

be used for all city vehicles except the big fire trucks. Steve asked if they are talking about a free-standing lift or one built in. Melvin told him one that mounts to the floor.

Stephen asked where they plan on putting this building. Melvin said that it would be out near the sewage plant. Steve said it would be somewhere between the sewage plant and burn pile because of the flood plain.

Stephen said with the price of material it's hard to budget for it, Marcy agreed. Jim asked if anyone has turned in bids yet. Marcy said no because the Board needs to approve more money or put it on the back burner until the prices go down. Jim said that it is something we will have to have. Jim feels that we should just go ahead and put the money aside and get it done. Jim asked if there are any grants we can apply for. Marcy told them she didn't know and that she would need their help in searching because she is very busy. Stephen would like to know a total price before deciding. Jim feels we should take the time to research for grants. Stephen agreed to contact Greg Beumer and talk to him about grants. Jim asked who we have used in the past. Marcy told the board the only one she has worked with was Kent Anderson from Kenna for water and wastewater grants. Melvin said that we have used Greg in the past but thought he wasn't doing that anymore. Stephen said he thinks Greg is doing some from his home.

Marcy asked the board how much if any they want to put in the budget for raises. Jim asked how much we gave each person last year. Marcy told him \$1000 for each employee and \$500 for each board member. Jim feels the employees should get more because of the cost of living. He said that he would not be opposed to \$1500 a piece or a little more. Stephen said we will have to start worrying about fuel cost also. Marcy will add \$2000 for each person. Marcy asked about raises for the board. They joked around about needing at least \$10,000.

Marcy asked the board if they know of anything else they would like done in town. Jim said the one thing he wants to see get done is getting all the lines tied in together before he leaves office. Jim asked Melvin if the fire hydrant in front of his house was usable. Melvin asked for what and Jim said water. Melvin said yes.

Marcy asked if it is alright to add more money into the fire department budget because they have used more than half of their money for the year. She said that we spend \$5,000 each year for new gear and a grant for another \$5,000. The board agreed to add more money to the budget for upkeep of vehicles and building.

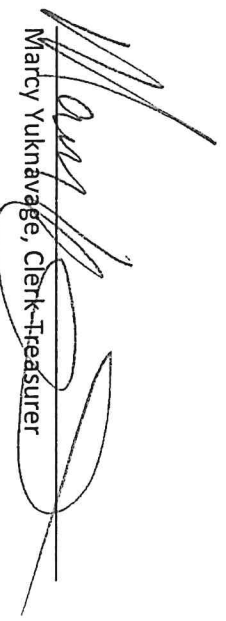
Marcy needs to add more money to the budget for insurance.

Melvin asked the board if Joe can order a new patrol vehicle. The board approved. Marcy asked how much she should add, and Melvin said it would cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000. Marcy will add \$40,000.

The Board would like Marcy to add another \$500 to their salaries.

Steve closed the meeting @ 1:35pm.

  
Steve Hennly, President - Town Board

  
Marcy Yuknavage, Clerk-Treasurer

## August 2, 2022

The Farmland Town Council met on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 6:00pm, in the council room at 104 E Henry Street for a Regular Town Council Meeting. Those present were Steve Hennly, Jim Main, Stephen Conner, Jason Welch, Andy Croyle, John Halco, Jerry Barga, Mike Boruff, and Marcy Yuknavage.

Steve called the meeting to order.

Steve asked everyone to stand for the Pledge.

Steve opened the regular town board meeting.



## August 2, 2022

The Farmland Town Council met on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 9:00am in the council room at 401 Henry Street for a Regular Town Council Meeting. Those present were Steve Hernly, Jim Main, Stephen Conner, Jason Welch, Andy Croyle, John Halco, Jerry Barga, Mike Boruff, 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 July 5, 2022, and July 12, 2022. Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Ayes.

June 2022 bank reconciliation recorded as reconciled.

July 4, 2022, and July 18, 2022, payroll recorded as reviewed and approved.

