

December 5, 2024

The Farmland Town Council met on Wednesday, December 5, 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, Stephen Conner, Jason Welch, Andy Croyle, Melvin Nott, John Halco, Zach Lee, Chris Bunner, Micheal Sullivan, Joe Bertram and Marcy Yuknavage.

Steve asked everyone to stand for the Pledge.

Steve opened the regular town board meeting.

Stephen motioned to record the Date Bank Reconciliation as Reconciled. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. Stephen motioned to approve and sign the Payroll Allowance Docket for November 2024. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. The board signed the payroll docket.

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

City Building – 1. City Building closed December 24, 25, & 26 for the Christmas Holiday

2. City Building closed January 1st for New Years Day
3. Marcy received the 1782 notice today. She will review and submit the certified budget. She told the board that she has 10 days to submit it.
4. Marcy told the Board that in their folders is a list of all the planned meetings for 2025, including June 24th for a budget meeting and employee evaluation meeting.
5. 2025 Town Holidays and 2025 Payroll Dates are also in their folders
6. Year End Meeting set for December 30th @ 2:00
7. IPEP Medical & Dental employee insurance increased 15.9% for medical & 3% for dental. Marcy told the board that the increase is a little less than last year. She told them that she will start shopping around for something else. She told them that the quotes came in right before she left for vacation and didn't have time to review.

8. United (Life, Vision, STD, and ADD) Life increased from \$10.50 to \$11.25
9. Vote and sign extension for Best Way. Stephen motioned to approve and sign the Best Way extension contract. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. Steve signed the contract.

10. Need to approve and sign the acknowledgement of principal for all three bonds (Marcy's, Tracy's and the Position Bonds), The Board reviewed and approved all three bonds and signed all three.

11. Marcy told the Board that she gave the old Christmas Decorations to the Library because we had some lights and other decorations that we do not use.

12. Marcy explained to the Board that starting December 17th Indiana 811 needs a dedicated person to call for emergency after hours. Currently our phones are forwarded to dispatch, and they call our guys. Indiana 811 said that they need a single person because they will need to respond to prompts. If the prompts are not responded to then we will be charged \$5.00 for each emergency not responded to. They will call the number 3 times before charging us the fee. This only applies to an emergency locate after hours. Stephen said the most natural person would be Andy. Andy said he is fine with that. Stephen made a motion for Andy to be the emergency contact for Indiana 811. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. Jason asked if Andy isn't able to do it, would he call someone else, and Marcy said yes. Joe said that they consider anything an emergency if they can't give 2 business days. John Halco asked if we have received emergency calls in the past and Joe said yes that dispatch would call him, and he would call Andy or Benji.

13. Tomorrow our fall taxes and the sewage lien, in the amount of \$177,062.62 will be in our bank account.

HFUSA – Chris said she didn't have anything to tell.

Police – 1. Steve read the monthly report for November. Stephen made a motion to accept the report.

2. Cost of pucks went up from \$1103.15 to \$1479.33. Melvin said the system is the same but when Randolph County submitted how many pucks we needed, Spillman came back and said the City of Winchester would need to get a license. It was agreed that small departments would pay 5% and the bigger departments would pay 20%. The cost difference is \$376.18. The Sheriff will email Steve and have him sign electronically one document if the Board approves the increase. Melvin said that it is still a five-year contract. Melvin said we won't need to do anything unless one of the pucks goes bad. Stephen asked if the pucks were good for five years. Melvin said no the contract is for the data work and firmware, basically whatever they put in our cars is good for 5 years. If a puck goes bad, then we will need to pay \$221.00 each. Stephen asked if everyone else in Randolph County is doing it. Marcy told him that they approved it last month and that now they need to approve the increase. Stephen made the motion to accept the increase. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. Melvin will get Steve's email after the meeting. Marcy told Melvin she has it in her office.

3. Animal Control – Farmland possible contract with Winchester. Melvin said at the last Police Chiefs meeting, Winchester will no longer accept animals from incorporated areas of Randolph County. Melvin said that he has asked Brandon for a copy of the contract, and he is still

waiting. He said that if we have a dog in our kennel in this weather, we can't take it to Winchester. Melvin said we need to research what we should pay and sign a contract. We really don't take many animals over there. They are always full and have had a big parvo outbreak. Jim said he is in favor because where can we have nowhere to take them. Melvin told them that Farmland only has an outside shelter. Melvin said it's pretty rare that we get a dog that no one claims. Jim and Stephen both feel that we need to look into a contract with Winchester. Melvin said the county gave somewhere around \$85,000 but that was money to add onto the shelter. Melvin said he was thinking a couple thousand dollars a year. Jason said maybe a per animal basis.

