

## June 18, 2024

The Farmland Town Council met on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 2:00pm, in the council room at 104 E Henry Street for a Special Budget Town Council Meeting. Those present were Steve Hernly, Jim Main, Stephen Conner, Melvin Nott, and Marcy Yuknavage.

### **Steve called the special budget meeting to order.**

**City Building** - Raises for employees. Marcy asked the board members if she should budget for raises. Jim asked what the raises were last year, and Marcy told him \$2000 each. Stephen said that \$2000 won't keep up with inflation. Stephen made a motion to allow at least a \$2000 raise for each employee. Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Ayes

### **Police – Melvin said that they are good and don't need anything.**

**Fire -** 1. \$800,000 minimum estimate for new fire truck to replace Engine 31. Melvin told the board that the \$800,000 is a guess and that they have not received anything back and it will be over a two-year build time (865 days) which will be 2027. Melvin said the engineers that are building the specs haven't even got all the stuff from Hoosier fire yet. Melvin told them the cost of trucks continues to go up. He said in 2019 we paid \$300,000 for the tanker and engines cost a lot more than tankers probably tripling it for an engine. Marcy told them that Marcy almost fell over with a heart attack when he told her. He told them he understands that it is a huge number and that the time for buying cheap trucks is over. Stephen asked if we should start budgeting for it now and Marcy told them that she started last year but didn't think it would be \$800,000. Stephen asked her what she budgeted, and she told him she started at \$500,000. Stephen said that there is a question too about the \$99,000 from the tanker insurance. Marcy told him that \$99,000 is for the next topic.

2. Melvin said that they would like to re-chassis 34 which is the rescue truck. Melvin told them he didn't know when we bought the truck and had the box put on and the truck is way overweight for what we have. Melvin told the board that they would like to keep the same box, re-chassis and re-light with LED's and get rid of the strobes because they have a higher alternator on it now to keep up with what they must run. Melvin said that Joe has talked to the salesman where he bought his trucks at Kelly Chevrolet and the salesman told him that he put a truck out for bid to build and he thinks it will be around the \$73,000 mark give or take a couple \$1000 because it hasn't been built yet. The salesman said the build will almost fit our specifications for the chassis we want to put our box on. Stephen said, so you're thinking of not replacing the tanker with another tanker and Melvin said yes, we are not replacing it. Marcy asked Melvin if he knew what the lights would cost for the new 34 and Melvin told her Joe was working on the price and he said he doesn't think it will cost much because most of the things we have the light housings for and we only need to change to LED. Melvin said the existing LED lightbar draws so much amperage compared to the new style LED which have been out for years, but they don't have any drawl on the truck. Melvin said they have a huge alternator on the rescue truck which costs around \$600 because there is so much drawl. Stephen said to Melvin, that the chassis and lights would not exceed the \$99,000 and Melvin said no he doesn't think so at all. Stephen said that we also received money donated from Monroe Township and Marcy spoke up and told him that the \$30,000 was voted in the April meeting to go towards the new fire truck. Stephen said, so with what you're budgeting now isn't going to be nearly enough, correct? Marcy asked him, enough for what and Stephen said for the new fire truck and Marcy told him definitely not and Steve said only about half as much. Steve asked how much has been put aside and Marcy told him it is hard to say because it is a guessing game until we get some concrete numbers. Stephen asked if we have the funds available to pay for a new truck. Marcy told him that this meeting is to decide what needs to be in the budget and go from there. Marcy told him that she does not have an answer to that question right now. Stephen told her that we can't budget more than he got. Stephen said he is trying to figure out how we are going to make payments for \$800,000. Marcy told him that's the point of this meeting was for her to know what needs to be worked into the budget. Melvin said he believes we will know what the price will be, and we can put it out to bid. Melvin said that we will get a cost from Hoosier Fire and remove their name and Spartan name from the bid specs and then those specs go out to the public to bid. Melvin said that they have always done the bidding this way. The work Hoosier Fire to create the build specs for what they want. After the build specs are approved then the names are removed, and the specs are sent out for everyone else to bid. Melvin said that is how everyone does it and it's how we've done it on all other fire trucks. Melvin said that we are getting rid of an 8-man cab, and we really can't get another 8-man cab, but we don't want to downsize our trucks because we still have guys show up. The new truck will be a 7-man cab. Marcy asked if we will be selling engine 31 and Melvin told her yes but not to get her hopes up because the last fire truck we sold for \$3000. He said there were only 13 of the KME Falcons built and one sold recently in Ohio for \$12,000. He said Joe tried to bid on it when it was in the \$5000 range. It was the identical year, same everything except it didn't have the KME Falcon on it. He said we got a deal for putting the KME Falcon on the front. Melvin said to not look for a huge price. He said it will make somebody a great fire truck like a small volunteer department. He said that we will probably get more out of 34 when we sell it because it has a 730 diesel in it, and everybody wants that motor. Melvin said

that 34 is technically titled to the fire department and the engine is ours. Marcy questioned if the new 34 would belong to the town and Melvin said yes but it would be titled to both because the chassis would belong to the town and the box would be titled to the fire department. Melvin said it really doesn't matter because it's basically the same. Melvin said that they would be using the insurance money to buy the chassis so it would be titled to the town.