**City Building** – Marcy explained that that she put together a spreadsheet for all AEP bills for 2020, 2021 and 2022 as requested by the Board during the Budget meeting. During the Budget meeting the Board was concerned with electricity used at the Red Barn and the Fire Station since the ambulance moved in. Marcy told the Board that Benji reviewed the spreadsheets and said that it all made sense. Benji said when there is an increase it's during cold weather when the trucks are plugged in and when the fair is in town and all their living quarters are plugged into the Red Barn. There wasn't a big increase when Randolph County placed the electrical box in the Red Barn for the Radio System the Town approved to be mounted to the water tower. The Fire Station has increased a little as to be expected because of the ambulance but the \$500 per month the county pays cover the utilities.



Stephen asked if we are still on a monthly contract with the county and Jason told him yes. Stephen said that there was an issue when he was out of town last week. He said the ambulance guys tried to throw the blame to the employees of Farmland. They went to go on a run and the battery was dead. They said that a town employee moved the ambulance and left the battery and ignition on. Stephen told them that they need to move the ambulance out of the Red Barn when they get there in the morning so the town can get to all their equipment. Andy spoke up and said that he is the one that moved the ambulance and it barely started when he moved it. Stephen said that the problem is that they are not plugging it in at night when they leave. Andy said that he meant to leave it run but without thinking he shut it off. Stephen talked about different places for sale to house the ambulance, but he hasn't heard of Randolph County looking into anything more permanent.

Marcy said that Andy mentioned when the town builds the new building that the ambulance could possibly move to the city building and have the back bay and their office. Andy said that he could either move his office to the new building, water, or wastewater plants. That building is still about 2 years away for completion.

**HFUSA** – Marcy said that they didn't have a meeting last month, so she doesn't have anything to report.

**Police** – Mike Boruff spoke up and said that Melvin is on vacation. Mike said that he worked last night and him and Joe are both trying to keep the semis off our side streets while CSX has the Main Street tracks closed. Marcy asked if Melvin knew anything about it and Mike said that Melvin told him he didn't know anything until he received an active 911 on Monday morning right before they closed the road.

**Fire** – Melvin on vacation.



**Streets** – Discuss painting curbs at all alleys. Marcy said that Jim asked her to put it on the agenda. Jim said that North Plum is a narrow street, so he had Alex help him paint the curb across from him. A fire hydrant is located close to the alley and people were parking in front of the hydrant which made it difficult to see when pulling out of the alley onto Plum Street. Jim said that he feels that every alley on North Plum needs to have 8 feet of yellow painted on the curbs on both sides of the alley so people can see and pull out of the alley safely. Jim said that people are parking right up to the edge of the alley and

it makes it difficult to see. He said that he thinks that it would be 3 more alleys on Plum Street that need painted. Mike Boruff asked if we would have to have an ordinance and Jason said yes if we want to enforce it. Jason asked Marcy to send him the no parking ordinance. Steve asked if we would have to paint the curbs at all alley entrances and Jason told him that we could specify what alleys we wanted to paint. Jim said that the only other alley that he can think needs painted would be where the old laundromat used to be. Jim said that all the other alleys either are on a wide road or on a road where you can't park. Jim said if we decide to paint the curbs then he wants to see it enforced. Jason said that we will look at the ordinance at the next meeting. Jim said that there are a lot of people who use the alley on North Plum and there is a lot of traffic. Jim asked Jason if we should just go ahead and make a new ordinance and Jason told him that we need to see what we have existing and go from there.

2022-2 CCMG proposed (Streets in Wolf's Wooded Acres, E Church St, E Pursley St, and Gym St.) Marcy presented the Board with a preliminary construction estimate from Choice One. Melvin talked to Luke to make some changes to the estimate, but we haven't received the update estimate yet. This estimate is for \$208,300.00 which means, we would have to have \$52,075.00. Marcy asked for approval to add the \$52,075 into the 2023 budget and move forward with the new CCMG Grant. Jim asked if there would be drainage problems if we don't mill the roads out in Wolf's Wooded Acres? Jerry Barga said that he doesn't think there would be. Marcy reminded Jim that an engineer prepared these specs and that they wouldn't spec something that would cause more problems. Jerry said that everyone's driveway would have a lip if they don't mill the road. Marcy will send an email to Luke to ask about driveways. Jerry said the storm drains need to be looked at out there also. Jerry asked if the engineers said anything about the dip in the road. Marcy told him that maybe they said something to Melvin, but they didn't say anything to her.

