

TOWN OF FIFIELD REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes of March 21st, 2023

The meeting was brought to order on March 21st, 2023 at 6:00pm at the Fifield Town Hall

ROLL CALL: William Felch, Ann Sloane, John Smith, also present K. Kleinschmidt, T. Fleming and 21 others
The pledge of allegiance was recited

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Two residents inquired about the buoys placed on the Pike Lake Chain of Lakes.

RESIDENT CONCERN RE ASSESSMENT/ASSESSOR: The resident has concerns with the contract the Town has with Associated Appraisers and his assessment. He was informed that Open book is set for April 24th, 2023, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, by phone appointment only. Board of Review is set for May 25th, 2023, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (Noon) at the Fifield Town Hall. The assessor has agreed to come to our next regular board meeting on April 18th, 2023.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY'S REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND SPECIAL MEETING: A **MOTION** was made by A. Sloane and J. Smith to accept the minutes; motion carried.

CEMETERY REPORT: A **MOTION** was made by J. Smith and A. Sloane to accept the cemetery report as is, motion carried.

CLERK/TREASURER:

Financial Reports - were reviewed and accepted.

Town Credit Card Update - Clerk has an appointment set up with Forward bank to continue the process of applying for a credit card.

DNR – PIKE LAKE CHAIN BUOYS: Robin Miller the DNR Recreational Officer attended the meeting to inform the Town Board of the process for placing additional buoys. There was 16 buoys placed and only 10 are on the current ordinance dated March, 2015. The process should be to request the Town Board to approve an update to the existing ordinance, then a permit would have to be applied for through the DNR for a waterway marker. Then the Town Board would actually approve a revised ordinance to be posted and sent to Price County for enforcement. This process was not done for the additional buoys, that were recommended from the DNR erosion study presented to the Town Board in August 2021 by the Pike Lake Association, as well as previous buoy approvals. There is an additional buoy placed by the dam, it was mentioned that the Town was told by the Federal to place that one. There was additional discussion regarding exactly how many buoys have been approved since 2015 as well as discussion regarding if residents have been potentially moving the buoys through out the season. The Board will look further into this situation, working with the DNR representative. A **MOTION** was made by J. Smith and A. Sloane to place the original 10 buoys at this time, with consideration for the previous mentioned buoys for the future.

CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY & LIQUOR LIABILITY FOR FUNDRAISERS/EVENTS: Coverage for these liabilities would be an extra cost and are based on total sales of alcohol for the year. The fire departments will keep track of the sales and report to the Clerk, who will then turn the amount in to the insurance company. A **MOTION** was made by J. Smith and A. Sloane to pay for the additional coverage, motion carried.

USDA BEAVER CONTROL AGREEMENT: This agreement/invoice is based on how many times the Forest Service has to take care of a beaver problem. The agreement was signed by the Chair and the invoice was paid.

WEST OF HWY 13 ROADS PROJECT: The Town was awarded the LRIP Grant for the town streets west of Highway 13 and south of Hwy 70 Project (West Walnut St. Project). Cooper Engineering attended the meeting to go over the Agreement between the Town and Engineer and the Scope of Services. Tentatively, the surveying and design will take place in 2023 with construction being in 2024 or 2025.

There is until 2027 to complete the project. The base work will done, drainage improvement and replace the roads. At this time, they will not be doing curb and gutter and there could be discussion on sidewalk repair/replacement or removal during the design process. Estimated cost of the engineering is \$110,000.00. A **MOTION** was made to accept the Short Form of Agreement Between Owner And Engineer For Professional Services and Scope of Services by J. Smith and A. Sloane, motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS:

FIRE #1 REPORT: Fire #1 had 2 fire calls and 7 EMS calls. There will be a DNR refresher training course held. The cornhole tournament/fundraiser went well, the numbers were up from last year.

FIRE #2 REPORT: Fire #2 had 3 EMS calls and 0 fire calls. Four current fire fighters have finished the Nicolet course. 2% dues were filed. A request was made to the Board to pay \$2,000.00 out of their reserves for an AED for the Pike Lake Hall and a Humminbird Helix GPS for the boat. FF Inc will cover half the cost of these two items. A **MOTION** was made to approve the request by A. Sloane and J. Smith, motion carried. They will be participating in the DNR wildlife training as well. The boiler has been fixed and an annual maintenance program has been established with P.F. Plumbing and Heating. The antenna was replaced and there was some clarification that the repeater belongs to Price County. The SBA flow test was completed. 3 sets of the turnout gear has arrived. The balance of the flex grant is expected to arrive soon. It was clarified that the Board must approve any and all spending of the grant money. Chief inquired if the Board has a limit on the amount of what they can spend without prior Board approval, in the past this amount is believed to be \$500.00.

TOWN CREW REPORT: Road Superintendent, T. Fleming, reported that road postings went in effect March 14th, we will follow Price County guidelines like we have in the past. The crew attended the MSHA training at NTC. Northern Comfort will be giving us a quote regarding Town Hall furnace issue. The railing on Sailor Creek bridge approach was hit, they will fix that this spring. Some mailboxes were hit on Thorofare Rd, the Town will replace those as soon as the snow/weather allows. There has been issues with people plowing their snow out onto the road, maybe next fall/early winter send out the letter again stating that residents cannot do that. Fleming will be in contact with the family that requested a memorial bench at the park to go over specifications.

TRANSFER SITES REPORT: T.Fleming reported that J. Brandt would like to be done April 1st. Fleming will line up someone to cover those shifts. HR was notified and an ad was placed in the paper. It was asked if a new poster could be posted reminding residents to rinse recyclables, Fleming will check with Republic.

CORRESPONDENCE: FD#1 and FD#2 meeting minutes.

REVIEW PAID INVOICES: Paid invoices were reviewed and accepted

ADJOURN: A **MOTION** was made to adjourn at 7:43 PM by A. Sloane and J. Smith, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly E. Kleinschmidt
Town of Fifield Clerk/Treasurer

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