

TOWN OF FIFIELD REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF February 1, 2018

ROLL CALL: Meeting was brought to order on February 1, 2018 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 4 others.

MINUTES: Motion (Hintz, Balzar) to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2018 regular board meeting. Motion approved, voice vote (3, 0).

TOWN CREW REPORT: T Fleming reported on an issue with a frozen culvert near the J. Sauer residence on Hicks Landing Road causing water to cross the road. Work will be done in the ditch this summer to fix the problem. He also reported that the control arm tying the wheels together on the grader broke. The extended warranty will cover the repair except for the \$200 deductible and the cost of hauling the grader back and forth from Ashland. The grader should be back next week. Waste Management has fixed damage done at the Fifield Transfer Site when they hit the compactor and damaged the concrete. L. Tesmer started work on Monday and is doing well.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: W. Felch, Fire Chief Dept. #1 reported that there were no fire calls and several First Responder calls. Pump inspections are being done on the fire trucks. He is looking at replacing helmets. Next year he will have to replace some gear to meet the standards requirement. T. Birchell, Fire Chief Dept. # 2 reported on 3 EMT calls and 1 mutual aid call with Minocqua. Several in-house trainings have been held. He purchased a portable pump that was figured in his budget. He will ask the Pike Lake Chain Firefighters Inc. for a donation to cover one-half of the cost. He also is looking at updating helmets and bunker gear. He will try and replace them over the next three years. A dry hydrant versus a box at the Squaw Creek crossing on Turner Lake Rd was discussed. The Chair will talk with M. Beuning of the Forest Service to see if this should be worked into the Squaw Creek Culvert Replacement project.

DISCUSS WISCONSIN DOT PROJECT TO RESURFACE STATE HIGHWAY 13 FROM WALNUT NORTH TO PARK FALLS: The Chair gave the board copies of the minutes from the meeting with R. Simon, Scoping Engineer, M. Ratty, Scoping/Access, T. Fleming and herself regarding the WisDOT project to resurface State Highway 13. Discussed at the meeting were the project initiation, project scope, sidewalk, parking, sewer and water services, traffic control, project agreements, town's concerns and outstanding issues. The project will consist of removing 2" of pavement and replacing it with 2" of new HMA pavement. Since the town allows parking on a section of the road, the State will not cover the cost to repave the parking area. The board will discuss at their next meeting whether to keep parking as is and pay to have the area paved at a cost of \$10,000, keep parking and not have it paved, or to disallow parking and have the State cover the cost to pave. The State would like the board's decision within a month.

REVIEW APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTED TOWN CLERK/TREASURER POSITION: In light of the fact that only one response was received for the position, the board decided to extend the due date for resumes to February 28, 2018. The clerk was instructed to advertise again in the Price County Review and Shopper and to also advertise the position with Northwest Wisconsin CEP and on the North Central Technical College website. The board will review resumes at their March 1, 2018 regular board meeting.

DRIVEWAY ACCESS PERMITS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence included Timber Cutting Notices for 2017 and 2018, WisDOT copy of notice to Radtke Contractors Inc. that their work on the S. Fork Flambeau River Bridge was inspected and found to be satisfactorily completed and given final acceptance on January 18, 2018, and a copy of Attorney Curtiss Lein letter to the Division of Hearings and Appeals, Office of Work Comp Hearings filing a hearing application for Todd Faller in regard to his workers comp claim with the town's insurance carrier Travelers.

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

ADJOURN: Motion at 7:15 p.m. (Wierzba, Hintz) to adjourn. Motion approved, voice vote (3, 0).

Respectfully submitted,

Sally L. Putnam, Clerk