



Ordinance 2024-01 by title only. Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Ayes. Jason read the third and final reading of Ordinance 2024-01 by title only. Jim motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-01. Stephen 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Ayes.

**Citizens Comments** – Steve asked if anyone had any comments. No Comments

Steve closed the meeting @ 6:32pm.

  
Steve Herrily, President – Town Board

  
Marcy Yuknavage, Clerk-Treasurer

## August 6, 2024

The Farmland Town Council met on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 6:00pm, in the council room at 104 E Henry Street for a Regular Town Council Meeting. Those present were Steve Herrily, Jim Main, Stephen Conner, Jason Welch, John Halco, Curtis Cunningham, Micheal O Sullivan, Zachary Lee, Melvin Nott, and Marcy Yuknavage.

**Steve called the meeting to order.**

**Steve asked everyone to stand for the Pledge.**

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

Jim motioned to accept the minutes for June 18, 2024, and July 2, 2024, as written. Stephen 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Ayes.

Stephen motioned to record the Date Bank Reconciliation as Reconciled. Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Ayes.

Jim motioned to approve and sign the Payroll Allowance Docket for the month of July. Stephen 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Ayes. The board signed the payroll docket.

Stephen motioned to approve the overtime spreadsheet for the month of July. Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Ayes.

**City Building** – 1. TextMyGov proposal – tabled from last month – compared to OnSolve (Code Red). Marcy asked the board if they had time to review the information from last month. She told them she didn't print out the information again, but it is in their last month folder in front of them. She told the board that she had to send out 2 code reds and the Code Red software wouldn't let her pick part of E Jackson St and Wolfs Wooded Acres concerning water off to replace a hydrant and then a boil order for the same part of town. The call went to the entire town. Marcy told the board that Code Red is based on a bucket of minutes and when the minutes are used up, we will need to pay more like we did the year before last. Marcy told the board that TextMyGov is a three-year contract at \$2000 per year and an additional \$1000 for set-up charges the first year. Steve asked Marcy the cost of extra minutes. Marcy told him that in 2022 we went over our minutes with Code Red and had to pay \$.50 per minute for a bucket of 400 minutes. She told him that she doesn't want to send out many Code Red calls because of the cost. She told him that texting with TextMyGov has unlimited text and it will also offer answers to questions from residents without calling the office. Marcy told the board that she talked to the Clerk from South Whitely where the examples were from, and she said that it increased communication in town and that it cut down on the number of calls coming in her office. Marcy told them that she will be able to send out text messages to specific areas of town or the whole town. Jim motioned to switch to TextMyGov. Stephen 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Ayes. Stephen asked if it would start right away, and Marcy told him that we are in our contract with Code Red until the end of the year.

2. Capital Asset Reporting Services \$2,275.00. Stephen made the motion to continue the contract for Capital Asset Reporting. Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Ayes. Steve signed the contract.

3. Complaint from several residents about multiple vehicles @ 319 E Jackson which is in town limits and zoned residential. Marcy told the board that she doesn't know if the cars were parked there because the lot is being re-surfaced. She asked Melvin if he knew anything. Stephen asked what the ordinance states about the number of vehicles allowed and Jason said he would need to look at the ordinance. Steve asked if all the property was within city limits and Marcy told him it was. Melvin asked Jason if zoned other residential would change anything and Jason said no. Jason asked if it was commercial or anything and Melvin told him the zoning had never changed. Jason asked if he was storing cars temporarily. Melvin told Jason he now has a privacy fence and storing cars behind it because he has a wrecker service. Stephen asked if he had been storing cars behind the privacy fence and Melvin told him yes. Jason said he shouldn't be and that it would be an Area Planning zoning issue. Jason asked Melvin if he was running a business there and Melvin told him that was were all the cars were being towed. Jason said that if the town wanted to make a complaint, then we would need to fill out a complaint and they would investigate it to see if there was a problem. Jim asked if the complaints came

after the car lot was emptied to get fixed. Marcy told him that a few complaints had come in before, but she didn't investigate them because she thought the property was not within town limits. Melvin told them that the cars behind the privacy fence will not move anytime soon until scrap prices go back up. Melvin said he thinks we should file a claim with Area Plan and let them deal with it. Melvin said it is a business, Matt owns the wrecker service and Mike owns the car lot. Stephen made a motion to file a complaint. Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Ayes. Marcy asked Jason who would file the complaint and Jason told her that she would and to talk to Deborah. Jason asked Melvin if he thought it would be something that he could talk to him about and he would move them, and Melvin said he doesn't think so. He said he has some of them double stacked behind the fence and you can still see them. Jason asked if it would take official action and Melvin said he thinks so. Jason said it would be easier if he to just talk to him.

