

May 1, 2024

The Farmland Town Council met on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 6:00pm, in the council room at 104 E Henry Street for a Public Hearing and Regular Town Council Meeting. Those present were Steve Herrily, Jim Main, Stephen Conner, Jason Welch, and Marcy Yuknavage.

Steve called the meeting to order.

Steve asked everyone to stand for the Pledge.

Steve opened the Public Hearing for Additional Appropriation.

Steve asked if anyone had any questions. Marcy explained the additional appropriation was the ARPA money left over from last year's budget which needs to be spent by the end of this year. She explained that she published it in the News Gazette on April 16th. Steve asked her how much ARPA money was left. Marcy told him \$35,168.09. Stephen asked if the money would just go into the general fund. Marcy told him no; it has its own fund and is required to be spent out of that fund. Stephen asked what the money was designated for, and Marcy told him we made an ordinance where the money could be spent on anything. She told him that we have spent most of the money on water and wastewater.

Steve closed the Public Hearing.

Steve opened the regular town board meeting.

Stephen motioned to accept the minutes for April 2, 2024, and April 9, 2024, as written. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.

Stephen motioned to record the March 2024, Bank Reconciliation as Reconciled since Jim reviewed and signed it. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.

Stephen motioned to approve and sign the Payroll Allowance Dockets for April 1, 2024, April 8, 2024, and April 22, 2024. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. The board signed all three payroll dockets. Marcy told the board that she discovered a different way to print out the Payroll Allowance Docket. She told them that she can put the entire month into 1 file to review and sign. She asked if they would like that way better or keep it the way it is currently. Jim made a motion to have it printed for the entire month. Stephen 2nd. All Ayes.

Stephen motioned to approve the overtime spreadsheet for the month of April 2024. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.

City Building – 1. Office closed May 7, 2024, and May 27, 2024

2. Audio Live Stream – 6 months out for installation for BIS Digital - 2 quotes – BIS Digital and Pinnacle Systems. Marcy told the board, BIS Digital was the quote from Angela, the town's IT person. The quote is \$1,988.86. Marcy told them BIS Digital did Winchester City Court and Union City Court. The other quote was from Stephen Conner's friend, Pinnacle Systems is almost \$7000.00.

Stephen said they need to look closer and compare apples to apples. Marcy told him she had Angela look at it because she is the town's IT person. Angela said the cost will be closer to \$10, 000 when it is all said and done. Angela said the quote says nothing about saving the recordings, it's just live streaming. We will be required to save the recordings. The quote also says we will need to purchase a computer, 2 monitors, and 2 ethernet cables to run to the council room. Angela said we will only be able to

broadcast from the council room. BIS Digital will be mobile if we need to have the meeting elsewhere and we will be able to live stream an event if we desire. Stephen said the research he has done states we have to have a microphone for anyone who makes a public comment. Marcy agreed. Stephen asked if it was in the quote from Angela and Marcy said yes. Stephen said he only seen one in the quote and Marcy showed him that there were two in the quote. Marcy told the board Angela said that if the town didn't want to purchase a new computer, we could use my laptop, but it would eventually bog it down. Marcy told the board she takes her laptop home to work on stuff, but she could bring it for meeting nights. Steve asked if the cameras would be portable also and Marcy explained the quote is audio only because that is all which is required at this time. Stephen said that the Pinnacle quote is with cameras and Marcy questioned him because Angela told Marcy it was audio only. Stephen said they came and looked, and he planned on putting the camera at the back of the room. Stephen said they are doing several for Anderson Library and some other municipalities, and one of the things research that there had to be means for public comment. Jason asked if Angela would know how much it cost to add cameras to the quote. Marcy told him the original quote she presented a few months ago had cameras and everything but she doesn't remember the cost. Jason said he wondered if it was more or less than the other quote. Stephen said the Pinnacle quote has a fixed lens camera, video capture device and 4 microphones. Stephen said it is whatever and he wanted to have another quote. Marcy looked through the past meetings and told Jason she must have presented the quote last year because it wasn't in this year's folders. Jason said he wondered what it would cost to add cameras to have the quotes comparable. Stephen asked when video recording will be mandatory. Marcy told him that she didn't

know. The only requirement is audio right now. Marcy told the board since BIS is 6 months out, she would like a decision made because we don't have a choice if we want to have live streaming or not. Steve asked if we were required to have it by the first of the year and Marcy told him no, we need to have it by July 2025. Steve asked if the first quote was from the town's IT person and Marcy said yes. Steve said his opinion is to stick with our IT person's recommendation. Stephen spoke up and said that Angela would not be doing the work and Marcy told him she would be hooking it all up. Stephen made the motion to go with BIS Digital. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. Marcy handed Steve the contract to sign.