Marcy said she also talked to Zach like they asked her to do about coming back and being Animal Control. Zach said that he has been released to work but still has tight restrictions. He said that it's a long process because of the severity of the injuries he sustained. He said despite him physically being in pretty good shape, relatively speaking, he is working on getting everything cleared up with workers comp stuff. Zach said he is in a waiting game for the restrictions. He said it's kind of slow going by easing him back into work. He said he is waiting to get that updated and he doesn't know when it will actually be closed out completely. Stephen said thanks for the update. Steve asked Melvin if he would check on the contract. Melvin said that he thinks a contract will need to be drawn up between the two attorneys. Jason said they may already have one. Melvin said he knows Lynn is looking into a contract with Winchester too.

Fire – 1. Steve read the fire report.

2. Pagers – Melvin said he knew it was tabled from last month. He finally got prices at \$598.50, and he would like to get 10 of them. Melvin said that one of the fire departments budget would cover 7 and he told the Board that Marcy brought up money in the Marshall's Public Safety fund that hasn't been used with Board approval. We would have 10 of the new 700 pagers. Stephen made a motion to approve the purchase of 10 new 700 pagers. Jim 2nd. All eyes. Marcy asked if we could have them before the end of the year and Melvin said yes if that's what you need.

3. VFIS annual insurance \$10,471 Commercial Package and \$2,721.80 for Accident & Sickness. Total cost went down because of changing the deductibles. Stephen made a motion to accept the new quote. Jim 2nd. All eyes.

4. 2025 Fire Contracts for Farmland, Monroe Township, Stoney Creek Township and Green Township. Jason said they will need to vote to approve and sign the contracts. Marcy told them she did a spreadsheet showing them the costs. She told them that the total cost went down because of the deductible changes in insurance. Stephen motioned to approve and sign all fire contracts based on the spreadsheet provided by Marcy. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. The board signed all contracts and gave them back to Marcy.

5. Stephen asked where we were on the new truck. Joe said if he was referring to the new Rescue Truck, the new cab and chassis are sitting in Fort Wayne at the dealership. They should do a pre-delivery inspection on it today or tomorrow. Stephen asked if it will be paid out of the 2024 budget. Marcy said yes.

Street – 1. No monthly report

2. Received Community Crossings Grant (CCMG 2024-2 DES 2400952) on November 7th. Melvin said the grant is for East Pursley, New York and East Street. Steve asked what was being done at the park with the park paving. Marcy told him that isn't part of the CCMG. He said OK.

3. Approve and sign Community Crossings Grant Contract with Choice One. Jim made the motion for Choice One to do the CCMG for the Town. Stephen 2nd. All Ayes.

4. Melvin would like the approval to purchase a salt spreader for the dump truck. Melvin said he has a quote from Wright Way in Albany to put a Boss salt spreader just like the one in the city truck. The quote is for \$10,355.58. Stephen asked if we need to bid that out and Jason said no. Stephen asked if they have one available and Melvin said they need to order it. Jim made a motion to purchase the salt spreader. Stephen 2nd. All Ayes.

5. Melvin said he isn't sure what we will do with the stop sign at the new EMS building. He said he hasn't talked to them yet, but he heard they were concreting that drive. He thinks we might just move the stop sign and put it in the proper way in concrete.

Water – 1. Andy went over the water report line by line (leak @ ambulance building, pit settled, leak @ Wolfs, vac truck from Culy's needed, still working on valves and a hydrant will need replaced.

2. Water inspection by a brand-new guy with IDEM who went through everything. Andy said he was very picky and talked about the screen on the water tower. Marcy said she included a copy of the report in their folders.

3. Normal water rate increases in February. Stephen asked if they need to take any action and Marcy said no because it's an established ordinance to have a 5% increase each year.

