

TOWN OF FIFIELD REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes of February 28th, 2023

The meeting was brought to order on February 28th, 2023 at 6:05pm at the Fifield Town Hall

ROLL CALL: William Felch, Ann Sloane, John Smith, also present K. Kleinschmidt, T. Fleming and 19 others
The pledge of allegiance was recited

PUBLIC COMMENTS: A resident wanted to ask about the FD Policies & Procedures, but changed his mind. Another resident asked if there was insurance coverage for fundraising events. A third resident addressed the Board with a statement regarding the accessor/assessments. A fourth resident questioned the school property sale again.

MINUTES OF JANUARY BOARD MEETING: A **MOTION** was made by A. Sloane and J. Smith to accept the minutes; motion carried.

CEMETERY REPORT: Nothing new to report.

CLERK/TREASURER:

Financial Reports were reviewed and accepted.

Town Hall Software Update: Clerk informed the Board this will have to be tabled until late summer, early fall.

Town Credit Card Update: Clerk is in the process of working with Forward Bank applying for a card that best suits a municipality. A SOP was drafted for the Board to review. Acceptance and setting purchasing limits will be tabled for March's meeting, once we actually have the card.

E Cycle Grant: Clerk applied for this grant. It would help with the cost to build a building to house electronics at the Fifield transfer site.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS POLICY & PROCEDURES UPDATE: The Board decided that this document will remain "Policy & Procedures" not a handbook. A representative from each fire department stated that they accept this document as it reads. This document will be sent to the town's attorney for review and the Board for a final review and acceptance. A special meeting will be set for this.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS:

FIRE #1 REPORT: Fire #1 had 3 fire calls and 8 EMS calls. Ordered 3 sets of turnout gear. The cornhole tournament/fundraiser is all set for March 4th. Would like to start looking for a new tender, the current tender the frame is separating and the cab is rusting. Would like to start looking now since the companies are two years out.

FIRE #2 REPORT: Fire #2 had 3 EMS calls and 1 mutual aid in Minocqua. Completed life saving training, extraction training and wild fire training are coming up. Hired a firefighter for ground support. Totaling 11 firefighters, 6 EMS and 2 ground support, with some being crossed trained. Boiler in building #2 not working, will order part and have licensed electrician install. Motorola will replace communications equipment/wiring this spring. They are having a blood drive May 5th. Would like to use Flex Grant for EMS vehicle, they are also looking for a two wheel drive trail vehicle and Ford will convert it to four wheel drive. They will most likely have to ask for an extension on the Flex Grant.

TOWN ROADS:

Gax Tax Update: Town Chairman reported that he inquired about the tax gas for N. Boruta Rd and the extension of Pine St. We will have to look into the costs of surveying and need an estimate of legal fees.

Alleyway Abandonment: Town Chairman also inquired about the process of abandoning the alley from Maple St to Spruce St. The attorney would have to start by contacting the surrounding land owners. We will also have to get an estimate of what these costs will be.

West of Hwy 13 Project Update: Town Chairman has been in contact with Cooper Engineering regarding the start of the West of Hwy 13 project and will be setting up a meeting in the near future..

TOWN CREW REPORT:

Superintendent T.Fleming reported the new ECM part on the 2015 Freightliner seems to have fixed the problem. The loader was serviced, should receive one more oil change at no charge from Roland, since we show truck was purchased in 2019 and not 2018. Will try and have exhaust filter changed before the service program runs out also, we might have to pay labor though. A beaver damn broke on Voight Rd, so the road superintendent closed the road. Mid States Trucking pushed the build date of new truck to end of May. The 3 FT and 2 PT employees will be attending MSHA training at NTC-Phillips. State inspection of the sand/salt shed has shown a broken post, will repair this spring. Due to unexpected circumstances, fixing the furnace is on hold. Bill Felch will contact Hanson's and see how they would like to proceed, if at all. Scott Constrution has been in contact with the Clerk, he will do a new quote for the chip seal to include the fact that T. Fleming will do the grading and shaping of Cy's drive. A resident inquired about the paving of all of Pine St and Hemlock. Town Chairman B. Felch will talk with Cooper Engineering about extending the paving for all of Pine St but we will not be paving Hemlock.

TRANSFER SITES REPORT: T.Fleming reported that J. Brandt will cover the Pike Lake Transfer Site until April 15th. He is willing to be a sub after that. He also informed us that D. Brandt is retiring. HR will be notified of this. .

CORRESPONDENCE: Board general correspondence was reviewed; email requesting a memorial bench at Movrich Park, weight limits article, cooperative agreement closing, dump card email, WTA correspondence, Price County aution of delinquent real estate, resident letter re assessment process.

REVIEW PAID INVOICES: Paid invoices were reviewed and accepted

ADJOURN: A **MOTION** was made to adjourn at 7:25 PM by J. Smith and A. Sloane, motion carried VV 3-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly E. Kleinschmidt
Town of Fifield Clerk/Treasurer

03/01/2023