2. Senior workday – May 10th. Marcy explained Monroe Central seniors go to Parker and Farmland to help the towns seniors with yard work, washing windows etc. She told the board that we have not had anyone sign up yet. Stephen asked Marcy to advertise it and she told him we did.

3. Town Rummage Sale will be May 17 – 18. Town no longer charges residents to have a garage sale. Town used to advertise and create a map. There weren't enough people paying to advertise and no one would come after a map, so we decided not to create one.

4. Farmland Street fair will be May 22-25. Jim said that in the past the guy with the booths gave a ping pong throw to the lodge for them to raise money. Jim said that they have always made \$1000. Jim said for some reason the booth guy and the ride guy have split so he doesn't know if there will be any booths. Jim said that they are looking to get with Danny Houston because he belongs to the Masonic Lodge to get a booth. Jim said that if there were only rides available then there wouldn't be much going on. Marcy mentioned that there will be a memorial dedication for Kyle after the parade at the fire station. Jim said over the next few days everyone should be running red lights on their porches. Stephen said yes because they are leaving tomorrow for the presentation at the National Fire Institute.

5. Contract with county concerning ambulance. Stephen said Gary Friend contacted him to have a conversation with Brad Mullen and his assistant. All three of them had other meetings tonight so Gary asked if we could table this conversation until the June meeting. Jim asked if they still want to build. Stephen said they are going to get the bids on the building at the first meeting in June. Stephen said that Gary wanted him to pass on what happened. They were ready to sign the contract with a contractor when he came back and said that he had made a \$300,000 error. They had to relet the bids and they are out now and will be open the 1st meeting in June. Stephen said it's their full intention, they believe with the type of building they are looking to be in the new building before the first of the year. Jim asked if they were still talking about Jackson Street and Stephen said yes. Stephen said that they are mowing that property now. Stephen said that they have contracted Myers to mow because he mows all the county property. They went to mow it the first time and the town had already mowed it. Stephen said that Gary, Brad and his assistant will be here for the June meeting to discuss some issues.

6. The City Building office will be closed from 8:00 till noon on May 2nd and May 9th for training with Utility Cloud. Marcy told the board that they were here today, and she didn't get a whole lot done because of all the questions. Stephen asked Marcy to explain it to them again. Marcy told him Cloud Utility will be replacing the existing billing. Boyce is moving the program to the cloud. The program will look different and be more user-friendly. They are designing an app for residents to download to be able to view and pay their bills from the app.

7. Establish Positive Pay or Reverse Positive Pay. Marcy explained, at her last conference there was a class on this. Marcy explained that several towns and cities in Indiana have had people steal checks and change the amounts of the checks and cash them. Marcy told the board she doesn't understand the whole process yet but believes the town should do it. She told them, the town's bank is Old National, and the secure banking site is called OnPoint Treasury. She explained she uses OnPoint for all ACH payments currently and the cost to add Positive Pay would be \$50.00 per month. Marcy told them she will need to send a list of checks she writes to OnPoint, and the check number, date, payee and amount must match exactly what is on the check. If something doesn't match, then she will be emailed to verify the check. Stephen asked if it would all be done electronically, and Marcy said yes. Jim said, it's a fail safe and Marcy said yes. Stephen said, you probably don't write 30 checks a month and Marcy told him, she writes more than 30. She told him she has more than 30 to print after tonight's meeting. Jim said it sounds like protection and Marcy said it definitely is protection for the town. Marcy told them she hopes we never need to worry about needing it, but it is nice to know that we have it in place if someone steals a check. Marcy told them that a small town up north wrote a check for \$150, and the check was cashed for \$15,000. Jason asked if the bank had to pay it. Marcy told him that she said it took a while to get the money back and she had to get the town's lawyer involved. She said she signed up for positive pay right after that happened. Stephen asked what reverse positive pay was and Marcy told him that she doesn't really understand what it is, but she told him that she talked to Old National, and they said Positive Pay was much better than Reverse Positive Pay. Jason said it's no more than \$700 per year. Jim said, sounds like the way to go. Stephen motioned to go with Positive Pay. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.