4. Pole Barn Quotes tabled from November. Marcy gave them the quote from ADE Construction where he changed the wording. Marcy told them the other quotes are in their last month folders. She told them the new quote is the same price as the previous quote. Stephen asked Jason if the quote was good now and Jason said yes. Steve asked if they needed to motion to go with the new quote. Jason said yes. Jim made a motion to go with ADE Construction for \$71,250 for the new pole barn. Marcy said he is asking for half the money for materials. Marcy asked Jason

to prepare an ordinance in order to pay for materials before the job starts. Jason will prepare an ordinance.

5. Shockney System at Shockney – no word from Jeff. Jason said it doesn't need to be tabled.

6. Concrete unanimously voted during October 1 meeting to have Eric get the 2 yds of concrete for approximately \$200 per yard. Received invoice from IMI for \$762.91. Andy said Eric said it wasn't worth his time to bring us 2 yards of concrete. Stephen said, oh ok. Marcy said, we can't do that. Jason said if it's more then the increase in price needs to be approved in a meeting since you approved a certain amount. Stephen made a motion to approve the \$762.91. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.

7. During October 1st meeting, the roof on the building was tabled to get a revised quote from Phil Childress. Work was completed by Phil without receiving a revised quote. Andy said that was him again. He said he told Phil to take off the metal part and we would do that. Andy said if he was in trouble then he was in trouble. He said we already lost the ceiling so he figured we would have him to just go ahead and do it. Jason told the board if they specifically vote on something, or a certain amount and it's done differently than approved then the town is only on the hook for what was specifically approved. Jason said if it was never approved then it's a problem for Marcy and SBOA. Jason said it isn't the best practice unless there is an emergency. Jim asked Jason how we fix it without getting in trouble. Jason said since it's done then they need to vote to approve the work that is complete and pay the invoice. Jason said if something is done without board approval then it becomes a matter of who will pay the bill since it wasn't approved. Stephen made the motion to approve the bill and Phil Childress work he completed. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. Jason said it should not be standard practice. Jason said Marcy can get in a lot of trouble if it isn't approved ahead of time. Jason said if you all say you will not approve it then Andy would have to pay it. Jason said it shouldn't happen again. Jason said stuff that has not been approved first has been a problem over the last few months.

8. Metal roofing material was bought from Menards instead of SBS Schwartz Building Supply. Stephen said it was probably just a convenience. Marcy said, you guys approved to buy the metal from SBS. Stephen said once again, let's not do that again. Stephen asked Jason if they needed to approve that too. Jason said they need to vote on whether they will approve the purchase from Menards or not. Stephen made a motion to approve the purchase of metal for the roof from Menards instead of SBS. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. Joe asked if there is a stack of metal at SBS with our name on it. Stephen said no, you just drive up there and get it.

9. IDEM Inspection report from November 26, 2024. Marcy told them that Andy had already talked about it.

10. Stephen asked what we are doing with the floor drains in the EMS building. Andy said he talked to Gary and Stephen spoke up and said he talked to them, and they said the state approved the plans and it overrides any ordinance that the town has. Jason said he talked to Meeks they're supposed to be getting us some kind of specs that say that whatever that process is will not allow those things into our sewer system. Supposedly whatever trap is in there, is guaranteed not to go out is what Meeks said. They're supposed to be getting Andy something from the company. Andy said that is what Gary told him last time he was here. Jason said, as long as they can get us something that's saying that there's some kind of warranty or guarantee that it's not going to go in and somebody else is on the hook. That's all we care about. Stephen said Andy can give that information to IDEM.

Sewage – 1. Month of November Report - Andy said some of that is on there he had the guy who we bought the pump from come back and reset it. He said the pumps ran off a computer and they were set up to run exactly the same. So, the guy had to come back and reprogram them.

2. Alex is scheduled to take his test the 13th @ noon

3. Invoice from Dirt Works for \$200 for the tap at 303 E Jackson. Jason said this is another example of a grey area where nothing was in writing and nothing approved ahead of time. Jason asked Andy if Vern said he would charge us ahead of time. Andy said no. Jason said it's a gray area because the tap fee is for us to do it at that price. Jason said, as far as this one goes, I would suggest going ahead and pay it by that. We shouldn't have anybody else do any other of the taps without having the board approve it ahead of time is what my thought would be. He said the contractor really shouldn't have done that without having an agreement saying this is how much money I'm going to get paid for this from you. If I do this so it's just one of those where it's a handshake deal. That's why we don't do handshake deals. They don't work. But as far as this one goes. I would suggest you just pay it and then move on from it, but not do it again. Stephen asked if we could develop a form or something and Jason said we shouldn't have anybody do it unless they get a quote, and it's approved. Stephen made a motion that we pay the \$200. Jim 2nd. All ayes.

