

The September 13, 2021 Farmersville Town Board meeting was called to order at 7pm by Supervisor Lounsbury, all stood for the pledge.

Present:

Supervisor Francis Lounsbury

Councilman Richard Westfall

Pamela Tilton

Donna Vickman

Mark Heberling

Town Clerk Bridget Holmes

Hwy Superintendent Barry Tingue

Town Attorney Eric Firkel (came in late)

Guests- see sign in book

A motion was made to accept the minutes by Mrs. Vickman and seconded by Mrs. Tilton, carried
Hwy Report:

Mr. Tingue asked again if he could have a budget report after this month's bills were paid so that he knew exactly where he was, because he could be going over. He stated that he wrote something up concerning Clark Rd since he asked in March for something to be written up and Mr. Lounsbury stated that he had requested an estimate before he did something; Mr. Tingue stated that he didn't have to give an estimate as long as he is in budget as that is part of his job and at this time it is only labor and fuel. He also asked why the agenda was not being given out and Mr. Lounsbury stated only board members were allowed to have that.

Supervisor Report – read by Mr. Lounsbury

Town Clerk's Report- a motion was made to accept by Mr. Lounsbury and seconded by Mr. Westfall, carried

Judge- no report

Reports from board members:

American Rescue Plan- Mr. Tingue suggested that the Hwy employees receive a bonus as the County employees did receive something. Also was brought up that the board had decided to upgrade to LED lights in the light district and Clerk Holmes brought up at that time that the board had done a prepay for this bill and it was not interest bearing so that it should not have been paid. She also stated that on the bill Mr. Heberling's personal address was used as the billing address for the town and that was not right, Mr. Heberling stated that he did not know how that happen but also questioned Clerk Holmes why it says Harris Hill on the bill. She stated that the previous town clerk had tried to change it but could not and she figured it was based on the fact that there use to be a road that continued on past the town hall years ago.

On the subject of the American Rescue Plan, Mrs. Vickman did confirm what Mr. Tingue stated about the County employees getting bonuses. Mr. Tingue asked also if the money could be used for a storage building and he had information for a 40x80 for \$10300.00.

Mr. Heberling stated that there was a Rail & Trails meeting in Little Valley at the end of the month and the County was taking the lead and reaching out to see what towns were interested in joining in, other board members questioned when it was and he did not have that information with him and he thought it was by invitation.

New Business:

It was brought up by Mr. Lounsbury about the new law that will go into effect with the marijuana on Jan 1, 2022 and towns have to Dec31, 31, 2021 to opt out. Discussion follow about opting out of this law- does not have anything to do with personal use. A motion was made by Mr. Lounsbury to hold a public hearing on Oct 18, 2021 concerning this law and to have the regular meeting also at that time and it was seconded by Mr. Westfall, carried

Mr. Heberling stated that he was still working with the hazardous mitigation plan and there was possible grants available and was going to attend a Fema webinar.

A motion was made by Mr. Westfall to make the standard work day for the Town of Farmersville 8hrs and part time is 6hrs and seconded by Mrs. Vickman, carried.

It was also reported that it was being looked into for a possible scanner for the historian.

Requests from the floor:

Mr. Jeff Peterson stated that he foil requested a copy of the letter of engagement for a lawyer and was told that the town clerk did not have such records. Is there no physical copy for the town records? What is the insurance actually paying for the lawsuits? Mr. Peterson stated that the resolution to hire the Rupp law firm was made in March of 2021 but why are they charging for Dec 2020, Jan and Feb 2021, Mr. Firkel stated that he had the authority to hire Rupp if he felt the need was there, the board did not know.

Mr. Firkel was then questioned by Mrs. Tilton why he hadn't submitted a bill as the resolution stated he was to do so quarterly.

Mr. Dan Mack asked if there was any update on Armstrong going live?

Mrs. Elana Kozak asked why they didn't read code enforcement's report. It was then read by Mr. Lounsbury.

Mrs. Lois Lane brought up about Darling Road and the court's decision, Mr. Lounsbury told her to take to the courts and they were moving on.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. Lounsbury and seconded by Mr. Heberling, carried

A motion was made to go into executive session to discuss lawsuits by Mrs. Vickman and seconded by Mrs. Tilton at 8:25pm, carried. A motion was made to come out of executive session at 9:12pm, by Mr. Lounsbury and seconded by Mr. Westfall, carried

A motion to adjourn at 9:12pm by Mrs. Tilton and seconded by Mr. Westfall, carried

Respectfully submitted

Bridget Holmes

