


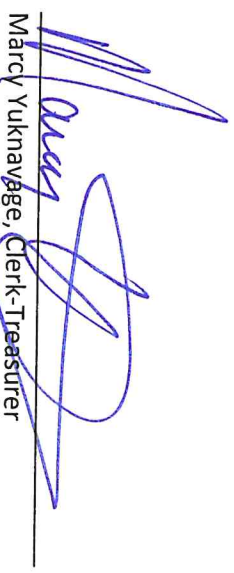
Tim is planning on retiring. Marcy asked when and Stephen told her soon, maybe later this summer. Stephen said he is selling the truck and everything to Corrigan. He said that he talked to Tim while he was delivering fuel. Tim told him that he gave the tanks to the town, and they needed to be painted to preserve their integrity of them. Tim also told him that he my go to work part time for Corrigan. That way if he decides to work one day he can.

Steve asked anything else. No replies.

Steve closed the meeting @ 2:28 pm.



Steve Hernly, President – Town Board



Marcy Yuknavage, Clerk-Treasurer

July 2, 2024

The Farmland Town Council met on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, 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, Melvin Nott, John Halco, Curtis Cunningham, Maurice Foudray, Curt Flannery, and Marcy Yuknavage.

Steve called the meeting to order.

Steve asked everyone to stand for the Pledge.

Steve opened the regular town board meeting.

Stephen motioned to accept the minutes for June 4, 2024, as written. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.

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

Stephen motioned to approve and sign the Payroll Allowance Docket for the month of June. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. The board signed both payroll dockets.

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

City Building – 1. July 26, 2024, will be the last day to purchase Hometown Heroes Banner.

2. Discuss charge for mowing residential property. Jim said he believes it should be a minimum unless it is really big or unduly high then it should be more. Stephen asked how many yards are currently being mowed. Melvin and Andy said that they do not believe we have mowed any this year. Stephen asked who mowed the ban and Melvin told him that we mowed it one time. Melvin said the bank isn't residential, it's commercial so we would need to add commercial into the ordinance. Melvin said that we mowed the bank because the fair was coming, and he didn't want it to look like crap. Jason said the ordinance needs some updating, so if they would like to add a fee, now would be a good time. Jason said it takes a few weeks before the town can mow a property. Jason told the board that Marcy conveyed to him that Parker City charges \$100 if they must mow. Jim and Steve both said \$100 charge sounds good to them. Marcy explained, Kim told her once they changed the fee to \$100 the people started mowing their own grass. Stephen asked if Parker had a hard time collecting the money. Marcy told him that Kim said there is one person who she files a lien with every year. Jason said that our ordinance needs some work if we want to enforce the fee and file a lien. Stephen asked Jason if we would have something next month and Jason told him that they need to decide on the fee. Steve and Stephen said they would like to charge \$100. Stephen asked if we want the ordinance fee to include commercial. Jason asked Melvin what he thought. Melvin said he feels most commercial property is small. Jim said he feels we should charge the same. Jason said they probably paid \$50 for someone to mow it. Jaso asked if they want to make it \$100 because you must maintain the mowers, cost of gas and the personal having the time to do it. Jim said he feels the \$100 is fair. Jason said they would probably pay the \$100 once. Melvin told Jason he believes he would be surprised. Steve asked if we could charge more the second time. Jason said the cost must correlate to the expenses. Stephen said the problem may be that \$100 might be cheap enough where people don't mind paying it. Melvin said he knows Cameron charges \$40 a yard on a regular basis. Jason said that \$100 isn't out of line for a charge. And everyone said no it isn't. Stephen made a motion for Jason to update the mowing ordinance to charge \$100. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.

3. Office will be closed on July 4th.

4. Marcy presented the board with information on TextMyGov replacing Code Red. Marcy asked the board to take the information home to review and they could make a decision next month. She told them that some other municipalities use this app. She told them it offers more benefits than what we currently use. She told them that she talked to Alyssa, the Clerk-Treasurer from South Whiteley and she said she absolutely loves the app. She said the app can answer questions that her office had to answer before getting the app. Stephen asked how much we pay per year for Code Red and Marcy told him that she didn't know off the top of her head. Marcy said she believes this app costs more than Code Red, but this app also does so much more than Code Red and we would not need to worry about running over our "bucket" of minutes. Marcy asked if she could put this on next month's agenda and they could make a decision. Steve told her yes.

5. Ambulance building update. Melvin said it was approved. Stephen said they will be breaking ground very soon.

HFUSA – Curtis said, no, nothing

Police – Melvin gave his report for the month and said that it has been a quiet month. Stephen brought up kids driving golf carts. Melvin said he hadn't seen any. Stephen said he almost hit one head on while on Mulberry Street. Stephen said he is out there a lot of evenings. He also said he believes he lives on Plum South Street or one of the streets over there. Melvin said he doesn't know because he has never seen them.

