

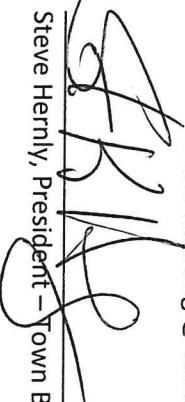
1. Agreement A - \$3,000.00 to make all reasonable efforts to be present at all town monthly meetings. Additional services will be charged at a rate of \$175.00 per hour and \$250.00 will be charged for any additional meetings.
 2. Agreement B - \$1,500.00 to make all reasonable efforts to be present at 6 town monthly meetings. Additional services will be charged at a rate of \$175.00 per hour and \$250.00 will be charged for any additional meetings.
 3. Agreement C - \$2,250.00 to make all reasonable efforts to be present at 9 town monthly meetings. Additional services will be charged at a rate of \$175.00 per hour and \$250.00 will be charged for any additional meetings.
- Jim motioned to approve Agreement A for \$3000.00. Stephen 2nd. All Ayes. Stephen signed the contract.

Claims Docket for January 2, 2024 - \$28,964.71 – Jim made a motion to sign the APV Register. Stephen 2nd. All Ayes. Board will sign docket after the meeting.

Citizens Comments – Stephen asked if anyone had any comments. Curtis said that he attended an auction at the old Cox house at the corner of Jackson and Main St. He said that he thinks that building is unsafe. He said that the sistren is open and an animal or child could fall into it. He doesn't know who won the bid, but John Tinsman was there bidding on the property. Jason said that when Melvin comes back to work, he should look at the property to see if it is unsafe.

No more comments.

Steve closed the meeting @ 6:35pm.


Steve Herrly, President – Town Board


Marcy Yuknavage, Clerk/Treasurer

February 6, 2024

The Farmland Town Council met on Tuesday, February 6, 2023, at 6:00pm, in the council room at 104 E Henry Street for a Regular Town Council Meeting. Those present were Steve Herrly, Jim Main, Stephen Conner, Jason Welch, Andy Croyle, Melvin Nott, Evaughna Shepherd, Greg Clark, Mary L Clark, Curt Flannery, Maurice Foudray, Gary Gitton, Chris Hammersten, Curtis Cunningham, John Halco, 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 January 2, 2024, as written. Stephen 2nd. All Ayes.

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

Stephen motioned to approve and sign the Payroll Allowance Dockets for January 1, January 15, and January 29, 2024. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. The board signed all three payroll dockets.

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

City Building – 1. Sign Bonds for Marcy, Position Bond, and Tracy – Marcy explained that she tried a couple times to have the bonds recorded and Jane's office kept telling Marcy that she needed more paperwork. Marcy added a place for the board to sign and approve for each bond. The board approved each bond and signed them.

2. Marcy let the board know that we received the solar eclipse glasses we ordered. She told them that the town paid \$481.00 for 1000 pairs. Marcy told the board that we will be selling them for \$3.00 a pair. People are able to purchase them during regular business hours and we will be selling them at Monroe Central on April 8th.

3. All 3 "Welcome to Historic Farmland" signs complete and installed. Stephen said that they look awesome. Jim said that they look really good and that they catch your eye when driving into town.

4. Sign the design and quote for Wildcat Park sign. Marcy told the board that she placed a copy of the design in their folders. Jim asked where the sign would be placed, and Marcy told him that it would replace the existing sign. Marcy told them that there are currently 3 poles. Chad will have the Wildcat sign on the back two poles and a small sign on the front pole explaining this was the place of the Farmland School. Stephen and Jim both said that the design looks good. Stephen made a motion to approve the design and the quote. Jim 2nd All Ayes.

5. Marcy told the board that she received an email from Carrie Watson (Farmland Librarian). Carrie said that she was excited to hear that the town is having a new sign made for the library. Marcy explained that Carrie sent a design of the libraries logo and would like for that to be part of the sign. Marcy told Carrie that she doesn't know who is responsible for the approval of the sign but would let her know. Jason said the final approval would be the board because the building is owned by the town and the town is paying for the sign. Stephen said that he would like to see the final design before approving it. Marcy asked if she should get the input from the library and Stephen said no. Steve asked if the library sign would be the same theme as the other signs and Marcy said yes but they would like to have their logo on the sign and have it said Farmland Public Library. Marcy told them that their logo was designed by Abby Wagner, and it is a kite which ties them to Ansel Toney and Farmland.

