

TOWN OF FIFIELD REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES OF October 18, 2018

**ROLL CALL:** The Meeting was brought to order on October 18, 2018 at 6:33 p.m. at the Fifield Town Hall. Present: K. Balzar, J. Hintz, J. Wierzba. Also present T. Fleming, J. Jontry, S. Putnam and 6 others.

**MINUTES:** Motion (Hintz, Wierzba) to approve the Minutes of the October 4, 2018 Regular Board Meeting. Motion approved, voice vote (3, 0).

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** J. Jontry presented and the Board accepted the Treasurer's Report for September, 2018.

**TOWN CREW REPORT:** T. Fleming reported that the crew spent time fixing washouts after last week's rain storm. Granberg has finished crushing gravel for Gates Road and Sailor Lake Road. T. Fleming tested a 927 Caterpillar.

**DISCUSS SNO-DROVERS' REQUEST TO DETOUR ONTO SHEEP RANCH ROAD (R. Sironi):** Mr. Sironi was not present; J. Jontry presented his request for a temporary detour onto Sheep Ranch Road, due to damage to the trail by Federal logging operations, for the upcoming snowmobile season. The Board approved the temporary detour. The Sno-Droivers will need to provide appropriate signage. **MOTION (Wierzba, Hintz) to approve a temporary detour onto Sheep Ranch Road for the 2018/2019 snowmobile season. Motion approved, voice vote (3, 0).**

**PRESENTATION OF PARK FALLS AREA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 2018 ANNUAL REPORT AND REQUEST FOR DONATION:** M. Bablick presented the Annual Report for 2018. **MOTION (Hintz, Wierzba) to approve the \$1,250 annual donation. Motion approved, voice vote (3, 0).**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT #2 REQUEST FOR RESCUE UNIT PURCHASE:** Proposals presented last week by T. Birchell were reviewed. The cost for the new rescue unit is \$236,107, with a discount if the motor is paid for up front. The Department currently has the funds in savings. **MOTION (Wierzba, Hintz) to approve Fire Department #2 purchase of a new rescue unit. Roll Call Vote: Balzar – Aye; Hintz – Aye; Wierzba – Aye. Motion carried.**

**DISCUSS PRELIMINARY 2019 BUDGET:** S. Putnam provided budget worksheets for fire departments #1 and #2, highway department and road projects. Also included was a worksheet showing scenarios to balance the 2019 budget in consideration of purchasing a new loader and various road projects. A Special Budget Meeting is hereby scheduled for Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. The Public Budget Hearing is hereby scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on November 15, 2018; the Town Budget Hearing will then proceed at 6:15 p.m., followed by the regular Town Board Meeting. Further discussion was tabled to allow the Board time to review the materials provided.

**DISCUSS U.S. FOREST SERVICE / FR 142:** The Board decided we will not pay a logger \$5,000 to cut the wood. K. Balzar will contact the Forest Service again to request their presence to discuss further concerns. This item was tabled for a future meeting.

**PREPARE FOR PROBATIONARY REVIEW OF TOWN CLERK/TREASURER AT NOVEMBER 1 MEETING:** K. Balzar provided performance evaluation forms for the Board to utilize.

**DRIVEWAY ACCESS PERMITS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** K. Balzar received an e-mail regarding updates to access the new WTA website. J. Jontry presented a letter from R. Balzar of the Fifield Transfer Site regarding maintenance concerns and inappropriate use of the transfer station by residents.

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

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. (Hintz, Wierzba). Motion approved, voice vote (3, 0).

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer J. Jontry, Town Clerk