

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

ROLL CALL: Meeting was brought to order on March 1, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fifield Town Hall. Roll Call: K. Balzar, J. Hintz present, J. Wierzba absent. Also present were S. Putnam and 6 others.

MINUTES: Motion (Balzar, Hintz) to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2018 regular board meeting. Motion approved, voice vote (2, 0).

TOWN CREW REPORT: T Fleming reported that roads may be posted as soon as next week depending on the weather. The Town follows Price County when posting roads. Riley and Gates Lake Roads will be closed while the postings are in effect. The crew has finished clearing the right-of-way on Myers Road. L. Tesmer has finished 16 hours of mine safety training and will be certified after attending the MSHA refresher course the end of April. Fleming commented that the north section of W. Central Ave that was of concern doesn't seem to be bad enough to dig out before the road is paved this summer.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: T. Birchell, Fire Chief Dept. # 2 reported on one EMS, one fire and one mutual aid call. His new portable pump is in service. W. Felch, Fire Chief Dept. #1 reported on a structure fire which was a total loss. The adjacent church structure sustained some heat damage to the windows and roof. The clerk will check with the insurance company regarding coverage for two firemen's jackets that were charred. Felch commented that the MABAS system was used by Price County 911 dispatch for this fire call. He also reported that the foam system in the new fire truck does not work and Pierce is sending a technician to check this out. Felch will be ordering some helmets next month.

DISCUSS EXTENSION OF TIME TO USE 2017 VACATION HOURS: Motion (Hintz, Balzar) to extend the time to use 2017 vacation hours to April 30, 2018. Motion approved, voice vote (2, 0).

REVIEW RESUMES FOR THE APPOINTED TOWN CLERK/TREASURER POSITION AND SCHEDULE INTERVIEWS: Six people have submitted resumes for the position. The board decided to interview all six in closed session during a special board meeting to begin at 2:00 p.m. on March 8, 2018 before making the decision on whom to hire.

REVIEW RESUMES FOR THE FOREST HOME CEMETERY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION AND SCHEDULE INTERVIEWS: Four people have submitted resumes for the position. The board decided to interview all four in closed session during a special board meeting to begin at 5:15 p.m. on March 15, 2018 before making a decision on whom to hire.

DISCUSS PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION SERVICES THROUGH PRICE COUNTY: Motion (Hintz, Balzar) to contract with Price County for the collection of real estate and personal property taxes, and special assessments, charges and taxes levied by the Town of Fifield and its underlying taxing jurisdictions and to pay the County the specified per parcel costs in accordance with the agreement. Motion approved, voice vote (2, 0). The fee for 2018/2019 tax collection cycle is \$1.00 per parcel. The contract will remain in force until terminated by either party.

DRIVEWAY ACCESS PERMITS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Chair reported on her conversation with M. Beuning where it was confirmed that a fire hose shaft will be incorporated into the Squaw Creek Culvert Replacement Project and that the stumpage fee for crushing gravel in the Gates Lake Road Pit cannot be waived by the Forest Service. Correspondence included the UW-Extension's flyer for upcoming programs for Local Government.

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

ADJOURN: Motion at 7:15 p.m. (Hintz, Balzar) to adjourn. Motion approved, voice vote (2, 0).

Respectfully submitted,

Sally L. Putnam, Clerk