6. A Community Grant is available to apply for. Marcy told the board that she didn't read through it and that she just received it from Randolph County. Stephen said he read it, and they suggested park benches made from recyclable material. Stephen said he thinks it would be nice if we applied for it for the park. Jim said that we have some benches, but more would be nice. Stephen said maybe add a bench or two more on Main Street. Marcy asked if one of the board members would like to handle the grant? Stephen said he would fill out the grant and apply for it.

HFUSA – Curtis said that he has two dates he would like to request to have the streets closed.

1. Saturday, September 28th for the Chili Cookoff (7:00 am – 3:00pm)
2. Tuesday, December 3rd for the Christmas Walk (4:30 pm – 8:30 pm)

Jim made a motion to close the street on September 28th and December 3rd. Stephen 2nd. All Ayes.

Police – Written report from previous month with activities detailed each month. Melvin said that he didn't know anything about it. Stephen said that at the end of the year the board determined that they would like a written report presented at each meeting for each department by the department heads and to be at each meeting. Melvin said that he will have a report next month.

Fire – 1. Discuss Fire Budget – Marcy said that she talked to Melvin and laid out a spreadsheet showing what appropriations he can spend money from and which ones he can't. Marcy asked Melvin if he thought this would work and he said absolutely. Stephen said just kind of knowing that the last two years in December Marcy had to move money. Melvin said that he asked for a detailed report from last year and Marcy told him it would take a while because she was working on year end and the annual financial report. He said that he wanted to know what was spent on what because he feels the majority was spent on maintenance. He feels 85% - 90% was on maintenance and he apologized for going over budget. Stephen asked if he was the only one that could spend money and Melvin said yes to the budget unless it's an emergency and he isn't available.

Stephen asked Melvin about the turn out gear. Melvin said when he started, we could purchase 5 sets a year for \$10,000 but now it is 2 sets for \$10,000. Stephen said he would like to see each guy have 2 sets and Melvin told him that they do. Melvin said that everyone has 2 sets but whether they take care of their second set, he can't say. Melvin said his 2nd set is in a bag at his house, so he knows where it is. Melvin said that normally they only use the 2nd set when they are washing their primary set. Melvin told Stephen that we have rotated through gear. Melvin said that we do not purchase a 2nd set for new guys because we don't want to waste money if they do not stay.

Melvin said at the January meeting they officially retired Kyle's number which was 303. Melvin said that they are going to keep the same line-up so we must move down the line so the officers will be moved down a number after 302. Melvin said it isn't set in stone, but he believes that at the February meeting a decision will be made about Kyle's memorial with the memorial dedication on the one-year anniversary, May 25th. They have a brass replica of Kyle's helmet for the monument which will be towards the west of the other monument. Melvin said that we do not have an exact time yet as to when the dedication will be held because it will be the last day of the fair.

Melvin said the 1st weekend in May Kyle's family, and he isn't sure who else, but he is hoping to go to Maryland for the National Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial where Kyle will be recognized. Stephen asked the date of the street fair and Melvin told him that it is not a contract yet but it is scheduled to be the last weekend in May.

Melvin said that not the last two weeks but before that we have had a house fire in Farmland, one in Parker and one in Winchester all within 2 weeks. Jim said the one in Winchester burned pretty good and Melvin agreed and said that they had 2 people trapped in that one. Melvin said that Winchester did a heck of a job getting the people out. Melvin said that if you are going to thaw your water lines out, do not use a salamander.

Steve told Melvin that they wanted a written report for the Fire department and Melvin said OK.

Street – Steve said that they need a written report for the streets each month.

Water – 1. Revised Emergency Contingency Plan presented to the board to be signed. The board signed the revised plan. Andy told him that it must be updated every year. Stephen said that he appreciated Andy's report. Andy said that he hoped it was good enough because he doesn't type.