4. Marcy let the board know that 30 Hometown Hero Banners are being made. Marcy showed them the color proof of all 30 banners. Jim asked when they would be done, and Marcy told him that she turned them in today and that the timeline was planned to receive them 3 weeks before Veterans Day. Stephen said he thinks we had an awesome start.

5. Marcy is working on the Budget, and we will have a public hearing at our next meeting.

6. 3 bids for paving the walking path and bids for the basketball court. Marcy told them that she also talked to each contractor about working with Melvin for small patch jobs on the streets and each contractor said they would be able to do that. Marcy told them that she put them in the order they came, she said the last bid was from a company she called this morning, and he came out right away and sent in the bid. Stephen said there is a big difference for the basketball court. Marcy looked at the bids and she said that one company wants to put new asphalt on the basketball court instead of just repairing and sealing it. Steve said that there are probably some areas that need new. Steve asked if we were voting on this today. Marcy told him that the walking path has been in the 3 year EDIT Plan to do the walking path. Marcy told them she hadn't worked with any of the contractors and doesn't know anything about any of them. Stephen said he thinks American does the sealing for all the county parking lots. Melvin said he called the county and the last time they had anything done it was done by Dirt Works. Stephen said he thinks American has done the sealing of the parking lots the last couple of years. John Halco asked which basketball court and Marcy told him, Wild Cat Park.

Muncie Paving - \$38,000 walking path & \$8,800 to seal the court  
American - \$47,870 walking path & \$39,640 to do basketball court

Might Mike's Paving - \$36,500 walking path & \$37,500 asphalt court & \$8,375 seal court  
Stephen asked if we have enough money in the EDIT fund to do the paving. Marcy told him that we have enough appropriated to do the walking path but to add the basketball court we would need to do an additional appropriation. Melvin said he would just get the walking path done and worry about the rest of it next year. Melvin said he was just going to ask the one who got the lowest bid to fix the spot on West Henry. Melvin said whoever they award the contract to then he would ask them to fix that spot at the same time they are here. Steve announced the prices again. Stephen asked if they could get to it this year and Marcy told him yes. Stephen made the motion to go with the gentleman from Rushville, Mighty Mikes. He said that they were the least expensive. Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Ayes. Stephen made a motion to table the basketball court until next year. Marcy said the parking lot by the shelter needs done really bad. Steve agreed with Marcy. Melvin said that it is sunk in from the school. Jason asked if Mighty Mike said how thick he would make the asphalt and Marcy said he told her 3". Jason said he needs to put it in writing that he will be putting down 3". Stephen asked if we needed to look at the parking lot. He asked Melvin his opinion. Melvin said it was bad, but we would need to dig it all up. Melvin said the entire thing will need to be dug up because we can't just patch it. We need to take out the soft spots and fill in whatever is bad. Melvin said it acts as a turn around and that's bad for it too. Steve asked the other board members if they thought we should do the rest next year and Stephen said he would think so. Stephen said that we can't do it all at once. Jim said we should just wait until next year. Stephen said it sounds like the parking lot should be preference over the basketball court.

**HFUSA** – card from Historic Farmland. Steve read the card out loud. It thanked Farmland for supporting them and for the generous donation which plays a vital role baking the community-based programs. Stephen made a motion to accept it as read, acknowledge it. Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Police** – 1. Melvin gave the board the report and Steve read it out loud.

2. Stephen said he appreciated whoever put the post out about golf carts. Marcy told him, "You're welcome. Melvin said he still hadn't seen the kids, but he did see an older lady driving down Main Street and he stopped her and told her she had to get off the highway. Stephen said he seen a kid driving last night but the dad was in the passenger seat. John Halco asked what the ordinance says about golf carts. Melvin told him you must be 16 and have a drivers license. He said it must have an orange placard for slow moving vehicles. If it is driven at night, it must have lights and turn signals. Jim said that in Winchester, you can't have them on the highway. Melvin told him they changed the law so they could get to Walmart. Jim said he doesn't know how fast they run but some of them go pretty fast. Jim said he was sitting out on the porch and a little boy was driving and his dad was with him, and they went flying past.

**Street** – 1. Melvin told the board that we applied for the CCMG grant. He said our part would be \$26,137.50. We will do East Street, Pursley Street and New York Street. They will only mill out the approaches to the driveways so they will not be so high and hold water. He said they will also seal all the



cold joints. He said it was done out in Wolf's Wooded Acres and the water doesn't get into the cold joints. Melvin said he had it added into the bid specs. He said the North end of Mulberry Street is terrible where the water got into the cracks and started breaking down the new road. He said he assumes we will get the grant. Steve asked if they would cut all that bad corner out of there and Melvin told him that he made sure they knew it was a problem and needed to be fixed.

