

The Farmersville Town Board meeting on November 8,2021 was called to order at 7pm by Deputy Town Supervisor Mark Heberling, all stood for the pledge.

Present:

Councilman Mark Heberling
Richard Westfall
Pam Tilton
Donna Vickman

Town Clerk Bridget Holmes

Hwy Superintendent Barry Tingué

Absent: Town Supervisor Francis Lounsbury

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

Public Hearing for the 2022 budget was started at 7:02pm

Open for public comment:

Elana Kozak- Felt it was very wrong that Hwy Superintendent did not get a raise

Lois Lane- She feels same way that Elana felt that it wasn't fair that the Hwy superintendent did not get a raise also, but asked the question Why did the historian get a raise?

Jon Perkins- Why didn't the hwy superintendent get a raise? When he works 7 days a week in the winter?

Chris Furman- Barry deserves a raise

Tom Callahan – Why did you lower the attorney fees to \$25,000? Do you truly believe that you will not any more than that, that all these lawsuits will be taken care of.

Bill Kozak Why did the historian get the raise and how is she accountable? For the hwy superintendent position the raise should be for the position not the person.

Dale Scurr- He stated that he knew things were said in the heat of the moment by Barry and Pete both said things but there is no background and everyone has to look at the big picture.

Asking for any more comments

A motion was made to close the public hearing by Mr. Westfall and seconded by Mr. Heberling, carried

At 7:12pm the regular meeting began

A motion was made by Mr. Westfall to go into executive session for legal matters and were inviting Mr. Scurr in also and the town attorney at 7:12pm and seconded by Mr. Heberling,carried.

A motion was made to come out of executive session at 8:17pm by Mr. Heberling and Mrs. Tilton seconded the motion, carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Heberling to pay the abstracts and seconded by Mrs. Tilton, carried

General V158-169=\$3898.42 Hwy V141-V153=\$23,772.93

Hwy:

Mr. Tingue stated that the Hwy crew was still working on Clark Rd and he stated that he had submitted the Chips paperwork. On the subject of Kingsbury Hill Bridge, he sent an email to all the board members about any documentation that they had about the Kingsbury Hill Bridge and had received no answer from them. He had received a phone call from a bridge inspector and he wanted all documentation concerning the bridge, Mr. Heberling stated that he could make some copies of what he had.

A motion was made by Mrs. Vickman to accept the supervisor's report and seconded by Mr. Westfall, carried.

No report from the town clerk as she was having problems with the computer program

A motion was made to purchase a laptop for the building code inspector and a new desktop computer for the town clerk by Mrs. Vickman and seconded by Mrs. Tilton, carried

Town justice- no report

A letter from the Farmersville Fire District requesting money from the American Rescue Plan was read by clerk Holmes. Mr. Heberling stated that he would like contact information for the district as there was a Fema grant being offered.

A motion was made for the town attorney to prepare an easement for Clark Rd, by Mrs. Tilton and seconded by Mrs. Vickman, carried.

Cheese Plant

Mr. Scurr questioned about the parking lot with the cheese plant and if the resolution was including that.

A motion was made by Mrs. Tilton, to amend the word structures in the resolution establishing .24 per square foot commercial and seconded by Mrs. Vickman, carried. A motion was made to pass the resolution for .24 per square foot for the structures by Mrs. Vickman and Mr. Heberling, carried.

Budget:

Discussion on the budget by the board members :

Mrs. Vickman stated that she was going to be voting no and she wanted to clarify to Mr. Westfall that he didn't know her and she took exception to his complaint that she was voting no because Mr. Tingue was her son in law.

Mrs. Tilton- stated that she has had her own business for years and you have to put personal reasons aside and she believes that the hwy superintendent deserves a raise and she was going to vote no

A motion was made by Mr. Heberling to bring the budget to a vote and seconded by Mr. Wesfall:

Roll Call

Mrs. Tilton- no

Mrs. Vickman-no

Mr. Westfall-yes

Mr. Heberling- yes not passed

Requests from the floor:

Elana Kozak questioned the town attorney as being stated in the meeting a week before why paperwork was not drawn up when requested by the Hwy Superintendent and it was stated that Mr. Firkel said that the town board told him not to and all the board members stated that it wasn't me that told him not to. Mr. Firkel stated that he received an email along with the other board members asking for the cost estimates for Clark Rd and nothing was forthcoming and no one else responded to the email from Mr. Lounsbury.

A group of residents and taxpayers on Hardy Corners Rd came and asked about zoning as they were told that a sawmill, kiln and a small store was going up next to them. Board stated that there was no zoning in Farmersville so there was not much that could be done.

Jeff Peterson stated that he hoped the town was ready for the new law that was passed for the town meetings and articles had to be put up 24 hrs before meetings. Also stated to Mr. Firkel that he had more questions concerning his foil requests and Mr. Firkel stated that he could email them to him

Lois Lane stated that she still was requesting that the board rescind the resolution concerning Darling RD

A question was brought up about the fire department needed to be included in the meetings with the Cheese Plant and Mr. Heberling stated that it was up to the code enforcement to work with the fire department.

There was a discussion about exchanging roads with the county concerning Pigeon Hill and Elton Rd, and Mr. Heberling stated that he would be meeting with Bill Fox about this and discussion followed about the bridges on Elton Rd and then Mr. Heberling stated that he would reach out to Mark Burr.

Board members questioned Mr. Heberling about getting the budget passed and he stated that he would talk to Mr. Lounsbury about another meeting .

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:13pm by Mr. Heberling and seconded by Mrs. Tilton, carried.

Respectfully submitted

Bridget Holmes