3. Pricing for 8" main still tabled for next month.
4. Pricing for 4" main still tabled for next month.
5. Written report given to board from Andy. Stephen said so, everything is insulated down there. Andy said yes, the one well house is done. Steve said he went down and looked at it the other day. He said that he was kind of surprised how warm it was inside there. Stephen asked if Andy knew what the total cost for it was. Andy said his guess would be under \$3,000.00. Andy said it would have cost \$10,000 - \$12,000 if we had hired it out. Stephen asked if it was in the plans to do the other building and Andy said yes because IDEM wrote us up for the buildings for being in bad shape. Andy said that they plan on doing the other one in the spring and it should go quicker because now they know how to do it. Andy asked if he must get quotes again for the metal. Andy said that it was only \$1000, and Jason told him that he could go ahead and get it. Stephen said that we saved a lot of money going up there and Marcy told them that it took a long time and several emails back and forth to get a W-9. Stephen said that we could get one when they go back up there, and Marcy told him that we don't need another one because we have it now. Stephen said he probably doesn't understand that since he is Amish.

Steve asked Andy if he had anything else for the water. Andy said that he must get a Wellhead Protection Plan. He said it must be done every 5 years. Andy said the cost will range from \$2,500 - \$3,000. Andy said Curry said that they will do it cheaper than that. Andy said that he will stick to the same people each time, so they know it and it isn't new to them to do.

Stephen said that he seen where Andy is going to start back-flushing weekly, and Andy said yes. Andy said that he must run 2 pumps to get it high enough since we have new media. Andy said if he back flushes each week it won't set up like concrete like it did before changing the media. Andy said that we have had a few people call in and say they have rusty water. Andy said that he is pumping 250 gallons a minute where usually he is pumping 200 gallons a minute. Andy called Phil and he told Andy to back flush weekly and it should cut down the complaints. Andy said that IDEM said that you can back flush when your numbers are high but Andy said that our numbers are always low so he wouldn't need back flush but it is better if we do it weekly to cut down on the rusty water and the media will last longer too. Marcy told them that she didn't think anyone called and complained yesterday and Andy said he went slow.

Sewage – 1. Andy asked if the board wants Wessler to finish up with the sump pump test. Marcy told them that she still needs to get the stuff together but right now she needs to finish the annual report.

2. Andy said that he will get ahold of Curry on the compliance plan and IDEM wants a Lagoon assessment done where they go back and check all your results from way back when and how many violations you have. Andy said that he talked to IDEM and said that if the assessment comes back and says that the lagoons need air, can we do it ourselves or are we required to hire an engineer. Andy said that IDEM couldn't give him an answer yet. Andy said all it would be is running wire and setting them out there, he doesn't feel an engineer needs to do it.

3. Andy said our dialer is 10 years old and it keeps saying communication fault and they tell him that it could be our internet connection. Andy said that he pulls the internet up and leaves it on, so Andy doesn't think it's the internet, so he is going to have the computer lady come and look at it. Andy said that if she can't figure it out then he will call Toric or BL Anderson and it will cost \$1500 for them to show up. Andy said the water is fine, but the wastewater keeps messing up. Andy said he had to shut it off because it calls all day and night. Andy said that he has checked everything they have told him to check, and he can't figure it out. Andy said that he is just giving them a heads up that he may have to call one of them to come and look at it. Andy said that he was going to have to call them last week because one of their pumps went down. Andy said that he called Joe and he rented or borrowed the equipment to test it and he figured it out and fixed it. Andy said that he is going to keep looking into it but if he can't figure it out, he will have to call one of them. Stephen asked how much a new dialer would cost and Andy told him it was \$10,000 10 years ago. Marcy told Andy that Angela said she can come over whenever Andy wants, and Andy said OK. Melvin said that he needs her also.

4. Andy said the last on the sewer side is for these guys (Andy was talking about Greg Clark and Mary Lou Clark). Andy said that it concerns the property at the end of S Plum. He said that the sewer main runs up and down the street but there isn't a city easement. Andy said that there is a line that comes out between the properties and Greg said that there were 3 at one time tied into the line, when the other house was there. Greg said now there are just 2, one at 600 and the other on the highway. Greg said when she built the garage, she went through his line at 600. He said he only has about 1 ½ to 2" of drainage and it seems to be at the top. Greg said that she owns the property all the way down the street to Plum then to the telephone pole and that's where his property starts. He said even if he re-routes it, he will have to cut through her property. He said that she has talked about selling it and he said that if she ever sells it then they can build on it and do the same thing all over again. Greg wants to know if we can extend the sewer line down to where his property would meet it and if he could