**Fire –** 1. Melvin gave the board the report and Steve read it.

**Water –** 1. Marcy told the board that Andy was closing on his house and moving.

2. IDEM updated Compliance Monitoring Plan for Drinking Water, Marcy said she received it and put it in their folders.

3. Cost to repair Chevy 1500 - \$1,560.00 compared to American Chevrolets quote of \$5,365.75. Stephen said that we saved a lot of money. Steve asked if it needed approved and Marcy told him that they approved it last month. The truck is fixed.

**Sewage –** 1. Marcy told the board that she mailed a check and application to IDEM for Alex to take the WWTP certification test. She told them she mailed it last Friday.

**Claims Docket for August 6, 2024 - \$128,860.35 –** Stephen made a motion to sign the APV Register. Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Ayes. The board will sign the docket after the meeting.

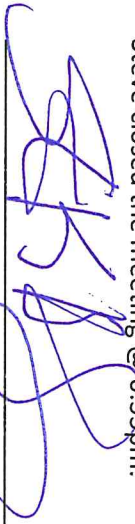
**Citizens Comments –** Steve asked if anyone had any comments.

Michael O Sullivan told the board he was actually curious. He said, you all paid Culy's to hook up the sewage and he had Dirt Works do it. He asked if there was any way they could get the town to pay Dirt Works like they did Culy's. He said because it took a year to get the marks on the ground for him to personally dig the hole. He said he would never dig by gas lines and stuff. He said he was dumb but not that dumb. He hand dug everything and he was just curious and was told that the town hired Culy's out to do it. He said Culy's was busy or whatever and he hired Dirt Works, they pay Vern and Vern is who he hired to do it. He said he was having to come out of pocket and maybe Vern borrowed the part from the town to tap it. He said the actual tap, he didn't realize the town had one and he figured the town would have done it. He said he was curious if there would be anyway, he could submit to have that covered because he had to pay the tap fee and still had to pay Vern to have it done.

Michael O Sullivan said the drainage in his yard was dug up. He said he wasn't there but was told the town was there. He said there are clay pipes that run all through the ground, every spot that was dug up, he was curious if it is on them to fix it or if it is on the town to fix it. Everyone was quiet and he looked at Marcy. She said she didn't know anything about any of that. Micheal said, no, I know nobody wanted to mention it was covered right back up the next day. Micheal said he came home, got in the hole, noted it, took pictures and stuff. He said he is just curious for whenever that becomes an issue. Jason asked if Andy knew anything about it. Marcy told him she didn't know, and this was the first time she had heard about it. Micheal said he hadn't got his response on the phone, so he decided to start coming to the meetings. Stephen asked who he had called. He said, "I'm assuming her and pointed to Marcy. He said usually it's his wife because she has been on summer break and he has been trying to let them handle it because he works on a farm. Stephen asked if he called during business hours and Micheal replied, "yes, yes sir, absolutely." Marcy spoke up and said, no one or nothing has been talked to me about Culy. Micheal said, "well, no, not that. That's what I'm saying. He said they had to send everybody in the area to say we were moving into a module. He said that was over a year ago and it took a year for them to mark it on the ground, so it was like surprise everybody except for, I mean, we understood what's going on, but I'm just curious. He said they would have waited six more weeks or two more weeks, or we got told by Andy and I wish he was here because the conversation I had was a recordable one. Micheal said he is just curious if there is any way the town could, because that didn't pan out, for the town to pay them to do it. He said he just had another company do it. He said, "is there any way we could contact calls on our part. Marcy said to Micheal, Dirt Works did your end of it, correct. He said yeas ma'am to my knowledge. Marcy told him that he is responsible for his side and the town is responsible for the tapping. He said he was told that Vern borrowed the tap from the town, and he did the tap. He said that he has not got any solid information but had got a bunch of pieces of information. He said he is going to stop telling other people to handle it and just do it himself and he said not on y'all but it's a whole.... He said Steve has nothing but time and sadly he is not pleasant. Jason said, it sounds like we need to talk to Andy. Micheal said he understood and if we could just put it in motion for the next meeting. Stephen said, table that. Micheal thanked the board for listening.

Steve asked if there were any other comments. No comments.

Steve closed the meeting @ 6:33pm.

  
Steve Hernly, President, Town Board

  
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