said that Tinsman has done some work on the house on South Main. He has boarded it up where requested.

4. Melvin said that work is being done at the corner lot by the VP.

5. Marcy gave the information that Jason sent her to Melvin concerning the reserve officers. Melvin will be re-doing it. It will be tabled until the June meeting.

Fire – Discuss with Melvin, Conflict of Interest with Hoosier Fire. Jim wants to table it until Jason can be here. Melvin said that Marcy gave him a copy of the letter Jason sent with his recommendations. Stephen said that we should send it to the Attorney General and SBOA to get their opinion. Melvin said that we do not need to do that, he asked for two weeks to make a decision on which one he will get rid of. Melvin said that he does not agree on the way it's being done and there are a lot of rumors floating around. He said that he has what we spent at Hoosier Fire and there is nothing out of the ordinary. Melvin said that it is all maintenance stuff and there are 2 items that were purchased last year when Joe was Chief. He said that he has all his commission reports on what he has been paid. It is broken down by departments. He said that the reports are not for public to view but he would share the reports with the 3 board members. He said that he would like the 2 weeks to decide if he will resign his position as the fire chief or resign his position with Hoosier Fire. The Board agreed to give him 2 weeks. Melvin asked if there are any questions for him? Stephen said that after reading the letter he understands it that Melvin would only need to file a Conflict of Interest and Disclosure form.

Melvin replied that he wanted to that from the beginning. Melvin said that he doesn't want to bring Marcy or the Board in the middle of SBOA audit. Melvin said he will do what the Town of Farmland requests. Melvin said that he does not want to drag it out another month. He said that he will let Marcy, or the Board know his decision in 2 weeks. Jim asked if we would have to have a special meeting. Melvin said that he will tell Marcy and she can call the board members. Board agreed.

Streets – 1. Melvin said that he called today about the salt spreader, and they still do not know where it is and doesn't know when it will be in.

2. Melvin said that he has some potholes to fill. He hopes the weather will break up so he can do that. Joe said that he worked on some alleys on Friday.

3. Steve asked if Vern has said when he would start the CCMG road project. Melvin said that the only thing he has said is that when he gets the catch basins in, he would set them, but he will not start Morris Street until July because he doesn't want to worry about weather.

4. Melvin said that he does not know what is going on with the park that there is still not gravel in some spots. Stephen said that it has been so wet with all the rain. Melvin said that it is very wet in some areas.

5. Stephen asked who is responsible for the park? He said that near the recycling bins there are lots of branches and debris and it needs cleaned up. Stephen asked who is responsible to do that. Marcy told him that the Board is responsible for everything and to ask someone to clean it up. Andy spoke up and said that they would take care of it. Stephen said thank you to Andy.

Water – 1. Melvin mentioned the suck holes in the retention pond behind Wolf Wooded Acres. Melvin explained to the board what he is talking about and exactly where they are located. It is a town retention pond for drainage of Wolf's Wooded Acres. Melvin said that the town employees will work together and fix them.

2. Water loss Audit contract with Curry & Associates. It's a new requirement that has to happen on the even number years. Steve signed contract.

3. Andy still getting quotes.

Sewage – Waiting on Ryan for river gauge deal.

Claims Docket for May 4, 2022 - \$99,211.72 – Board will sign docket after the meeting.

Ordinances & Resolutions - 1. Marcy explained that she had to modify the salary ordinance to add in utility laborer position that Andy is hiring for, and Marcy removed all personal names and did it by position. Marcy also changed that she changed the wording for paying the reserve officer. The ordinance said that the position was to be paid once a quarter, but Marcy paid bi-weekly, so she changed it. It might need changed again depending on what the reserve officer requirements.

Jim motioned to read Ordinance 2022-02 by title only. Stephen 2nd. All Ayes. Steve read ordinance 2022-02 by title only. Jim motioned to suspend the rules and have the 2nd and 3rd reading by title only.

Stephen 2nd. All Ayes. Steve read the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 2022-02 by title only. Stephen motioned to approve and sign Ordinance 2022-02. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. Board signed Ordinance 2022-02.

