

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

**ROLL CALL:** Meeting was brought to order on December 1, 2016 at 6:20 p.m. at the Fifield Town Hall, immediately following the special board meeting. Roll Call: D. Noetzel, J. Hintz, J. Wierzba present. Also present were S. Putnam and 6 other.

**MINUTES:** Motion (Hintz, Wierzba) to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2016 regular board meeting. Motion approved, voice vote.

**DISCUSS FILLING CEMETERY CARETAKER AND GRAVE OPENING/CLOSING POSITIONS:** Motion (Wierzba, Hintz) to hire Donald Simon for the cemetery caretaker position and the grave opening/closing position subject to him purchasing adequate equipment. Motion approved, voice vote.

**TOWN CREW REPORT:** T. Fleming reported that he looked at the culvert on Thorofare Rd and it checked out okay. Veterans Park was closed for the year with the entrance being cabled and blocked off. Xcel Energy will be correcting the wiring issued for the Christmas lights. A manhole cover on Linden was damaged when plowing. The City of Park Falls had a replacement. The town will order a replacement for the City.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** W. Felch Fire Dept. #1 reported that fire activity was quiet. First Responders have been busy. Car extrication training was held. T. Mantor, Fire Dept. #2 reported on three med calls in three days. Otherwise activity was quiet. He ordered a new hose for his extrication tools and work was done on the rescue truck. The truck is working well now. All the equipment for his DNR grant is now purchased and the reimbursement request will be submitted by the clerk for 50% of the cost.

**DISCUSS TOWN OF FIFIELD TRID PROJECT:** D. Gustafson was unable to attend. T. Fleming reported on a drainage issue north of Cherry St. on W. Central Ave. Ditching and a culvert are needed at the G. Klinka property. He also reported that D. Gustafson found there will be a 35' section of road north of the Fifield town line to Podvin Rd that won't be covered by our project and was not included in Eisenstein's last improvement project.

**DISCUSS UPDATE ON BLOCKAGE OF NEW DEPARTMENT OF LABOR OVERTIME RULE:** The board was informed of the preliminary injunction that blocks the start of the new overtime rule that was to begin on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**DISCUSS CREW'S REQUEST TO APPLY 2017 WAGE INCREASE TO TOWN'S EMPLOYEE PENSION CONTRIBUTION RATE INSTEAD:** Motion (Wierzba, Hintz) to apply the 2017 wage increase of 10 cents to the employee pension contribution rate instead. Motion approved, voice vote.

**REQUEST THE FOREST SERVICE TO HOLD A TIMBER SALE IN THE TOWN RIGHT OF WAY ON TWIN LAKES ROAD:** Motion (Hintz, Wierzba) to request the Forest Service to hold a timber sale in the town right of way on Twin Lakes Rd. Motion approved, voice vote.

**DISCUSS PURCHASE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT # 1 FIRE TRUCK:** Quotes received were Rosenbauer \$299,979 and Pierce \$291,385. Motion (Hintz, Wierzba) to contract with Pierce for a 2017 Freightliner, purchase price \$291,385. Roll call vote: Hintz-aye, Wierzba-aye, Noetzel-aye. Motion approved. .

**AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT FOR T. BRAUN'S CDBG LOAN:** Motion (Wierzba, Hintz) to authorize the Chair to sign the Real Estate Mortgage Subordination Agreement with First National Bank for T. Braun's CDBG mortgage. Motion approved, voice vote.

**DRIVEWAY ACCESS PERMITS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Correspondence included the executed Agreement Number 17-RO-11091300-013 from the Forest Service for Culvert Replacement on FR 136 and Price County Department of Emergency Management's request to promote the DO 1 THING preparedness program. Chair Noetzel reported on several complaints regarding possible misuse of the compactor at the transfer site. T. Fleming will talk with R. Balzar and J. Ocker.

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

**Adjourn:** Motion at 7:25 p.m. (Wierzba, Hintz) to adjourn. Motion approved, voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sally L. Putnam, Clerk