

# TOWN OF FIFIELD REGULAR BOARD MEETING

## Minutes of August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The meeting was brought to order on August 16th, 2022 at 6:00pm at the Fifield Town Hall

**ROLL CALL:** William Felch, Jim Hintz, Ann Sloane, also present S. Mueller, T. Fleming, K. Kleinschmidt and 11 others  
The pledge of allegiance was recited

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Four residents were heard regarding: Progress on Cys Drive, with a thank you to the town crew, sale of town land and the conditional use permit hearing at Price County, a tree outside of right of way at Cys Drive, and an inquiry on the process to request to abandon an alleyway

**MINUTES OF JULY BOARD MEETING:** A **MOTION** was made by A. Sloane and J.Hintz to accept the minutes of the board meetings; motion carried VV 3-0

**CEMETERY REPORT:** The report was reviewed and accepted, **MOTIONS** were made by A. Sloane and J.Hintz to have a contractor fix the damaged stones, and approve a request to buy back two gravesites at the original purchase price, motion carried VV 3-0

### **CLERK/TREASURER:**

Financial Reports - were reviewed and accepted

The towns new .gov email is up and running, and will be using a Microsoft Outlook platform, and an available sub-grant was requested by the clerk, the new website was reviewed by the board and approved to go "live". This should happen within 1-2 weeks as the site gets fully converted from the state website. An inquiry will be made to a contingency plan if our provider is not available, since it is a local service.

**TOWN PROPERTY SALE UPDATE:** The Price County meeting for the Conditional Use Permit is 8/18, and if this is approved the sale will go through, and the town will remove the debris from the race track park to prepare for closing.

**CY'S DRIVE UPDATE:** The was not a progress report submitted, but verbal discussion was it will be three more weeks to finish grubbing, and two more weeks to grade, the goal is to finish this in time for the chip seal to be completed which the deadline of contractor is 10/1 on their equipment.

**CHIP SEAL BIDS:** There were two chip seal bids received; Pitlik & Wick for \$72,665.00, bid at 20 ft wide did not meet the ad specs of 22 ft and Scott Construction for \$84,483, a **MOTION** was made for the bid award to go to Scott Construction, motion carried VV 3-0. There may be additional cost savings on grading & materials TBD at time of project, but will not exceed the bid presented if completed this year.

**Beaudry Tree Complaint:** After discussion on road width, and location of tree that was cut, it was determined the town would reimburse Beaudry for the wood at \$100, this representing the wood that was hauled away since the tree was in a location near the border of 66' roadway, utility easement, and property owners lot line.

**FR144 BRIDGE UPDATE:** This Federal Project is set to start in late August 2022.

**TOWN CREW REPORT:** Superintendent T.Fleming reported the following:  
The town crew has been focused on Cy's Drive with no other issues to report.

**TRANSFER SITES REPORT:** T.Fleming reported no operational issues except Republic concern on overweight containers, maintenance has been performed and a new gauge has been replaced. Pike Lake Transfer Site has had issues regarding residents not having dump cards, there has been lots of call inquiries and passes sent out. A card has always been required at both of Fifield's transfer sites, unless the attendant knows you personally. There has been fill in attendance who are not always familiar with residents and will ask for the card to be presented. Other existing part-time town staff are used to back up in the absence of our regular dump attendants.

**PARK EQUIPMENT UPDATE:** The Fifield Fire Department will be coordinating a day of volunteers to work on the park equipment after Labor Day

### **FIRE DEPARTMENTS:**

**FIRE #1 REPORT:** Meeting minutes were submitted & reviewed, they reported two fire and five EMS calls, pump maintenance has been completed, extraction training is an increasing need, and are working on a 9/11 tribute, to be held on 9/10 with a one-mile march, and picnic lunch afterwards, details will be posted when complete.

**FIRE #2 REPORT:** Meeting minutes were submitted & reviewed, five EMS calls, medivac landing zone training, general maintenance and repairs continue, unused truck was sold for \$6000, and will be used for equipment updating, 340 & 341 tested and will need repairs and estimates were submitted, and they may have found a cleaning contractor or possibly a volunteer from the department may be able to assist in regular cleaning. The Fire Chief will be asking Fire Fighters INC if they can assist in funding, if needed, for equipment, and building maintenance as this may exceed the budget.

**FLEX GRANT:** The flex grant for Pike Lake Fire Department was amended and we should hear if it was approved in August.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Board general correspondence was reviewed and one action of a letter to a board supervisor will be prepared.

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

**ADJOURN:** A **MOTION** was made to adjourn at 8:20PM by J. Hintz and A. Sloane

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Mueller - Town of Fifield Clerk/Treasurer