Marcy asked the board if they would approve of the fire department replacing the cab and chassis on 34 with the insurance money from the tanker. Steve said it sounds like they need it and Jim said he doesn't think we have any options. Melvin said they are looking at a 55 or 6500 series chevy, 4 door, 4-wheel drive. Stephen asked if they were wanting gas or diesel. Melvin said he didn't know but assumed diesel. Melvin said that we are going to try and do everything in house as far as resetting the box. He said they may need to go to Shorty Tinsman's shop to do some finagling, but he will be right there to help. He already offered to help if we need it. Stephen made a motion to use the tanker insurance money to purchase a new cab and chassis for 34. Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Ayes.

Marcy asked if there is anything else they need or want added to the budget. Steve asked what we need to do with the budget for the new truck. Marcy told him that she will start working on the budget in July and will try and figure this out. She told them that we put a lot of money down on the new tanker which kept our payments down. She told them that we will need to take out a loan but would not know how much the payments would be because of it being over 2 years out and interest rates will change by then. Steve said OK.

Melvin said, not to change the subject but in the News Gazette a construction company out of Richmond will be starting on the new EMS building. They are planning to start within 30 days and finish between 90 to 120 days.

Marcy asked them if they had any projects they wanted looked at for the new year. Stephen said he would like to see the paving of the walking path done and Marcy told him Vern was supposed to get her a quote. Marcy asked if she should put it in the paper for bid and Melvin told her that she would need all the measurements. Melvin said that she should call a couple of paving companies and have them come and give a quote. He said that they would walk the path and take the measurements and know what will need. He said a small paving company would be good for it. Melvin said he is in the same boat because the patch down on Henry Street needs fixed. Steve said, the county used American paving, but he didn't know anything about them. Melvin said he could call them.

Steve said that we will need to do a little work on the Red Barrn. Stephen said that we should budget money there and Marcy told him that she would need to know how much. Melvin said they need gutters because they are falling off the backside. Stephen said another door and maybe replace the door that is there. Melvin told him, there is nothing wrong with that door. Melvin said they don't use the small doors. Melvin said, one door doesn't work very well, but nobody uses it because it's small and it's a terrible design. Steve asked if it needs different doors and Melvin said he doesn't think so at this point because it works perfect for what they use it for. He said at least it does for him but ask Andy. He said that he parks the paving truck in there because of the 220 plug and then most everything else is Andy's. Steve asked if the roof needed painted or anything and Melvin said they painted it last time.

Jim asked about the roof which is on this building and Melvin said he thinks it is still good. Stephen said he assumed the leaks all got fixed. Melvin told him the leaks were from the square building. Melvin told him when the peak was added it changed the roof.

Stephen said all the vehicles are in pretty good shape.

Stephen asked if would be applying for the next grant if we get the current one closed. Melvin said we need to apply before the end of July. Melvin said he agreed with what Marcy said about never having any problems with Ryan and the grants. Marcy told them there are towns which do the paperwork themselves, but she doesn't have time to do it.

Stephen asked if Marcy ever received any answers on the ordinance. Marcy asked what ordinance. Marcy told him she does have one which will be done at the next regular meeting.

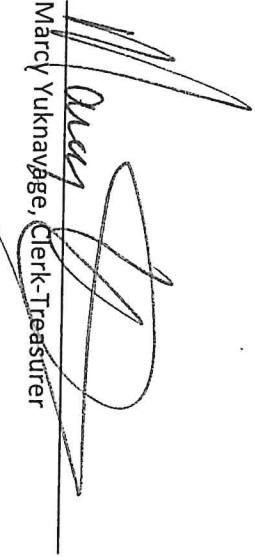
Steve asked if anyone had anything else. Stephen asked if anyone needed anything in the office. Steve asked if all the equipment was good. Stephen asked if we are doing alright with fuel because the cost is going up. Marcy told him that she hadn't looked at the numbers but would be reviewing everything after she closes June. Stephen said we may need to see about purchasing our fuel differently because

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 may 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 Hernaly, 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 Hernaly, 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Ayes.

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

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

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

3. Office will be closed on July 4<sup>th</sup>.