Farmington Town Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 5, 2019

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**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Chair Caroline Murphy presided. The opening statement was given. Notices were properly published and posted.

**Roll Call:** Caroline Murphy-Chair, Craig Nelson-Supervisor I, Mark Jensen-Supervisor II, Town of Dayton John Miller-Chair, Dave Armstrong-supervisor, Town of Lind Steve Gall-Chair, Waupaca School Board, Sandra Robinson-Board Treasurer, Dale Feldt-Board Member, Danielle Taggart Clerk-Treasurer, and 7 citizens.

**Approve Agenda:** A motion by Mark Jensen seconded by Craig Nelson to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**New Business:**

1. Open discussion with Waupaca School Board members, District Administrator and Athletic Director regarding FUND 80.

-FUND 80 has not been addressed by the school board.

-Aug 30 Finance Committee meeting at 1:00 pm in the community room at the high school.

a) Caroline Murphy: What are the taxing limits for FUND 80?

b) John Miller: Wants to get some history specifically, an explanation as to why the city approached the school board. Help us understand the rational that was given to the school board for getting them involved in City activities such as the park and rec.

c) Mark Jensen: Why has the amount ballooned to $350,000 versus the $195,000 that was originally projected when Aaron Jensen presented this? Is there a way to get a breakdown as to where this is coming from?

d) Dave Armstrong: Wants to know what the reason for the sudden want for the school to take over?

e) Caroline Murphy: Wants to know if FUND 80 goes into place do you think that the school district will take over birth to death. Will they take over all or will it be separate?

 -Sandra Robinson: Spoke with DPI and they said there is a variety of options and they can target certain things.

f) Caroline Murphy: Do you foresee FUND 80 funding breakfast and after school and senior, the focus is meeting needs that are not otherwise being meet?

g) Mark Jensen: What about doing a referendum? Sandra Robinson said it is an option but it would be advisory so the board can take it and do what they want with it.

h) John Miller: Has DPI been invited to attend a meeting with their expertise?

i) Caroline Murphy: If you go the route of FUND 80 and give the City $350,000 how will the school keep that under thumb? What would the burden be on the school district?

j) John Miller: Says he is nervous about the use of solution. Sandra Robinson said defining what we are looking at and it is a problem whose and what is the next step?

k) John Miller: Says they are going to present the numbers to you (City) and they don’t make sense. You show revenue but there are no expenses? Where are the expenses? Dale Feldt sounds like rumors are going around that we are ready to sign something and that is not the case they are far from any type of discussion on a decision.

l) Dave Armstrong: Said Dayton had a 76 to 1 vote against FUND 80 because the Towns will no longer have the power to negotiate and force them to keep their budget.

m) Steve Gall: Said FUND 80 was not designed to rescue the City Parks and Rec departments. They may get the funding for one year and after that will be it. Kevin Peterson was not happy with what the city is trying to do. Dale Feldt lives in Lanark and knows the financial burden of the park and rec fees.

n) John Miller: Says most people don’t know what FUND 80 is and when you explain it as a taxation that the school district can control it. Sandra thought it was going to be on the Waupaca School District and not a separate line item for FUND 80.

o) Money needed to be shifted. Doesn’t FUND 80 become a mechanism for the school district to get more tax money. Fund 80 cannot be put in the general fund even a small portion becomes a bigger number over all. So carefully audited and that the auditors would say it is an ineligible item to do. The ability to cost shift is what bothers John Miller.

p) Dave Armstrong: Has the school board done any research into FUND 80? Sandra Robinson said she had gone to Neenah and spoken with them. Dave Armstrong said to Google FUND 80 Racine and see what has accrued.

q) Dale Feldt: Would hope that the board has some trust with people.

r) Steve Gall: Biggest objection is not wanting the school district to get involved with the parks and rec. The increases on the tax bills. Why would the school district want to get involved with the City that is having financial problems?

s) Dave Armstrong: Concerned with whether the school board will get all the information and do the research it?

t) Caroline Murphy’s personal opinion of FUND 80 is because it involved more kids in the school district. Concern with the mismanagement at the City Park and Rec level with money. We needed conversation and clarification on this.

**Adjournment:** A motion by Dave Armstrong seconded by John Miller to adjourn at 7:56 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Submitted by: Danielle Taggart

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