

**TOWN OF FIFIELD REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Minutes of November 5, 2020**

ROLL CALL: The meeting was brought to order on November 5, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fifield Town Hall. Present: W. Felch, J. Hintz, B. Salm, T. Fleming, J. Jontry and 9 others. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1 REGULAR AND SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS; OCTOBER 15 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING; AND OCTOBER 21, 2020 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION: A **MOTION** (Hintz, Salm) was made to approve the minutes of the October 1, October 15 and October 21 meetings; motion carried, voice vote (3, 0).

TOWN CREW REPORT: In response to a former question from F. Sevcik, T. Fleming reported the crew has logged 75 hours this year on the Dam Road project. The shed has been filled with 330 yards of sand and two trucks are set up. Two culverts on Old 13 and Trout Pond roads have been replaced, as well as one on Dynamite Road. Ditching is done on Riley Lake but they have been unable to replace culverts due to weather.

TREASURER'S REPORT: J. Jontry presented and the Board accepted the October, 2020 Treasurer's Report.

FOREST HOME CEMETERY REPORT: The Board accepted the report provided by Marilee Behling.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS: *Fire Department #1:* B. Lobermeier reported no fire calls and four EMR calls since the last meeting. *Fire Department #2:* No report.

DISCUSS/DECIDE RAISE FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES: A **MOTION** (Hintz, Felch) was made to provide a \$1.00 per hour raise for all part-time employees. B. Salm abstained.

DISCUSS HOLIDAY DECORATIONS: B. Salm stated she has formed a committee of volunteers to put up decorations which will include natural trees, wreaths, and solar-powered lights. She has been in contact with someone who makes bumper stickers and has been selling them; the proceeds would go to our town for upgrading decorations. So far they have raised \$280 from bumper stickers and also received a donation of \$200. W. Felch stated he has reservations about who is on the committee (Bonnie would not state who the members are) and the fact that Bonnie did not bring this to the Board first. T. Fleming stated no decorations can be placed on distribution poles and further asked if the crew should put up our regular decorations and B. Felch said yes.

FINALIZE 2021 BUDGET; SCHEDULE PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING (15 DAYS OUT): The Board accepted and approved the 2021 budget as presented. The public budget hearing is scheduled for Friday, November 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

DISCUSS BAY ROAD TURNAROUND: W. Felch and J. Hintz stated they observed Bay Road during the annual road tour last month and we are currently plowing 50-75 yards of private driveway. We have the right to put in a turnaround to accommodate emergency vehicles. L. Talbot stated the crew can use his driveway to turn around. T. Fleming stated the right of way is 66 feet; as winter progresses snow piles up. J. Hintz stated to continue plowing it the way it is currently being done. Residents are okay with this. T. Fleming stated he thought they were doing the project; W. Felch stated we are only doing repairs and chip sealing. L. Talbot asked what would happen if the road was built up and no ditching done; J. Hintz stated the ditches are required to control water and further stated we could add some gravel to raise the road. W. Felch stated for now Brian is to continue plowing as usual and in spring they will go out and assess the water situation. R. Severt asked if the 75' of driveway could be made into a town road. This would eliminate plowing a private driveway.

DISCUSS SPRINGSTEAD CREEK BRIDGE SNOWPLOWING: W. Felch asked T. Fleming what the current situation is regarding communication with the Forest Service. Ted stated they will have to use a pickup truck to plow it as they would be overweight and in violation of the Forest Service directive. W. Felch stated the crew is "covered" if something happens and if a ticket is issued the Town will pay it. J. Hintz stated the crew should go ahead and plow and B. Salm agreed.

TRANSFER SITE INCIDENT REPORTS AND RELATED MATTERS: One incident report received from J. Potscelli regarding a resident (Brandon Scott) verbally abusing the attendant and refusing to show proper identification or a transfer site ID card; another report of a snowblower being taken from the site after hours. An incident report from J. Jontry regarding a resident (Jason Popewicz) verbally abusing the Clerk over the \$5 fee for a replacement transfer site ID card. J. Hintz stated Jim is doing a great job so far. A **MOTION** (Hintz, Salm) was made to install a Dutch door on the clerk's office; motion carried, voice vote (3, 0). The Board directed T. Fleming to obtain and install the door as soon as possible.

DRIVEWAY ACCESS PERMITS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: R. Severt stated he has sent three letters to the Board over the past few months and they have not been addressed by the Board. What can go in the scrap metal container at the transfer site? T. Fleming stated no wire or bike tires per JB Disposal. Mr. Severt further inquired about the Conditional Use Permit notification letter he inquired about previously; the Board had no idea what to do with it and no action was taken. Regarding his letter about Ordinance 102, it will be discussed at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business on the Agenda, a **MOTION** (Salm, Hintz) was made at 8:03 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried, voice vote (3, 0).

Respectfully submitted,

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Jennifer Jontry, Town Clerk/Treasurer