4. Stephen asked what the IDEM Confined Feeding Operation was. Marcy told him it was something out on 1000 and the report is in his folder. Transfer of ownership.

5. Marcy said we need to go back to the IDEM Compliance Plan Smoke testing. This is a letter Jill needed to sign to have Curry do the smoke test. Stephen made a motion to sign Compliance Plan Smoke Testing. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. Steve signed.
Marcy told the board about a letter from Choice One releasing us from the Smoke Test.

Ordinances & Resolutions –

1. **Resolution 2024-07 - Establish an Additional Appropriation.** Stephen motion to read Resolution 2024-07 by title only. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. Jason read Resolution 2024-07 by title only. Stephen motioned to approve Resolution 2024-07. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.
2. **Ordinance 2024-05 – 2025 Salary Ordinance** Jim motioned to have the 1st reading of Ordinance 2024-05 by title only. Jason read the 1st reading of Ordinance 2024-07 by title only. Stephen motioned to suspend the rules and have the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 2024-07 by title only. Jason read the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2024-07 by title only. Stephen motioned to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2024-07. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. Jason read the 3rd reading of Ordinance 2024-07 by title only. Stephen motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-07. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.
3. **Sign Ordinance 2024-03 which was approved at the November 6th meeting**

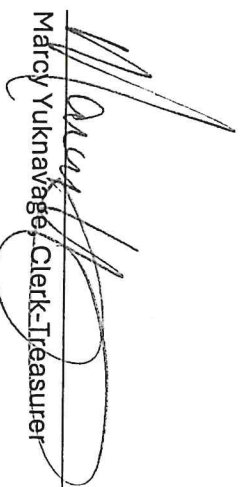
Claims Docket for December 5, 2024- \$128,943.50 – Stephen made a motion to sign the APV Register. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. The board will sign the docket after the meeting.

Citizens Comments – Steve asked if anyone had any comments.

1. Andy said the handrail at the library is rusted and needs fixed. He said we could either totally remove it or fix it. Stephen voted for the town employees to fix or replace it. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.
2. Chris said she should have mentioned that the Christmas Walk seemed to be very busy. She told them about a bingo card they handed out to encourage people to go to every business and get it stamped. Sparrow Creek Church provided caroling. There was a bell ringing choir with the lighting of the Christmas Tree. Carriage rides were provided after chasing down the horse.

Steve closed the meeting @ 7:10pm.


Steve Hernly, President – Town Board


Marcy Yuknavage, Clerk-Treasurer

December 30, 2024

The Farmland Town Council met on Monday, December 30, 2024, at 2:00pm, in the council room at 104 E Henry Street for a Regular Town Council Meeting. Those present were Steve Hernly, Jim Main, Stephen Conner, and Marcy Yuknavage.

Steve opened the special year end town board meeting.

City Building – 1. Jim nominated Steve for 2025 Town Board President. Stephen 2nd. All Ayes.
2. Marcy let the Board know that she shorted check 18815 written to Tim Cheeseman by \$352.82 so she wrote check 18821 and mailed it on December 12
3. There will be a Special Meeting on January 16th @2:00 to open sealed CCMG bids.
4. Vote and sign contract to retain attorney, Jason Welch. Jim motioned to retain Jason the same as last year. Stephen 2nd. All Ayes. Board signed contract.
5. Stephen motioned to sign the Conflict-of-Interest Jason sent Marcy concerning Area Plan (same as previous years). Jim 2nd All Ayes. The board signed the Conflict of Interest.

Fire – 1. Marcy let the Board know she wrote the check for \$72,200.00 to Kelly Chevrolet for the new Rescue 34 chassis.

Water – 1. Marcy asked the Board to please go through the proper procedure when a call out is needed. She asked them to please tell residents to call the City Building number instead of the Board members calling the guys themselves. We need the proper paper trail for issues.

2. There is an estimated amount of \$4400 above the cost for the new building. Jason said the Board can either vote to re-bid the project or vote to pay the additional money for the architect and state approval. Stephen motioned to pay the additional money as long as receipts are provided. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.