

TOWN OF FIFIELD REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF April 6, 2017

In Chairperson Noetzel's absence, **motion (Wierzba, Hintz) to appoint J. Hintz as Acting Chairperson. Motion approved, voice vote (2, 0).**

ROLL CALL: Meeting was brought to order on April 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fifield Town Hall. Roll Call: J. Hintz, J. Wierzba present. D. Noetzel absent. Also present were S. Putnam and 11 others.

MINUTES: **Motion (Wierzba, Hintz) to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2017 regular board meeting. Motion approved, voice vote (2, 0).**

TOWN CREW REPORT: T. Fleming reported that he attended a digger's hotline and safety meeting. Price County TelCom will be moving 2 fiber optic cables because of the TRI D project for W. Central Avenue and side streets. The crew attended the annual MSHA training. The Forest Service will be crushing 6,000 yards of gravel to go on Twin Lakes Rd. M. Koshak asked for the town's help in hauling the gravel. Fleming noted that a request to clear the right-of-way was sent to the Forest Service. Fleming thought that it would be two to three weeks before weight limits are lifted. Four ten hour work days begin for the crew next week.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: W. Felch, Fire Chief Department #1 reported on one fire call involving a death, one mutual aid call with Park Falls, one grass fire and several First Responder calls. He reported on an issue with Price County dispatching the wrong department. T. Birchell, Fire Chief Department #2 reported on half a dozen EMS calls. His department has four new recruits. He will be buying additional pagers, batteries and four new base chargers.

BIDS ON 1998 CHEVROLET 3500 ONE-TON, 1983 FORD F600 PUMPER AND 1993 E350 FORD VAN: **Motion (Wierzba, Hintz) to accept Bidder #4307's bid of \$7,005 for the 1998 Chevrolet 3500 One-ton. Roll call vote: Wierzba – aye, Hintz – aye. Motion approved. Motion (Wierzba, Hintz) to accept Bidder #70621's bid of \$3,700 for the 1993 Ford E350 Van. Roll call vote: Wierzba – aye, Hintz – aye. Motion approved. Motion (Wierzba, Hintz) to lower the minimum bid for the 1983 Ford F600 Pumper to \$3,050. Roll call vote: Wierzba – aye, Hintz – aye. Motion approved. Motion (Wierzba, Hintz) to accept Bidder #16660's bid of \$3,050 for the 1983 Ford F600 Pumper. Roll call vote: Wierzba – aye, Hintz – aye. Motion approved.**

NORTHWEST HARDWOODS REQUEST TO EXCEED POSTED WEIGHT LIMITS ON BOBCAT RD: **Motion (Hintz, Wierzba) to give the Chairperson authority to sign an agreement giving Northwest Hardwoods permission to exceed the seasonal weight limit on the east ¼ mile of Bobcat Rd for the 2017 year with the agreement they will pay to fix any damages that may result. Motion approved, voice vote (2, 0).**

DISCUSS DRAINAGE ISSUE SOUTH OF FIFIELD OLD TOWN HALL MUSEUM: J. Hintz will talk with D. Grande, Price County Highway Commissioner about this issue next week.

SOLICITATION OF QUOTES FOR SCRAP METAL, APPLIANCES AND ELECTRONICS COLLECTION: The clerk was instructed to get a quote from current provider JB Disposal for all three services for the next board meeting.

DISCUSS COMPENSATION FOR THE GRAVE OPENING/CLOSING SERVICES FOR THE FOREST HOME CEMETERY: No action was taken.

2016 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PREPARED BY EAGLE AUDIT & ACCOUNTING LLC: The clerk presented and the board accepted the 2016 Financial Statements as prepared by Eagle Audit.

REMINDER OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017: The clerk reminded the board of the upcoming Annual Town Meeting.

DRIVEWAY ACCESS PERMITS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence included UW-Extension flyer for the "2017 Town Officials Workshops", e-mail from the DNR noticing their "Public Information Meetings for Recreation Opportunities Analysis" and a press release from State Representative Beth Myers for her "State Budget Listening Session" scheduled for Monday, April 10, 2017.

REVIEW INVOICES: **Motion (Wierzba, Hintz) to accept invoices for payment. Motion approved, voice vote (2, 0).**

ADJOURN: **Motion at 7:45 p.m. (Hintz, Wierzba) to adjourn. Motion approved, voice vote (2, 0).**

Respectfully submitted,

Sally L. Putnam, Clerk