Stephen motioned to read by title only Resolution 2022-06. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. Steve read by title only Resolution 2022-06. Marcy explained the change to the resolution was because of the final ruling saying that the money can be put in the General Fund and spent for anything the town would normally buy. Stephen motioned to approve and sign Resolution 2022-06. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. Board signed Resolution 2022-06.

Citizens Comments – Steve asked if there are any citizen comments.

1. Brad Clott, the new owner of the Candy Store asked about moving the town bench from across the street to the front of the candy store. Jim motioned to approve Brad to move the bench. Stephen 2nd. All Ayes.

2. Curt Flannery wanted to talk about South Mulberry streetlights. Curt said that there is one more light that needs to be shut off in front of Mary's on South Mulberry. They replaced all the bulbs and the arena; stadium lights light up the whole end of Farmland. They came back and removed 2 of the bulbs but still need to remove 1 more. Melvin told Curt that they only removed 2 because those were the only two, he knew about. Curt said that there was warning tape on three poles, but the wind must have blown the tape off the one in Mary's yard. Curt said that the light shines in the living room and bedroom and it seems like daylight 24 hours. Melvin said when that road was built the town wanted streetlights and the people who lived down there complained that there were too many lights. Melvin got back with AEP, and they removed the bulbs out of them. When AEP decided to switch to LED the contractor seen that there were no bulbs, and he was hired to change all the bulbs, so he added bulbs to the ones that did not have

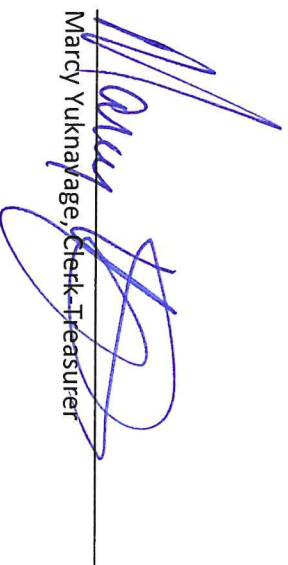
- bulbs. Melvin got back with the sub-contractor who told Melvin that he couldn't make any decisions. He said he was hired by AEP to install all new LED lights. Melvin had to call AEP and they had the contractor remove the heads out of the two streetlights so a bulb will never be added. Stephen said that he has heard a lot of compliments about the new lights. Stephen asked Joe about the lights on Main Street. Joe told him that he is working on them and is waiting for a nice weekend to work on them. Joe said that there are 56 lights on Main Street, and he said that we need to get with AEP on the lights we pay them for. Melvin told Joe that he has an email from AEP concerning the lights in question. Joe said that it is about 25 minutes per pole. Melvin will ask AEP about that light pole Curt is questioning about.
3. Stephen said that it is not on the agenda, but he wonders where we are with Randolph County and the ambulance. Marcy said she hasn't heard anything. Marcy told the board that she has not invoiced them yet. Stephen said that the ambulance is operating without a contract right now. The consensus is that it is great having the ambulance in Farmland and we are making it work right now. Melvin said that the commissioners are looking for a permanent solution for the ambulance. Marcy said that Cody Harman came in her office asking about the property at Jackson and East Street that the Board offered to Randolph County. Marcy will ask Jason what we must do. Stephen feels we need to be under a contract with Randolph County. Marcy to ask Jason to contact Meeks concerning ambulance.
 4. Brad Clott asked about the town adding a light between the Candy Store and Mike Hubbard's house. He said that he was unloading a truck at 10:00 at night and it was very dark. The Board told him that if it is his property then it is his responsibility to add the light himself. Curt Flannery said that he has a light he could come and get, lol. Brad said if he needs to install a light then he will, it didn't hurt to ask.
 5. Steve asked whose responsibility it is to trim the trees. Joe told him it just depends on where the trees are located. Sometimes it is AEP, sometimes it is the property owner and sometimes it is the town. Joe also said that Henry County is replacing all their Flowering Pear Trees. Henry County has a group that will replace the flowering pear trees with something else. Stephen said that he went down Main Street after the last meeting and only seen a few trees that needed trimmed.

Steve asked if there were any more questions.

Steve closed the meeting @ 6:52pm.



Steve Hernly, President – Town Board



Marcy Yuknayege, Clerk-Treasurer