

January 13, 2022, Special Re-Scheduled Meeting Minutes

The Farmland Town Council met on Wednesday, January 13, 2022, at 2:00pm, for a special re-scheduled Town Council Meeting. Those present were Steve Herrly, Jim Main, Stephen Conner, Melvin Nott, Duane Petry, Gary Girtton (Zoom) and Marcy Yuknavage.

Steve opened the special re-scheduled town board meeting.

Steve asked everyone to stand for the Pledge.

Steven motioned to accept Meeting Minutes as written for December 6, 2021, and December 29, 2021. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.

November 2021 Bank Reconciliation noted as being reconciled and approved by Jim Main.

Town Board President – Jim nominated Steve. Stephen 2nd. All Ayes. Steve Herrly was nominated The Town Board President for 2022.

City Building – Nothing

Police – Nothing

Fire – Nothing

Streets – Nothing

Water – IDEM Radioactivity Drinking Water Report – Marcy let the Board know that this is a report that Andy is required to do before the end of the 1st Quarter of 2022. Stephen asked how much the report will cost and Marcy told him that she did not know.

DNR – Water Withdrawal Registration & Reporting System. Marcy said that she didn't know what this report was, but she made a copy for them and gave Andy a copy. Steve asked if this report is different than what he already does, and Marcy told him that she was sorry but honestly doesn't know anything about it.

Sewage – nothing

Resolutions and Ordinances –

Resolution 2022-01 – Allowing the Investment of Funds. Jim motioned to read by title only. Stephen 2nd. All Ayes. Steve read Resolution 2022-01 by title only. Stephen motioned to approve Resolution 2022-01. Jim 2nd. All Ayes

Resolution 2022-02 – Paying Certain Claims. Jim asked what claims the resolution is referring to. Marcy told him that they are listed on the resolution. Steve asked if Jim if he wants him to read all of them. Jim said yes. Steve read the list of claims Marcy can pay without prior approval from the Board. Stephen motioned to read by title only. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. Steve read Resolution 2022-02 by title only. Stephen motioned to approve Resolution 2022-02. Jim 2nd. All Ayes

Resolution 2022-03 – Membership Dues. Jim motioned to read by title only. Stephen 2nd. All Ayes. Steve read Resolution 2022-03 by title only. Jim motioned to approve Resolution 2022-03. Stephen 2nd. All Ayes

Resolution 2022-04 – Newspaper for Legal Advertising. Stephen motioned to read by title only. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. Steve read Resolution 2022-04 by title only. Steven asked what newspaper we would be using, and Marcy told him The News Gazette. Stephen motioned to approve Resolution 2022-04. Jim 2nd. All Ayes

Board signed all resolutions.

Jason emailed the Attorney Conflict of Interest Disclosure. Stephen motioned to sign the Attorney Conflict of Interest. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.

Jason emailed the Attorney Contract. Stephen asked about the cost and Marcy told him that it is the same as last year. Stephen motioned to sign the Attorney Contract. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.

Marcy explained to the Board that she came into the office after getting out of the hospital and printed the checks which are listed in the Claims Docket and mailed them. Claims Docket for January 2022 \$48,352.87. Stephen motioned to accept.

Jim asked about the properties in town which were decided to have letters mailed to. Marcy told Jim that Melvin mailed out the letters. Jim wants another letter mailed out to Melvin said he believes John Tinsman owns that property. Melvin said that John Tinsman will be at the next Town Board meeting at 5:30 to discuss the house on Main Street that the previous board talked to him about. The Board agreed

that they would talk to John about the junk cars when they talk to him about the house on Main. Melvin told the Board that he sent certified letters to the N Main St and E Jackson Street properties.

Marcy told the Board that Gary Girtton was no longer on the zoom. He couldn't hear us. Marcy asked Duane Petry if she should call Gary and get him on speaker phone or would Duane be able to tell the Board what the Randolph County Commissioners want Farmland to do concerning the ambulance. Marcy tried to get Gary on the phone but there was no answer.

Duane Petry explained that Culberson Ambulance is no longer in business or covering Union Township. The Commissioners want to house an ambulance in Farmland to cut down on response time to Modoc, Losantville, Farmland and Parker. They are trying to find a place. Jim asked if they are looking into a building for a more permanent solution. Duane said yes but he doesn't know of any buildings that they can use. Jim told Duane that our Board talked about where the carwash was, and the town owned property at Jackson and East Street. Jim told Duane that the Town has a lot of nice equipment and we do not want to cause issues for the fire department. Duane said that the ambulance will continue to run from Winchester until the commissioners decide. Jim said that he didn't know how much the carwash is listed for, but it would a great location and he thinks it would be easy to do what is needed to house an ambulance and a crew.

