

TOWN OF FIFIELD REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES OF August 7, 2014

**ROLL CALL:** Meeting was brought to order on August 7, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fifield Town Hall. Roll Call: D. Noetzel, J. Hintz, J. Wierzba present. Also present were S. Putnam and 15 others.

**MINUTES:** Motion (Hintz, Wierzba) to accept the minutes of the July 17, 2014 regular board meeting. Motion approved, voice vote.

**TOWN CREW REPORT:** T. Fleming reported on the rollover accident involving the 1996 Ford dump truck. The driver, Therese Fleming suffered minor injuries and returned to work doing park duties the next day. The twenty year old shop welder has died. A new one with wire feed will cost \$2,177. Hicks Landing Road has been chip sealed. Granberg hasn't crushed gravel yet and missed the July 31<sup>st</sup> deadline, but will have the crushing done by August 31<sup>st</sup>. The next two to three weeks the crew will be clearing Brahmstadt and Whitmore Roads. The playground equipment is getting its first coat of stain and will get a second coat, weather permitting.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** T Mantor, Fire Dept. #2 reported on a false alarm where the department was called off before getting to the site. His department has lost two EMT/1<sup>st</sup> Responders. Mantor will be pre-buying 2800 gallons of LP for the heating season. W. Felch, Fire Dept. #1 reported on one mutual aid call with Park Falls and three 1<sup>st</sup> responder calls. His department has one new 1<sup>st</sup> Responder with three more in the process, for a total of nine.

**PFACDC PRESENTATION ON THE GREATER PARK FALLS AREA INDUSTRIAL PARK SITE**

**SEARCH:** Frank Kempf, Director of the PFACDC, presented the Greater Park Falls Area Industrial Park Development Plan prepared by MSA Professional Services. The plan includes the Old School site in the Town of Fifield which is one of four proposed sites. PFACDC will promote the sites. The board can wait to develop the site until there are commitments from interested parties.

**DISCUSS POSSIBLE SPEED AND WEIGHT LIMITS FOR THE W. CENTRAL AVE/OLD 13 ROAD**

**LOCAL DETOUR DURING THE HWY 182 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS:** The Hwy 182 Bridge Replacement project has been pushed backed one year to 2017 because of funding. Chair Noetzel reported that the City of Park Falls and Town of Eisenstein have agreed with the Town of Fifield to set a weight limit of 25,000 pounds on W. Central Ave/Old 13 Road and to allow an exemption to the weight limit to Flambeau River Papers up to 50,000 pounds, and to not post a speed limit to start with. It was mentioned that Divine Rapids Road may have to be posted with a weight limit during the Hwy 182 Bridge project. The W. Central reconstruction and paving project is still in the plans for 2015 and 2016.

**DISCUSS ORDINANCE NO. 47 – BOATING ORDINANCE (PIKE LAKE CHAIN OF LAKES):** The clerk will draft a new ordinance using the GPS coordinates. A public hearing will be required because of the additional of several buoys.

**DISCUSS POSSIBLY TAKING OWNERSHIP OF STATE WAYSIDE SOUTH OF FIFIELD:** Motion (Wierzba, Hintz) to have clerk draft a letter to the Price County Highway and Transportation Committee that at this time the town is interested in seeing that the wayside remains open, that all options are explored, and that the town would consider ownership based on funding opportunities and depending on the condition of the facility. Motion approved.

**DISCUSS PRICE COUNTY REQUEST TO PURCHASE GRAVEL:** The board denied the selling of gravel to Price County because of the availability of gravel through area businesses.

**DISCUSS GRAVELING OF BERRY PATCH ROAD:** The board agreed to have a survey done to locate where the town road was platted. Gravel will be laid this year to hold the road together. Surfacing options will be considered at budget time.

**DISCUSS REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF 1996 FORD DUMP TRUCK:** The town's insurance carrier offered \$13,394.50 to take the 1996 dump truck outright or \$9,546.00 towards repair of the truck. T. Fleming estimated repair costs may be as much as \$20,000. The cost of a new truck is estimated between \$150,000 and \$170,000. The board agreed not to repair the truck. Fleming will get pricing on new trucks for the next meeting.

**DISCUSS HIRING FOR HAULING WORK ON BRAHMSTADT RD:** Motion (Wierzba, Hintz) to hire Setterman Sand and Gravel at \$85/hour for hauling work on Brahmstadt Rd. Motion approved.

**DISCUSS PURCHASE OF ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT TO REPLACE VOTE-PAD:** Motion (Hintz, Wierzba) to purchase electronic voting equipment to replace Vote-Pad. Motion approved.

**DRIVEWAY ACCESS PERMITS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Correspondence included Wisconsin Towns Association newsletter, Forest Service notice proposing widening ATV trails, Diamond Mower's part catalog, and Wisconsin Department of Administration letter regarding the change in method of distribution of CDBG Housing funds through a regional application process.

**REVIEW INVOICES:** Motion (Wierzba, Hintz) to accept invoices for payment. Motion approved, voice vote.

**Adjourn:** Motion at 9:20 p.m. (Hintz, Wierzba) to adjourn. Motion approved, voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally L. Putnam, Clerk