Fire – 1. Melvin gave his report for the month and commented that they were very slow. Steve commented that was good. Jim said it looked nice in front of the fire station and Melvin told him thank you. Stephen said that he liked that they hung the sign back on the building and the metal on the side of the building. Melvin said they need to finish the doors, some things put back but that they are getting there. Stephen asked if Melvin had the bid on the truck and Melvin said no because the guy was going on vacation and then Joe was going on vacation.

2. Marcy let the Board know that she still has not received the fire contract money from Stoney Creek Township. Melvin told them that he texted him already and he responded and said that he would text him again. Jim asked who the trustee was, and Melvin told him Andrew Cleveland. Melvin said he lives on top the hill on State Road 1 and Windsor Road. Stephen asked when we negotiated with the townships. Marcy told him, she mails out the contracts in December. She said usually everyone pays before April. Stephen asked if we needed to send them a letter and Melvin said he talked to him at the last meeting and he told Melvin he forgot and will send it right out. Melvin said he would text him again.

3. Clubhouse has had a very high-water usage (June 12,600 gallons \$264.14 & July 19,600 gallons \$389.77). Stephen asked if there was a leak and Melvin told him that it was the toilets, and he thought he had them fixed. Melvin said he didn't know it and Tracy brought it to his attention the other day. He said that he thought they were fixed because he had been down there three or four times, and nothing was running that he could hear. Melvin said the men's toilet keeps sticking. Steve asked if there were shut offs on the toilets and Melvin said he thinks there are now.

4. Melvin said there were three guys taking an EMR class being put on by Zach Lee and he is instructed through Jay County. He said the class is in town, down at the Lions Club. Marcy asked who the 3 guys were. Melvin said Eli Connor, Trevor Whitted and Scooter (Patrick Geary). Melvin said EMS is totally different from fire because they don't need to be a certain age to get their certification like you do on the fire side.

Street – Melvin said he didn't give them a report because we haven't done anything. He told them he has some potholes to fill but he isn't going to do it in 95° weather.

Melvin said we need to discuss if we want to do the grant. He told them we got the problem solved. He said there were some things they needed, and it was no big deal. He told them Marcy told him we owed INDOT some money back because the cost came in less than the bid. Marcy said she believes it was \$589 and it's in the APV Register to be approved and paid. Stephen asked if the last one was closed now, and Melvin said it would be. Melvin said Luke told him if the other one was still open, it wouldn't stop us from getting approved for the next one.

Melvin said his thoughts were for N Pursley, East Street, and New York. Melvin said that we have kind of done additions in the past, the next addition would be this one. Melvin told them it is bad at the intersection of East Street and New York. Stephen said he believes we need to pursue it. Melvin said it's easy for him because all he needs to do is call Luke, and Luke does all the work. He told them it's harder for Marcy with her end of it. He said all he needs to do is make sure they do a decent job. Melvin said he liked how the last one, which was Milestone, crack sealed each intersection. He said he would talk to Luke and have that added to our process. He said it would cost a little more, but he said at each joint, they crack seal it. Melvin told them that typically potholes start at the joints. He said out at Wolf's, Milestone went back, and crack sealed all the joints, and it wasn't part of the bid. He said it makes it a stronger joint and water will not get in it. Marcy told them she budgeted \$54,000 in MVH for CCMG. Melvin said he could call Luke tomorrow to get on it if they approve because we only have until July 31st. The Board agreed to move forward with CCMG.

Water – 1. Andy told the board that he ordered the hydrants. He told them the valve doesn't turn on for the one on Jackson. He said it was buried 1 ½ feet deep and he is afraid to torque on it. Andy said the only way to put that one in is they will need to put a line stop in there and new valves. He will have all the parts and Culy will come and do it. He said he called Cobalt and Eric and neither one of them can do it. Andy said at least Culy lets us buy the parts. Andy said he asked Tom if he wanted us to dig it and he said no, he would probably back it. Andy also said that Culy wanted to know if they could park in the resident's yard so they will not have to block Jackson. They said if they damage anything, they will fix it. Andy said the quote from Culy (\$7200) is for the line stop and labor. Andy said with the new valve installed, they can shut the water down from there and replace the other hydrant out at Wolf's Wooded Acres. Right now, we don't have a valve to shut off that end of town. Stephen made a motion to proceed with this. Jim 2nd. Melvin said, we don't use those hydrants anyway because there's no pressure out there.

2. Andy said the hydrants cost \$3638 a piece. He said these are the smaller hydrants, but they are good ones. He said we will probably be doing this every year. He said these two hydrants always worked perfectly, but they are so old. He said that there are about 6 or so that will need to be changed because of their age and just be prepared for next year.

