

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

**ROLL CALL:** Meeting was brought to order on July 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fifield Town Hall. Roll Call: K. Balzar, J. Hintz, J. Wierzba present. Also present were S. Putnam and 12 others.

**MINUTES:** Motion (Wierzba, Hintz) to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2017 regular board meeting. Motion approved, voice vote (3, 0).

**TOWN CREW REPORT:** T. Fleming reported that the Berry Patch Road project has been completed. The WI DNR "Notice of Termination – Storm Water Discharges" for both Berry Patch Road and Brahmstadt Road (resubmitted – first one wasn't processed) have been filled out and presented to the Chair for signing. Work is being done at Movrich Park to get it ready for the Fifield Picnic. D. Albright has started mowing the right of ways. Notification was received from S E H Inc. that D. Gustafson is no longer employed by them and that T. Krista, former Project Manager will take his place. A "Pre-Construction Meeting" for the W. Central TRI D Project is scheduled for July 24, 2017.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** W. Felch, Fire Chief Dept. #1 reported that they had a couple of First Responder calls and an assist for a plane crash where they were turned back. His department is getting ready for the lawnmower races. He will be attending two associations meetings this month. He would like to make changes to the springs on his tender to allow enough height to fill dump tanks for an estimated cost of \$3,509.77. This item will be put on next meeting's agenda for board consideration. T. Birchell, Fire Chief Dept. #2 reported on three fire calls and a rescue call involving a kayaker. His department held a training exercise at Moose Jaw Resort. He will be replacing their 20 year old portable pump at a cost of \$1,700. The Pike Lake Chain Firefighters Inc. will pay one-half the cost.

**VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS PAY RAISES:** Motion (Hintz, Wierzba) to approve raises for fire calls to \$13.50 per hour, meetings to \$13.00 per hour, Chief salary to \$1,600 annually, Assistant chief to \$700 annually, Captain to \$500 annually, Lieutenant to \$450 annually, and Director of EMR to \$700 annually effective July 1, 2017 for both fire departments. Motion approved, voice vote (3, 0).

**UPDATE ON CONTRACT FOR GRAVE OPENING/CLOSING SERVICES:** B. Ernst reported that Palecek will provide grave opening services year round for \$400 per opening. It was asked if the crew could help with the closing of the graves. Park Falls and Phillips crews provide these services for their cemeteries. A contract will be drafted for the board's consideration. A change in fees will also be put on the next meeting's agenda for consideration.

**DISCUSS UPCOMING RECONSTRUCTION OF CHADA RD:** T. Fleming reported that the right of way has been flagged with orange markers so that property owners know where the clearing and ditching will be done. Work is scheduled for this month. The crew will cut trees, pull stumps and grind up the blacktop. Eight inches of gravel will be added to the roadway and culverts will be replaced. Next summer the road will be paved with a width of 22 feet and depth of 3 inches. Questions and concerns from residents were addressed.

**POLICY FOR RIGHT OF WAY CLEARING ON FOREST SERVICE ROADS:** The Chair will draft a letter to the Forest Service informing them of the town's policy for right of way clearing and bring it back to the board for their consideration at the next board meeting.

**UPDATE ON SQUAW CREEK CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT:** Chair Balzar reported on a joint meeting with the Forest Service, WI DOT and Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) representatives regarding the urgency of replacing the Squaw Creek Culvert. The FLAP project funding has been expedited and will be paid to the Forest Service this year. The WI DOT will be taken out of the project which now will be administered by the Forest Service and the Town of Fifield. An amendment to the FLAP agreement with the new terms is being drafted.

**DISCUSS GIVING CHAIR THE AUTHORITY TO PURSUE THE SQUAW CREEK CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT WITH THE FOREST SERVICE:** Motion (Wierzba, Hintz) to give the Chair the authority to pursue the Squaw Creek Culvert Replacement project with the Forest Service. Motion approved, voice vote (3, 0).

**DRIVEWAY ACCESS PERMITS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Correspondence included Timber Cutting Permits, Price Electric notice of right of way treatment with herbicides, and Physician Orders for T. Faller for no work for two weeks because of a MCL sprain.

**REVIEW INVOICES:** Motion (Hintz, Balzar) to accept invoices for payment. Motion approved, voice vote (3, 0).

**ADJOURN:** Motion at 8:05 p.m. (Hintz, Balzar) to adjourn. Motion approved, voice vote (3, 0).

Respectfully submitted, Sally L. Putnam, Clerk