**Water** – Marcy asked permission to write off the utility bill for 104 E Jackson. Marcy told them Kevin Melton moved out during COVID and the house went into the banks name right after he moved out. Kevin still owed \$264.84. We usually file a lien, but we didn't file any liens during COVID and didn't have time before the bank took it over. A lawyer called and said that they will not pay the charges left from Kevin nor could we expect the new owner to take on that charge. The lawyer said that they would sue if we wouldn't wave the fee. Marcy told the Board that she called Jason about it and Jason feels we are better off writing the charges off instead of being sued. Jason explained that how the law is written we would not win, and it wouldn't be worth it for \$264.84. Stephen made the motion to write off the \$264.84. Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Ayes.

**Sewage** – Andy finally received the 3 bids for the Wet Well Control Panels that he is having problems with.

1. BL Anderson - \$52,893.00
2. Xylem Water Solutions - \$50,769.23
3. Toric - \$ 39,752.00

Andy went ahead and told Toric they won the bid because the lead time is anywhere from 16 – 20 weeks for delivery. Stephen asked Andy for the time frame and Andy said late November if they get all the parts in. Stephen motioned for Toric to do the job. Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Ayes.

Steve wanted to go back to the street discussion and asked if we have heard anything from Verrn. Andy said he thinks he is still working out at the school. Jim asked if we would run into any trouble since the bids were taken so long ago and the prices and availability isn't what it was. Marcy said he was supposed to do Morris Street in July. Stephen asked if he would be doing the park after the streets. Marcy said she didn't know because Verrn wanted the path to settle before asphaltting. Steve said that it's nice because they rolled it and when it's finished it will be very nice. Jim said that he is hoping that while he has the equipment here, he would just go ahead and do the path.

Casey Smith returned the cables but never sent the reports to the engineer. Jason said that he sent Casey the letter on June 8<sup>th</sup>, and it said in the letter that we needed the cables and the reports, or we would sue him. Andy said that he still has not received the reports. Jason told Andy to verify with the Engineer to make sure that he hasn't received them. If he hasn't then we can sue. Andy said that the reports are part of the compliance plan with IDEM and if we don't get them then we must start all over again. Jason said that all he can do is get the money back that we paid him. Jason said that if we get fined from IDEM then Casey would be on the hook for that as well. Marcy to get a copy of the checks we paid Casey.

**Claims Docket for August 2, 2022 - \$137,137.82** – Board will sign docket after the meeting. Stephen motioned to pay claims. Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Ayes

**Ordinances & Resolutions** - Ordinance 2022-03 – EFT and Online Banking – Stephen motioned to read Ordinance 2022-03 by title only. Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Ayes. Steve read Ordinance 2022-03 by title only. Stephen motioned to do the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> reading by title only. Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Ayes. Steve read Ordinance 2022-03 by title only for the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Stephen motioned to approve Ordinance 2022-03. Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Ayes. The Board signed Ordinance 2022-03.

Resolution 2022-07 – Transfer of funds for CCMG – Stephen motioned to read Resolution 2022-07 by title only. Steve read Resolution 2022-07 by title only. Stephen motioned to approve Resolution 2022-07. Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>, All Ayes. The Board signed Resolution 2022-07.

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

Jerry Barga just wanted to say thank you for working on his list of issues that he brought to the Board. He asked about different property on Jackson that has been empty for several years. He said that it is looking nice, and he appreciates it.

Stephen said that if everyone hasn't noticed that the young man Andy hired (Alex) is doing a fantastic job. Andy said that Alex doesn't short cut anything and does a really nice job. Stephen said that he seen him power washing the arbor on Main Street. Jim said that he heard they are going to stain it. Steve said that he would like to see the gazebo in the park sealed as well. They talked about Alex clearing some over-grown areas in town. Stephen said the fire hydrants look good after Alex painted them.