8. Randolph County Trail Master Plan Meeting on May 16th at 10:00 at the fairgrounds. Marcy told them she would be going to the meeting to learn more about it. Stephen said that they just got a grant for a trail from Modoc to Lynn. Jason said he hadn't heard anything about that. Jason asked if it is a bike trail like the Cardinal Greenway and Stephen said yeah. He said he thinks the plan is to eventually connect to the Cardinal Greenway. Stephen said they got a grant from DNR and he said he talked to a couple of people who own property and they are not very happy. Stephen said he doesn't know if there are any trails coming to Farmland. Jason said it would be a good distance to the Greenway from here. Steve said he believes the closest place would be Modoc. Stephen said he knows that Wickersham is one of the real pushers on this.

9. Mowing around town, a lot of tall grass. Jim said he will probably get loud here. Jim said, across the street where the bank was is unbelievable. He said there is one on Main Street and right across the street from his house. Jim said it hasn't been mowed all this year. Marcy told them that Melvin had sent out a lot of weed notices. Marcy told them that we are required to go through the procedure. Jason said, "We charge them, right? Marcy told them she had never charged or collected money from anyone. Jim said that they are mostly rentals. Jim said he doesn't care who we charge but he wants the yards mowed. Jim said he feels it is the property owner's responsibility to keep it clean. Marcy told him, we have an ordinance in place already. Stephen asked Marcy if she knew what the charges were. Jason said that if there is a charge then we can mow it and charge them for it. Jim said if they don't pay then file a lien on the property. Jason said he believes it would be on their tax bill. Jason told Marcy to see if the charge is a specific amount or if it is charged by the hour. Jim said all the tall grass looks terrible, especially for anyone who comes into town. Stephen said the bank property is owned by an investment company in Carmel. Jason said they can afford to pay the bill. Stephen said if the town mows a property, then we need to charge them for our time and gas. Steve said, if we don't charge people then there is no incentive for them to mow it. Jim said it will take several mows to make the yards look right. He said the one on Main Street, the last house on the West side hasn't been mowed yet this year. Marcy said that house is where the fire was, and they can't live there right now. Jason said we have to give notice. Jason told Marcy to find out how much the charge is and if it isn't enough then we can amend it. Marcy told Jason she would send the ordinance to him. Jim thinks the charge should be high enough where people will mow their yards.

Police –

1. No report for the month of April
2. Received a check from the Legion Auxiliary for \$500 with no spending stipulations.

Street –

1. No report for the month of April

Fire –

1. No report for the month of April
2. Received \$30,000 from Monroe Township. Marcy asked if the \$30,000 could go towards the new fire truck Melvin is having spec'd out? All Board members agreed. Stephen told them they better hang onto their hats when they see the price of the new truck. Steve asked about the \$90,000 from the tanker. Marcy told him it was sitting in the bank waiting for the fire department to find a replacement tanker. Marcy asked Jason if she needed a motion to spend the \$30,000 on a fire truck and Jason said yes. Stephen made a motion to spend the \$30,000 on a fire truck. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.

Water –

1. Andy left a report for the board
2. WTH Technology (GIS Software) Annual Consulting and Support fee increasing by \$39,00 (from \$387 to \$426)

Sewage –


1. Andy left a report for the board


Claims Docket for May 1, 2024 - \$97,694.89 – Stephen made a motion to sign the APV Register. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. The Board will sign the docket after the meeting.

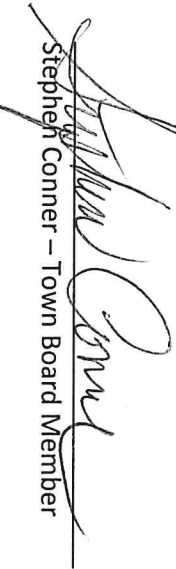
Resolutions & Ordinances - **Resolution 2024-05 Additional Appropriation.** Stephen motioned to read Resolution 2024-05 by title only. Steve read Resolution 2024-05 by title only. Jim motioned to approve Resolution 2024-05. Stephen 2nd. All Ayes. The Board signed Resolution 2024-05.

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


Steve closed the meeting @ 6:41pm.


Steve Hernly, President – Town Board


Jim Main – Town Board Member


Stephen Conner – Town Board Member

ATTEST:


Marcy Yuhnavage, Clerk-Treasurer