

- 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 Yuknavage, Clerk-Treasurer

June 7, 2022

The Farmland Town Council met on Tuesday, June 7, 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, Andy Croyle, Jerry Barga, Cindy Wagner, John Halco, Steve Duwall, Curt Flannery, Maurice Foudray, 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.

Jason needed to leave early so the Board addressed everything they needed him for.

- Reserve pays – Jason said by statute reserves can only be paid a clothing allowance and not by the shift. Jason suggested that we do a monthly clothing allowance, and the reserve is required to work so many hours each month to get the clothing allowance. Jason suggests that Melvin needs to decide how many hours he thinks would be fair to require the reserve to work to get paid the clothing allowance. Jason said we need to start fresh this month.

- Melvin and the conflict of working for Hoosier Fire. Jason said that it is his understanding that Melvin does not work for Hoosier fire anymore, so it has dissolved itself. Marcy explained that Melvin told her that he would not be at the meeting and that he no longer worked for Hoosier Fire. Stephen feels that we need something in writing. Jason told Marcy to have Melvin write a 2-sentence letter stating that he no longer works for Hoosier Fire just in case it comes up to protect Melvin and the town.
- Casey Smith – Andy and Marcy have tried to get the towns flow meter cables back from Casey. Jason explained that the town hired Casey to read the flow meters and present the data. The engineer needs to get the readings and at this point he is not able to get the information. Casey worked for the company where we got our flow meters, and he was given permission from his company to do the readings on the side to save the town some money. Jason will write a letter to Casey to get the cables from him and let him know what the town will do if he doesn't return them.
- Tom Chalfant, (County Commissioner) called concerning the ambulance. Jason suggests that we do a month-to-month contract.

Jason asked the Board if they needed anything else from him. The Board said no.

Jim motioned to accept Meeting Minutes as written for May 9, 2022. Stephen 2nd. All Ayes.

April 2022 bank reconciliation recorded as reconciled. Stephen motioned to record the bank rec as reconciled. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.

May 9 & 23, 2022 payroll recorded as reviewed and approved. Stephen motioned and Jim 2nd, All Ayes.

City Building –

- Marcy told the Board that she would not be here from June 12-16 because she would be at conference in Michigan City. Stephen asked if the office would be open, and Marcy replied that it would, and that Tracy would be working.
- Marcy let the Board know that she received her IAMC certification (Indiana Accredited Municipal Certification).
- Marcy explained that she called Steve and asked him special permission to pay a past due invoice from USA Bluebook. She explained that she never received the invoice, so they emailed a copy to her. This invoice came in right after bills were paid from the last months meeting. Stephen asked what was bought and Marcy told him that it is the testing supplies Andy uses.
- Marcy told the Board that she called Hazel and she will continue serving on the EDIT Board for the town. Jason told the Board to go ahead and vote on it to re-confirm her appointment. Stephen motioned for Hazel to continue serving on the EDIT board for Farmland. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.
- Marcy told the Board that the annual payment for the Keystone software license was due. She explained that it is the software we use to run the town. Cost went up \$845.00 from last year.
- Town received the ambulance contract for rent. We received \$1500.00 for February, March, and April. The money was ACH deposited from Randolph County.
- Donation for Cancer Services of Randolph County tabled from May. Jason needs to investigate it.

Police – nothing from Melvin. Mike Boruff walked in, and Stephen wanted Marcy to explain to him that we must figure out how to pay police reserves because it is not legal how we are doing it now. Mike said that he does not do it for the money.

Fire – Marcy told the Board that we finally received a check for \$4,688.85 for the claim of someone putting gas in the diesel 1999 Ford Rescue. The money was put back into the account it was paid out of.

Streets – Jerry Barga called and asked to be put on the agenda to discuss water, road sinking and abandoned properties out in Wolf's Wooded Acres. There is a dip in the road that continues to get worse. It is right in front of 401 Beechwood Cindy Wagner's house. Her yard also continues to sink as well. They wonder if it is from the storm sewer put in several years ago. Jerry said that he put a sump pump in his yard to pump the water to the storm sewer. He doesn't know if adding dirt would help or would it cause more problems. Jerry said that there has been a water problem out there because Andy Wagner owns the house behind him and has a problem. Marcy asked Jerry if he talked to Melvin and Jerry said that is why he was at the meeting. Jerry said that there are sink holes in the retention pond and Melvin said that the town would be looking into them. Andy said he was going out there today when it started storming. Jerry said that he doesn't know if they are from a broken tile or what. Andy said that they are. Andy said that the town will dig it out and look at it. Jim wondered if the weight of the Bestway trucks is causing the problem in the road.

