

TOWN OF FIFIELD REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Minutes of March 7, 2019

ROLL CALL: The meeting was brought to order on March 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fifield Town Hall. K. Balzar, J. Hintz, and J. Weirzba were in attendance. Also present were B. Felch, T. Fleming, J. Jontry and 7others.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING: A motion (J. Hintz, J. Weirzba) was made to approve the Minutes of the February 21, 2019 Regular Board Meeting. Motion approved, voice vote (3, 0).

TOWN CREW REPORT: T. Fleming reported that the crew has been busy removing large piles of snow, especially at intersections. The weight limits for posted roads this spring will follow Price County limits as usual. No blanket permits will be issued; users must contact Ted each time for permission prior to driving posted roads. Ted requested that the timeframe for using leftover vacation days be extended through the end of April as has been done in the past; the Board approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS: **Fire Department #1:** B. Felch reported one first responder call. On Saturday, March 9th the department will be assisting at a controlled house burn in Phillips. Four volunteer firefighters will be attending the NTC burn class. Truck repairs are continuing; one unit will be out of service early next week and Phillips and Park Falls will be notified of this. Price County is making repairs to the repeater to address issues with red light interference with radio transmissions. **Fire Department #2:** T. Birchell was not in attendance and did not provide a report. F. Sevcik inquired about an estate that was reportedly left to the Pike Lake Fire Department. No one in attendance had heard about this.

PRESENTATION BY GARY REVAK OF NORTHWOODS RANGE ROVERS TO OPEN ALL ROADS YEAR-ROUND FOR UTVs AND ATVs: Gary Revak, President of the Northwoods Range Rovers, and his wife Barb, Secretary, requested that roads in the Town of Fifield be opened year-round for ATV and UTV use. J. Hintz indicated that he is in favor of it for safety reasons. K. Balzar inquired as to who would be responsible for signage; the club would pay for and install signs (see 2017 Wisconsin Act 193 regarding all-terrain vehicle route signage and preferred routes). F. Sevcik brought up the issue of riders not respecting personal property or following the posted signs. G. Revak responded that this is an issue that would need to be reported to local law enforcement on a case-by-case basis, as the Club has no control over individual actions. J. Weirzba and K. Balzar want time to review the statutes and obtain input from residents before making a decision. The request was tabled for a future meeting.

DISCUSS HOURLY WAGE INCREASE FOR PART-TIME CEMETERY EMPLOYEES: K. Balzar distributed a table showing hourly wage history going back to 2005. L. Wenzel had requested an increase of \$1.00 per hour (to \$10.50) which was budgeted for 2019. The Board approved a \$0.50 per hour increase for all part-time employees at the preliminary budget hearing in October, but no motion was made. The issue was tabled and will be on the Agenda for the March 21st meeting to discuss the increase for all part-time employees.

DRIVEWAY ACCESS PERMITS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: T. Fleming asked if anyone had requested permission to tear down the CCC-built pavilion at Newman Lake. The Town of Fifield was not notified. No one in attendance was aware of it.

CORRESPONDENCE: K. Balzar received timber cutting notices for Poetzl and God's Country LLC. J. Jontry received a letter from Birchland Real Estate notifying the Town of the sale of the Neeck property on Highway 13; also a letter from the Town of Lac du Flambeau outlining their 2019 Comprehensive Plan.

REVIEW INVOICES: MOTION (J. Hintz, J. Weirzba) to approve invoices for payment. Motion carried, voice vote (3, 0).

ADJOURN: A MOTION (J. Weirzba, J. Hintz) was made at 7:35 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried, voice vote (3, 0).

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Jontry, Town Clerk