Jerry asked about the house that burned in Wolf's Wooded Acres. Marcy told him that they are still in limbo.

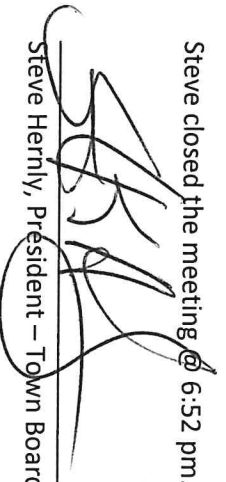
Jim asked about the house at Henry and Mulberry (where all the bamboo is). Marcy said that Melvin gave her a copy of the ordinance and she cleaned a lot up. The Board wants Marcy to say something to Melvin when he is back from vacation. Jim also mentioned the trees again across the street from his house. Stephen mentioned Ammie Davis house with the overgrown into the alley. Steve asked about the tree that fell on the telephone line by his house.

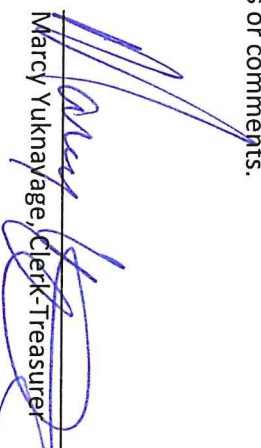
John wanted everyone to know that he is done with the hill. He said he aerated it and seeded it more. He said that he thinks 5 of the pine trees didn't make it. He said that next summer he still wants to have a kid's fishing day for kids 16 and under. Cook hot dogs and provide fishing for the town kids.

Stephen asked if we received a lot of calls concerning the URT letters we mailed out. Marcy told him that our phones rang off the wall, people didn't understand what it meant. Marcy told the Board that she had to mail it out twice, so she mailed out the letter and then put it on the billing cards. It cost more to mail out the letters then the saving they received. Marcy said she saved \$0.36 on her last bill. The URT tax is 1.4% of the water charge on your bill.

Steve asked if there is anything else. No more questions or comments.

Steve closed the meeting @ 6:52 pm.

  
Steve Herrly, President – Town Board

  
Marcy Yuknavage, Clerk-Treasurer

### August 23, 2022

The Farmland Town Council met on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at 2:00pm, in the council room at 104 E Henry Street for a Special Town Council Meeting. Those present were Steve Herrly, Jim Main, Stephen Conner, and Marcy Yuknavage.

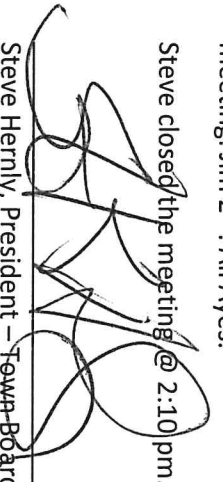
**Steve called the meeting to order.**

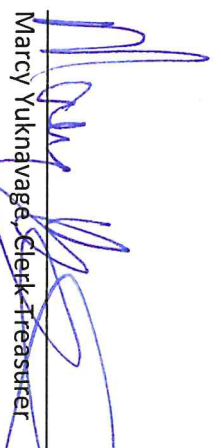
**Steve opened the special town board meeting.**

Marcy explained that she needed to have the Board vote and sign the financial commitment letter for the 2022-2 CCMG. Marcy said that she has to scan and send it to Luke with Choice One before the end of the week to be considered for the next round of grants from INDOT. Marcy also told the Board that she did budget the towns amount for the CCMG into the 2023 budget. The Board read over the commitment letter. Stephen motioned to sign the letter. Jim 2<sup>nd</sup> All Ayes.

Stephen motioned to allow Steve to sign further letters concerning CCMG without calling a special meeting. Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>, All Ayes.

Steve closed the meeting @ 2:10 pm.

  
Steve Herrly, President – Town Board

  
Marcy Yuknavage, Clerk-Treasurer