3. Andy said they got all the yards fixed, finally just in time for another water problem.

4. Andy said the old pump house's roof is leaking. Melvin said he went in it Saturday or Sunday and it has a major leak. Andy said they will remove all the sheeting. Stephen asked if they would do it in house. Andy said they have another well house to start o also, so they will get the metal for both buildings. Melvin said, the pump house has all the electric for the pumps in it. Steve asked what kind of roof is on it now and Melvin said shingles. Melvin said it isn't very pitched, but he doesn't know where its leaking from. Steve asked if it should have a metal roof put on it and Melvin said he thought we should. He thought it would be cheaper in the long run and we shouldn't have to worry about it. He said that there is electrical in there and in the winter, the lawn mowers are stored in there. Melvin said it's a block building with no power except the electrical for the fuel pumps. The pump house receives its power from the red barn. Andy said they will start on the pump house before the well house because it's leaking. Andy said that was all he had for water.

5. 2014 Chevrolet Utility truck is at American Chevrolet. Andy said it has an oil leak which started in the winter and now it's bad. He said they told him it was the oil line for the cooler, and it would cost \$1,315.75 to repair it. The other problem is the rear end, it has a clunk when it down shifts. The quote to rebuild it is \$4,050.00. Andy said he called around and we could get a used one for \$750. Andy thinks we should get the used one and have someone put it in. Melvin told him Ethan could do it. Melvin said he has fixed some other things for the town like the dump truck. Stephen said it would be better than the \$4000. Marcy asked who Ethan was and Melvin told her that he is a certified mechanic who works for Mid America Shows and does work on the side. Melvin said he is a good mechanic, knows what he is doing and doesn't charge very much. Stephen asked if the repair had been done and Andy said no, not yet because he wanted to see if they wanted him to leave it there and get the oil lines fixed then take it to Ethan to fix the rear end. Marcy told them that currently we have \$290 invested in the diagnostics because they charge \$145 for each diagnostic test. Andy said, or we could trade it in for a new one. Stephen asked if Ethan could also fix the oil leak. Andy said he probably could, he would ask him. Stephen said we will loose \$200 but maybe gain it back with him doing it. Stephen made a motion to pick up the truck and take it to Ethan to repair. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.

6. IDEM – cybersecurity assessment program. Marcy told them that she didn't have time to read over it. She told them that they needed to read it.

Sewage – 1. Report for the month of June. Andy told the board that he gave it to them along with the paperwork from Curry for the Compliance Plan. Andy asked them to read through it and they can talk about it at a later date. He told them that the only thing we need to do is to get the smoke test scheduled for the fall. Andy told them that the smoke test was part of the old compliance plan, and we were waiting for all the boring to be done before we did it. He told them he believes the boring is done because he hasn't received any more locates. He said he would make sure it is done and then asked the board if they wanted him to get quotes for the next meeting and they said yes.

2. Andy told the board that we received the new pump and it's out in the shop. He said that he will get it scheduled to be installed maybe next week. Andy told them that it is a different height, so they must pour concrete for it to mount on. He told them it is also a different height between the inlet and outlet so they will need to cut a section out of the pipe. Andy said they told him it should only take a couple of days. Marcy asked Andy, who would be doing the job, and he told her Culy.

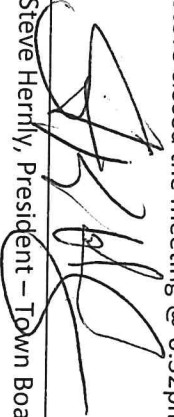
Claims Docket for July 2, 2024 - \$126,367.88 – Stephen made a motion to sign the APV Register. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. The board will sign the docket after the meeting.

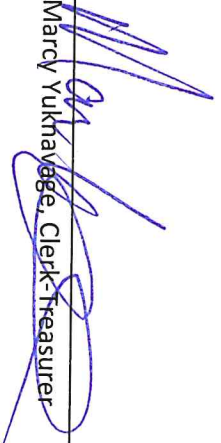
Ordinances & Resolutions – Ordinance 2024-01 Establish Hometown Heroes Holding Fund. Jason explained to the Board that this ordinance is to establish a fund to hold and distribute the money for the Hometown Hero Banners. Stephen motioned to have first reading by title only. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. Jason read the first reading of Ordinance 2024-01 by title only. Jim motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2024-01 by title only. Stephen 2nd. All Ayes. Stephen motioned to suspend the rules for the second and third reading of Ordinance 2024-01 by title only. Jim 2nd. All ayes. Jason read the second reading of Ordinance 2024-01 by title only. Stephen motioned to approve the second reading of

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

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

Steve closed the meeting @ 6:32pm.


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Marcy Yuktavage, Clerk-Treasurer