

TOWN OF FIFIELD REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF September 1, 2016

ROLL CALL: Meeting was brought to order on September 1, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fifield Town Hall. Roll Call: D. Noetzel, J. Wierzba present. Absent: J. Hintz. Also present were S. Putnam and 6 others.

MINUTES: Motion (Wierzba, Noetzel) to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2016 regular board meeting. Motion approved, voice vote.

TOWN CREW REPORT: T. Fleming reported on work done on Berry Patch Road. Price Electric and CenturyLink will cover damage done because of issues with the locator for power and phone lines. D. Albright has been working as a temporary employee. The one-ton truck is having fuel module trouble again and the Chair suggested having Wheel Way check it out. With Park Falls Petro closing, Fleming was asked to contact the Fifield Station about purchasing fuel through them again if they guarantee coverage for damages occurring because of water in the fuel..

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: W. Felch, Fire Dept. #1 reported that he attended a workshop on grant writing where he learned that it is getting harder to get grant money for a fire truck. The application filed previously was turned down but he will apply again this year. He is getting quotes from 3 different fire truck companies. He would like to get rid of the ambulances he now uses as personnel carriers. He is getting a price for a utility vehicle. T. Mantor, Fire Dept. #2 reported that there were no calls. The price for a new floor in the fire station is \$9,000. This will be included in next year's budget along with \$6,000 for new hose and equipment. He will ask the Pike Lake Chain Firefighters Inc. for a donation of \$15,000 to cover the cost. He has some interest in the trailer that is for sale.

DISCUSS APPLYING FOR FLAP FUNDING FOR TWIN LAKES ROAD / FR 142: D. Gustafson, S E H will write the application for funding stating that the town's share of the cost will be about \$400,000. Chair Noetzel will contact Len Fralick, Lac du Flambeau Tribe to see if the Bureau of Indian Affairs is willing to join in to help share the cost.

DISCUSS COMPENSATION AND FILLING OF THE CEMETERY MAINTENANCE & GRAVE OPENING/CLOSING POSITIONS: Motion (Noetzel, Wierzba) to advertise the taking of applications for the Cemetery Maintenance Position and the Grave Opening/Closing Position in the Price County Review and Extra Zone 2, with the ad running for two weeks and a deadline of October 6, 2016 to make application. Motion approved, voice vote. Compensation was discussed. Currently \$8,550 is budgeted for the maintenance position. (Wage \$9.50 per hour for 900 hours yearly, any overtime hours to be approved by Cemetery Administrator Brian Ernst.) Grave opening/closings are paid at the rate of \$350.00 whether a full burial or a cremation. The board made no changes.

DISCUSS RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE – CEMETERY MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE: Motion (Wierzba, Noetzel) to present a plaque in recognition of 45 years of service to Ray and Ethel Poetzl. Motion approved, voice vote.

DISCUSS RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02 URGING THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE TO ADEQUATELY FUND WISCONSIN'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM: Motion (Wierzba, Noetzel) to adopt Resolution No. 2016—02 urging the Governor and Legislature to adequately fund Wisconsin's Transportation System. Roll call vote: Wierzba – aye, Noetzel – aye, Motion approved.

DISCUSS MEETING WITH FOREST SERVICE REGARDING ROAD MAINTENANCE: Chair Noetzel will set up a September 21st afternoon meeting with the Forest Service to discuss road maintenance.

DRIVEWAY ACCESS PERMITS: Motion (Wierzba, Noetzel) to approve Driveway Access Permits for R. Gresens and M. Hastreiter. Motion approved, voice vote. .

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Chair Noetzel reported on a call from the Price Co Hwy Dept. asking if the town crew could pick up trimmed tree debris left by them on the corner of Hwys 13 and 70 and then bill them for the work. Correspondence included a copy of the Division of Industry Services' letter to S. Schraufnagel requesting additional information regarding the plan for the Frito Lay Distribution Warehouse to be located on Highway 13.

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

Adjourn: Motion at 7:50 p.m. (Wierzba, Noetzel) to adjourn. Motion approved, voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally L. Putnam, Clerk