run a new line into it. Stephen asked if he was talking about Plum St and Greg said yes. Greg said the line ends at 601 and goes up the street. Stephen asked how far the line would be and Greg said 100' and Andy said 150'. Andy said, if we extended that up and use a 6", we could put it in if there is nothing in the way. Andy said that he would have to get a quote for the cost of the pipe. Andy said that we would need to tap into the manhole on the east side and run it up the east side of the road. He said that he will get the quotes. Andy said he was just here, and he talked to him today and he forgot to ask him. Andy said that he called him when he was home, and he wrote it down to ask him. Andy said he thinks it was \$20.00 per foot for the pipe. Andy said it would need to be bedded in stone and everything else. Andy said that would be \$2000 - \$3000 for pipe, another \$500 in stone. Jim said that it sounds like that would be the cheapest way to do it. Andy agreed. Greg said he is land locked and basically can't get to the pipe without going through someone else's property. Stephen asked if the line is totally restricted now or is he able to use it. Greg said so far, they have been able to use it but doesn't know when it will clog back up. Greg said that Greg Knuckles bored it out as best as he could, almost 2" through it. Jim said down at his house, he owns all that property, and everyone's lines runs across his property to tie into the sewage and water. Jim said every time someone has a problem, they come and dig on his property. Stephen made a motion to pursue it. Jim 2nd. Andy said he could have the prices tomorrow morning and he will call each of them. Stephen said it would be alright, but it has got to be done. Jim said, so you will have the prices for the next meeting then and Andy said yes, but he would imagine that he will be plugged up 4-5 times by the next meeting. Jason told the board that they could approve it up to a certain amount and asked Andy how much he thought it would cost. Andy said he would guess around \$3000. Stephen made the motion up to \$3000. Stephen said if it is going to be more then let them know. Stephen said that he wasn't sure if we had to get bids if we did it in house. Steve asked what the bid requirement was, and Jason said it just depends on the project. Andy said he will make the call and get stuff rolling.

Andy said that there are 2 pumps at the wastewater plant, and we have a spare one. Andy said that if anything goes wrong, we pull the pump up and replace it with the spare. Andy said one of the electric motors quit. He said it had a seal leaking and they took it in to get the seal replaced and they were told that the shaft was eaten up. Andy said he asked about changing the shaft and it can't be done. Andy said that he wanted a quote on the motor because the pump is fine. Andy said after they looked, you can't buy the motor by itself. The motor and pump are together. Andy said we can just go with the two we have and not have a back-up motor. He said that this is the only time he had to switch the motors. He said that he has had to deal with the pumps before and they are 30 years old. Andy said that they told him it should last longer than 30 years, but that seal destroyed the shaft. Andy said the cost will be about \$20,000. Andy said we don't need both, we only need the motor. He got a couple of prices and one company said that they can use their style pump and make it work. Andy said that the problem with that is the pump/motor pieces will not be interchangeable. One guy told him that to get the smith and loveless pumps you will need to go through them anyway. He told Andy he could get us one but it would be more than the \$20,000. John Halco asked if the pumps are obsolete, and Andy said no that you can still buy them brand new, but they are together now. Jason asked if Andy had any other quotes and Andy said he only has 2. Jason asked if there was a third one and Andy said that the third guy said he would have to go through American and it would be higher than the \$20,000. Andy said that American are the dealers on the Smith & Loveless pumps. Jason asked if the 2 quotes Andy presented are the only 2 companies that can do the job. Andy said everyone around here goes through these 3 companies. Stephen asked if American would be the same pumps as we have now, and Andy said yes. Steve asked if we would end up with 3 motors and 4 pumps. Andy said no, we would end up with 4 pumps and 3 motors. Andy said they may last another 30 years, or they may quit tomorrow. Jim asked if we had the money to buy another one. We have some ARPA money left but not much. Andy said that we don't need both pumps at the same time unless there is a big rain. He said that we can use just one, but it will be a lot slower getting everything out of the system. Andy said that if one goes down it will take 4-6 weeks to get one. Stephen said that we are coming into the wet season of the year. Andy said that a lady told him that lightning could hit and take them both out. Stephen said, let's go back to the question that I had, there is \$300,000 set aside for sewage maintenance. He asked if the \$20,000 could come out of there. Marcy told him that she couldn't answer that question because she didn't know what it was established for. Stephen said that it was established to maintain and clean out the lagoons. Marcy told him that the fund's name is Sewage Utility Improvement. Jason asked if there was a resolution to make that fund. Marcy said that she didn't know, and Jason said we should wait until next month to see what the resolution says. Stephen asked if we could table it until next month. Jason asked if it was an emergency and needed to be done today and Andy said no. Jason told Marcy that when a fund is set up, a resolution is usually made and specifies what the fund can be used for.