Jerry said that someone brought up the fact that we used to have a water softener at the water plant, and it went down. Jim said that the water softener has been a topic for years. We all would like one but the cost to have it replaced would raise our water bills. Andy said that last time we checked it was \$2500 per month for salt. The old system needs totally replaced. To replace the system, we would have to at least take the roof off the building.

Jerry wanted to know what could be done with property that is an eye sore? He asked about the house that caught fire almost 2 years ago. The board told him that is it isn't a safety issue for the public then there is nothing we can do about it. The house that caught fire is in litigation because the contractor ran off with her money. He then asked about the homes where people just left. Marcy told him that the two properties is talking about are still in the owner's name. Jerry asked about the camper on Jackson Street. Marcy said it went up on tax sell and he ended up paying the back taxes because the property is still in his name. We continue sending weed notices to him. Stephen said that we send him a bill for mowing and Marcy told him that we do not, we mow the front.

Jerry said 13 years ago when he moved here everyone took care of their stuff and it was nice. He said that if he were to look for a house to buy it would not be in Wolf's Wooded Acres.

Marcy told Jerry if he sees something to call the city building and let us know. We will investigate it if we are made aware of it. Marcy said that too many people post questions or make statements on Facebook and never bring it up to the town. Marcy said that we will never answer Facebook because we do not have the time to do so.

Cindy Wagner asked if the retention pond that was put in could be causing the dip in the road?

Water – * Water Tower inspection report presented to the Board


- Marcy mentioned about a new law eliminating the URT tax. Water bills will be reduced by no less than \$.38 for 2000 gallons.
- John Tinsman water bill – John wasn't there to discuss the bill and told Marcy he would be here. Steve Duvall spoke up and said that he was there to speak up for John. Steve said that the water line that came loose in the basement was before the meter. Steve said the office is locked and wants to know how we could have read the meter come up with the reading we did. Andy told him that it is a radio read meter. Steve said that he read the meter a few weeks ago and there was only 20 gallons used in the last three weeks. Steve said that the leak was before the meter and Andy told him that the water used went through the meter for the reading. Jim told Steve if there is no water going through the meter than there would be no reading. Andy said the break came after the meter because the water went through the meter. Andy told Steve that he could pull it up on the computer and show him when the leak started and when it stopped. Marcy explained to Steve that she has all the water bills from January until now and that after the adjustment this bill isn't that much more. We did \$427.89 adjustment on the bill.
- 407 S. Main is another Tinsman rental where John feels the leak is on us. He said that he can not find the leak anywhere. Andy told Steve and the Board that he left John a message and told him that he would meet him anytime at the house to discuss it. John has not reached out to Andy at all.

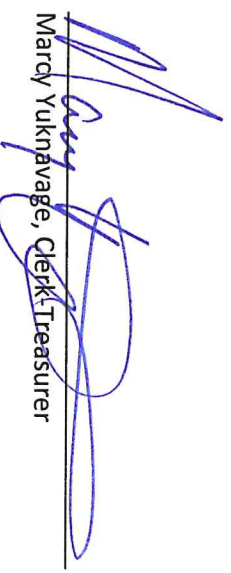
Sewage – Toric Engineering – the controls are 20 plus years old. Andy asked for them to give him a quote to replace with new up to date equipment. Andy will get 2 more quotes. We can use the ARPA money fix properly.

Claims Docket for June 7, 2022 - \$167,976.35 – Board will sign docket after the meeting. Stephen motioned to accept and pay. Marcy told the Board that #7 of 10 payments being paid on the Tanker.

Citizens Comments – Steve asked if there were any citizen comments. No comments.

Steve closed the meeting @ 6:36pm.


Steve Hernly, President – Town Board


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