

TOWN OF FIFIELD SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES OF December 17, 2015

**ROLL CALL:** Meeting was brought to order on December 17, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Fifield Town Hall. Present: D. Noetzel, J. Hintz. Absent: J. Wierzba. Also present: S. Putnam and 3 others.

**NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 139:** Motion (Hintz, Noetzel) to accept the negotiated increase in wages of eleven (11) cents per hour for the 2016 year. Roll call vote: Hintz – aye, Noetzel – aye. Motion approved. Motion (Hintz, Noetzel) to authorize the Chair to sign the Union Contract for 2016. Motion approved, voice vote. It was noted that the Union's health insurance premium will be \$1,690 per month for 2016, of which the town pays 85% and the crew 15%. Also the employer paid contribution to the Union's pension fund will be increased fifteen (15) cents for a total of \$2.18 to be contributed per hour worked as reflected in the town's 2016 Budget.

**ADJOURN:** Motion at 5:55 p.m. (Noetzel, Hintz) to adjourn. Motion carried, voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally L. Putnam, Clerk

TOWN OF FIFIELD REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES of December 17, 2015

**ROLL CALL:** Meeting was brought to order on December 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. (immediately following the Special Board Meeting that began at 5:30 p.m.) at the Fifield Town Hall. Present: D. Noetzel, J. Hintz. Absent: J. Wierzba. Also present S. Putnam and 2 others.

**MINUTES:** Motion (Hintz, Noetzel) to accept the minutes of the December 3, 2015 special and regular board meetings as presented. Motion approved, voice vote.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Presented and accepted was the treasurer's report for November, 2015.

**TOWN CREW REPORT:** T. Fleming reported that he is getting an estimate from Piepper Electric for wiring of the generator. He attended Highway Safety Training and found that many of the town's road signs are not in compliance. He will change about 70% of them next year. A logger working on Miles Lake Road pounded out the first culvert. The crew will fill the hole for now. Fleming call D. Campbell of the Forest Service regarding the damage. The 2001 Freightliner, the spare truck, needs the hydraulic pump replaced that will cost between \$600 and \$2,000. Metco took the soil and water sample required at W7179 Balsam. It will take three to four weeks for the results to come back. Fleming informed the board that there is an employee issue that they may want to call a closed session on to discuss.

**AMEND 2015 BUDGET:** Motion (Hintz, Noetzel) to amend the 2015 Budget to increase Intergovernmental Revenues by \$4,000 and to increase expenditures for Solid Waste Disposal/Dumpster by \$2,600, Health & Human Services by \$1,000, and Culture, Recreation, Education by \$400 for a total increase in expenditures of \$4,000. Roll call vote: Hintz – aye, Noetzel – aye. Motion approved.

**DISCUSS AGREEMENT FOR MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT SERVICES – ASSOCIATED APPRAISAL CONSULTANTS INC.:** The clerk was instructed to contact Associated Appraisal to ask for an extension in to January for making a decision on the maintenance agreement, ask that someone from their company be present at the January 7, 2016 board meeting to discuss the agreement, and that the new language under the

Oath of Office section be struck. The clerk was also asked to contact M. Hafferman, Assessor asking him to contact D. Noetzel regarding the Tabbert assessment as Hafferman has not yet returned his calls.

**DISCUSS AND SIGN LETTERS TO STATE REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING DENIAL OF FINAL DRAW OF CDBG FUNDS:** Motion (Hintz, Noetzel) to authorize the Chair to sign letters to Senator Janet Bewley and Representative Beth Meyers asking for assistance in overturning the denial for the final draw of \$25,000 of CDBG Funds for the Fifield Sanitary District's Lift Station Replacement Project. Motion approved, voice vote.

**DRIVEWAY ACCESS PERMITS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** R. Lapp will get with the Price County Veterans Office and find out what kind of volunteer work they can offer the Town in regard to maintenance services at the State Highway 13 Wayside. W. Felch informed the board that there is for sale a 1996 International Tender from the Deerfield Fire Department that needs work and is priced at \$5,000.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Correspondence included copies of two cutting permits filed with Price County, various papers received from the Tabberts regarding their property assessment, and an e-mail from M. Atkinson asking to go on record as falling on ice ruts at the Fifield Transfer Site on December 8, 2016.

**Review Invoices:** Invoices were reviewed. Motion (Hintz, Noetzel) to accept the invoices for payment. Motion approved, voice vote.

**Adjourn:** Motion at 7:20 p. m. (Noetzel, Hintz) to adjourn. Motion approved, voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally L. Putnam, Clerk