

# **TOWN OF FIFIELD SPECIAL & REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

## **Minutes of October 19th, 2021**

The meeting was brought to order on October 19th, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at the Fifield Town Hall

**ROLL CALL:** Present: W. Felch, B. Salm, J.Hintz Also present S. Mueller, T. Fleming and 10 others  
Verification of public posting confirmed

**Motion** to Move to Closed Session 3:31PM

### **OPERATORS 139 WAGE & BENEFITS AGREEMENTS**

**Motion** to Move to Open Session 3:50, resumed open meeting 4:00PM

**2022 PRELIMINARY DETAILED BUDGET REVIEW:** Reviewed and discussed the Town Budget as a whole for changes or clarifications after departmental worksheet information was entered; an amortization schedule was reviewed for borrowing criteria for a new dump truck; approval was given to start the process of contracting a purchase for 2022, as the lead time is 12-15 months given the current market. A special budget meeting was scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM to do a final overview of the budget to be presented at the Budget Hearing on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**ARPA SPENDING DRAFT PROGRESS:** Information was reviewed regarding business grants and the complexity according to the ARPA guidelines to offer this as an option for our spending plan. The board agreed this would not be something we want to continue to explore. Contractors were contacted regarding bids for other allocations, however no bids were received at this time. When more information is gathered it will be brought to regular Board Meetings for planning to continue.

Regular Board Meeting items to resumed at 4:45PM

Pledge of Allegiance was Recited

**PUBLIC COMMENT REQUESTS:** Three residents were heard regarding:  
Status of Cy's Drive, Thorofare Bridge 5MPH speed limit and no wake buoys, and Fire #2 agreement  
Comments were addressed or taken into consideration for agenda items.

**MINUTES OF September 21st, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:** A **MOTION** was made by B.Salm and J.Hintz to approve the minutes of the September regular board meeting; Motion carried, voice vote (3, 0)

**CLERK/TREASURER:** Treasurers Financial Report reviewed and accepted; letter was drafted to be sent with the application for the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. as part of the Reimagine Price County participation.

**CEMETERY REPORT:** Written report was reviewed

**OLD SCHOOL PROPERTY UPDATE:** No additional information, realtor data will be contacted again for progress

**ORDINANCE #28 UPDATE:** The DNR has been contacted regarding "Reviewing Authority" of boating ordinances, we will need a written letter to approve or deny our changes. This item will be brought back to a future meeting.

**PIKE LAKE CHAIN – SPEED LIMIT VS NO WAKE SIGN:** The DNR responded to an inquiry regarding MPH vs NO WAKE signage, and either is ok, however NO WAKE is the current way they recommend. The original sign was a NO WAKE and was changed to MPH; it was discussed that this seems to be an enforcement issue rather than a "signage or awareness". There was also two additional buoys placed this year in the area in question. The Town Chairman will be contacting the Sheriff for further instruction on how to best resolve if the town can do anything further.

**DAM & HICKS RDS – STREET LIGHT:** Information was presented regarding the cost of placing a street light by Price Electric, they have agreed to place at no cost, providing we give them access easement for placement; the electrical cost is estimated to be \$216 per year. A **MOTION** was made by B.Salm and J.Hintz to approve the agreement; Motion carried, voice vote (3,0)

**TOWN CREW REPORT :** Superintendent T.Fleming reported the following:  
Buoys were pulled on Pike and Round lakes, mowing tractor had breakdown, repairs & swivel replaced will be needed for approx. \$2500-3500.00, Cy's Drive prep work will be started, N Boruta Rd is completed, however we are low on gravel.

**TRANSFER SITES REPORT:** Holiday signs will be posted for adjusted days over Christmas and New Years, two new Transfer Site attendants have been hired and will be working a job share for the part time Saturday position.

**FIRE DEPARTMENTS:**

Fire #1: Had three EMR calls, two fire calls, 10/20 had tank testing completed, 11/21 will be two year term election of officers

Fire #2: Had one Medical call

Storage Shed Agreement: A draft was reviewed for the sharing of the storage shed by the Fire Dept#2 and the Sno Drivers Club. The draft will be reviewed further by the Club and will be presented again at the November Board Meeting for review and approval.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Board reviewed correspondence and information, no additional questions or information requested

**REVIEW INVOICES:** Paid invoices were reviewed and accepted

**ADJOURN:** A MOTION was made to adjourn at 5:45PM by B.Salm and J.Hintz, voice vote (3-0) motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Mueller  
Town Clerk/Treasurer