

**TOWN OF FIFIELD REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2019**

ROLL CALL: The meeting was brought to order on May 2, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fifield Town Hall. Roll Call: W. Felch, J. Hintz, B. Salm were in attendance. Also present were M. Behling, T. Birchell, T. Fleming, J. Jontry and 11 others. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES: **A MOTION (Hintz, Salm) was made to accept the Minutes of the April 18, 2019 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried, voice vote (3, 0).**

TOWN CREW REPORT: T. Fleming reported the culvert over Squaw Creek on FR143 failed. A temporary bridge was installed and the crew is finishing the gravel approach. The City of Park Falls is conducting road sweeping. The target date for lifting weight limits on posted roads is May 14, 2019.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS: **Fire Department #1:** R. Lobermeier reported no fire or EMS calls. Two refurbished radios were purchased for first responders to carry as the repeater is still not functional. S. Kartmann and C. Walters provided CPR training and certification for 11 firefighters. Plans are in the works for the annual lawnmower races and the Flambeau Float. **Fire Department #2:** T. Birchell reported one EMS call. Annual CPR training and certification was completed. The fire engine is currently out of service with electrical issues; Northstar is working on it and expect it to be back in service by end of day Friday, May 3rd. The Department was on standby at the failed culvert over Squaw Creek and was using the boat to ferry residents. A fish locator was stolen from the boat during this time. A police report will be made.

CEMETERY REPORT: M. Behling reported several deed transfers, one space purchase, and an inquiry about the adjusted burial fees. One burial was conducted. T. Fleming asked about using a fire department pump for removing water from newly-dug graves.

R. SIRONI REQUEST TO RE-ROUTE PRICE COUNTY SNOWMOBILE TRAIL 120: Mr. Sironi requested permission to re-route snowmobile trail 120 over Sheep Ranch Road (FR 132) for .3 miles to avoid two large swamps and two beaver dams that have been problematic for the groomer during warmer years. A map showing the proposed change was provided. The Forest Service is aware of the request and is not opposed. **A MOTION (Hintz, Salm) was made to approve re-routing Price County snowmobile trail 120 over Sheep Ranch Road (FR 132) for .3 miles, from the corner of Fould's Creek Road (FR 519) south to the Old Dump Road (FR 522); motion carried, roll call vote (Felch – aye; Hintz – aye; Salm – aye). Motion carried.**

DISCUSS ANNUAL ROAD TOUR OBSERVATIONS: The Annual Road Tour was conducted on April 23, 2019. Due to the winter weather, rain and thawing, a lot of grading work needs to be done. A meeting with the Forest Service should be arranged to address the forest roads. The temporary bridge over Squaw Creek culvert was completed on May 1st. Cy's Drive needs gravel.

REVIEW QUOTES AND POSSIBLY AWARD CONTRACT FOR CRACK SEALING: Two quotes were received: Lakes Asphalt quoted \$1.27 per pound for a total of \$21,154 for the listed roads. Pitlik & Wick quoted a total of \$37,479 for the listed roads. **A MOTION (Salm, Hintz) was made to accept the bid from Lakes Asphalt Maintenance for crack sealing of town roads in the amount of \$21,154. Motion carried, voice vote (3, 0).**

DISCUSS OPENING ROADS YEAR-ROUND FOR ATV/UTV USE AND POSSIBLY AMEND ORDINANCE: This item was tabled and will be placed on the Agenda for May 16th. G. Revak needs to be in attendance to discuss details and we need to find out from the Forest Service if there is an issue with ATVs/UTVs using the roads while the trails are closed to spring traffic. Overall, the Board is not opposed to opening the roads year-round.

ANNOUNCE OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW DATES AND TIMES: Open Book is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 9 – 11 a.m. at the Fifield Town Hall. The Board of Review is scheduled for Monday, June 3, 2019 from 7 – 9 p.m. at the Fifield Town Hall.

DRIVEWAY ACCESS PERMITS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: F. Sevcik inquired if a homeowner needs a Driveway Access Permit to repair an existing culvert. F. Sevcik asked whether a quorum of the Town Board needs to be present at the Annual Town Meeting; he then stated that he felt he should have been able to make motions on various items on his own agenda at the Annual Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: W. Felch received an e-mail from R. Halfpap inviting a Board representative to attend the annual meeting of the Cochran Lake District in May; J. Jontry received an e-mail from Wild Goose Resort inquiring about the Adopt-a-Highway program; an e-mail from the Wisconsin Towns Association in response to an inquiry about maintaining surveillance footage at the transfer site under records retention laws; and a card from E. Foytek thanking the Board for use of the Town Hall for the annual PCHS Spaghetti Supper, including a donation.

REVIEW INVOICES: A MOTION (Hintz, Salm) was made to accept invoices for payment. Motion carried, voice vote (3, 0).

ADJOURN: A MOTION was made at 7:20 p.m. (Salm, Hintz) to adjourn. Motion carried, voice vote (3, 0).

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer J. Jontry
Town Clerk/Treasurer