Claims Docket for February 6, 2024 - \$198,053.72 – Stephen made a motion to sign the APV Register. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. Board will sign docket after the meeting.

Citizens Comments – Steve asked if anyone had any comments.

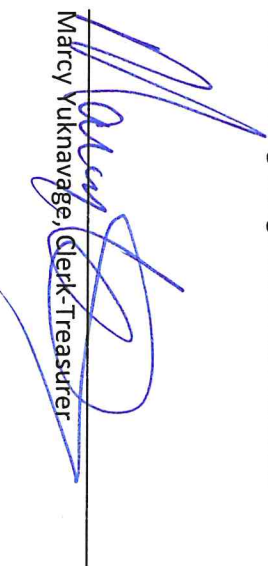
Stephen said a carryover from the last meeting there was a concern over the property at the intersection at the 4 way stop. Marcy told Stephen that she didn't tell Melvin about it. Stephen said Well it was talked about that it is unsafe and there is an open cistern. Melvin said that he would go check it out, but he didn't know there was a cistern back there.

Greg Clark said that he had another issue. He said he talked to his bank (Thrive Credit Union) about putting a branch here in Farmland. The banker said he tried but they wouldn't grant a charter. Greg asked if anyone knew why we wouldn't let a bank come in. Jason said that he didn't think it would be the town. Marcy said maybe he tried when it was still under contract with old national. Greg said that county wouldn't grant them the charter. Jason said that commissioner is right here (and he pointed to Gary Girtton), you can ask him. Jason said he doesn't think the county would deny it either. Jason said he thinks they are giving him incorrect information. Stephen said maybe it's because Thrive is a Credit Union and that may be the trouble. Stephen said that he talked to Merchants bank of Indiana last week and they are not interested in building any brick-and-mortar buildings, they want to do everything online. John Halco met with Chase bank last year and he said that is the same direction they are going. Jason said that we would need to know who denied the charter. Greg will get more information.

Steve closed the meeting @ 6:47pm.



Steve Herrly, President – Town Board



Marcy Yuknavage, Clerk-Treasurer

March 5, 2024

The Farmland Town Council met on Tuesday, March 4, 2024, at 6:00pm, in the council room at 104 E Henry Street for a Regular Town Council Meeting. Those present were Steve Herrly, Jim Main, Jason Welch, Andy Croyle, Melvin Nott, Scott Profit, Rose Profit, Beverly Hammel, Ron Hammel, Ryan Chasey, Andrew Wagner, Don Crose, Mary Lou Clark, Greg Clark, Curt Flannery, Maurice Foudray, Chris Bunner, Robert Ford 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 February 6, 2024, as written. Steve 2nd. All Ayes.

Jim motioned to record the Date Bank Reconciliation as Reconciled. Steve 2nd. All Ayes.

Jim motioned to approve and sign the Payroll Allowance Dockets for February 5, 2024, February 12, 2024, and February 26, 2024. Steve 2nd. All Ayes. The board signed all payroll dockets.

Jim motioned to approve the overtime spreadsheet for the month of February. Steve 2nd. All Ayes.

Randolph County Housing Steering Committee – Andrew Wagner took the floor to explain what he and Ryan Chasey were presenting to the board. Andrew said about 9 months to a year ago he was approached to be on the housing steering committee for Randolph County. The committee was established to simulate how to improve housing as well as how to get people to move to our community. Andrew said that Ryan is with the Housing Resource hub, and he asked him to come in because the committee is trying to find catalyst sites. Andrew said that catalyst sites are basically small housing developments for our communities. Andrew said that we are not talking about hundreds of houses but 10's of houses for our community. Andrew said that one of his first questions is, what is the Town of Farmland's sewer situation? Andy Croyle said that we are still on limitation. Andrew said that Ryan is working with Winchester and Union City because they have some development going on. Andy said that he explained to Ryan that Winchester and Union City has mayors to go to but all other communities in Randolph have town boards and no mayor. Andrew said that they wanted to get in front of the board and explain to them what they want to do and to see if there is any interest in coming along side them to help with some of it. Andrew said that there are grants out there and he said Ryan will talk more about that because he is more familiar with it. Andrew said what we run into a lot of times when we work on these types of projects is that we have the sites. We get