Stephen asked if the county would be compensating Farmland for additional cost in utilities? Marcy told the Board that the gas bill doubled this month. Melvin asked if she was serious, and Marcy assured him that all the gas bills doubled. Marcy told them that the power bill went up as well but didn't double. Marcy told them that the comcast bill is over \$200 a month but that will change because she will cancel one phone line. Duane said that he is sure that Randolph County does not expect to go in there free of charge. Stephen said that is one thing the Town is concerned about. Stephen also said that Melvin told him that in mid-March and Melvin said by Spring the grass rig will need to be moved back into the fire department. Stephen said that the fire department would only be temporary. Melvin said that he and Andy discussed that whatever vehicle is moved out will be placed in the Red Barn. It won't be outside but won't be in a heated building. Melvin said that he will do what he needs to do to get an ambulance housed in Farmland. Melvin said that he is more concerned with Farmland and Parker. Duane said that he thinks that last year most calls were for Farmland and Parker. He said that he thinks there were only 80 some all calls for Union Township. Stephen told Duane that Randolph County would need to provide recliners if they wanted the guys to be comfortable. Stephen told Duane that there is a refrigerator, stove, microwave and all the things they need.

Duane said that he will try and track down information on the car wash. Steve said that he really thinks that would be the perfect place. Jim brought up the property at East Street and Jackson. It has water and sewage already. The county would just need to build a building. Jim said the Town might donate the land. Jim said that it has been for sale a long time. Duane asked about the building down on W Henry that used to house an ambulance. Melvin told him that the owner lives upstairs. Marcy mentioned Williams Printing building to Duane as well.

Stephen said, short term the county attorney and the towns attorney need to draw up an agreement. Marcy told Duane that she thinks we just really need to know what the county expectations are. Duane said that they want to get a place for the ambulance. Duane said that if Farmland could help them out using the fire department until a permanent solution is decided. Duane said that the county's expectations are low. Marcy said she is concerned about the added cost to utilities. Stephen asked Melvin if there has been any additional usage for the gas bill to double. And Melvin replied that he is wondering if it was a gas price increase or if the usage had increased. Marcy will create a spreadsheet to compare the past 12 months of electric and gas.

Duane said that they want to work with Farmland and that it is up to the commissioners to decide if they want to get an ambulance over here now or wait for a permanent building. Duane said he is sure that Randolph County will pay the extra expenses of being at the fire station. Stephen asked how much the gas bill was last month. Marcy told him she didn't know off the top of her head, but she said that it was doubled. The Board said that they think the lawyers should draw up an agreement. Melvin said that he thinks the Board should come up with a price. Marcy said she doesn't think we should pull that figure out of our butts. She said that we have no clue how much it the utilities will go up. Melvin said if we don't let them put the ambulance in the fire station now then we will not be able to. Duane said that the government does not move that fast. It takes a lot to get things accomplished. Duane said that the commissioners meet twice a month and Farmland meets once a month. Farmland's next meeting will be February 1st. Marcy told Duane that our meeting starts at 6:00 pm. Melvin said that we need to come up with a figure. Melvin said, maybe Marcy can put a spreadsheet together fast enough for their Monday meeting. Stephen said if we start February 1st then we are looking at 6-8 weeks in the fire station. Stephen asked if we could charge \$500 per month for February and March? He said that he is just thinking not making a motion. Stephen said that Marcy mentioned that comcast cost \$200 per month and that is with 2 phone lines and 2 cable boxes. Marcy said that one phone line will be dropped. Stephen asked Melvin why we need 2 cable boxes down there. Melvin told him that the fire station has

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.

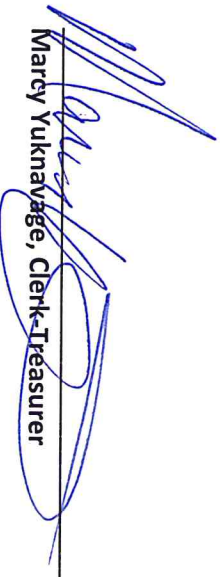
Stephen made a motion to adjourned at 2:49 pm.

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