

TOWN OF FIFIELD REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes of May 16th, 2023

The meeting was brought to order on May 16th, 2023 at 6:00pm 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

VERIFICATION OF PUBLIC POSTING: This agenda was posted at the Town Hall, Post Office and the Pike Lake Fire Hall. At the time of posting the Town's website was down.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 1) Resident had questions regarding the election issues and buoy issue brought forth at the annual meeting and will wait to speak at when brought up on this agenda. 2) Resident asking for an update on Cy's Drive. 3) Resident questioning his citation regarding the buoys. 4) Resident questioning the buoy issue. 5) Resident asking why driver's license isn't accepted at the dump.

REV. MINUTES OF MARCH 21ST AND APRIL 18TH BOARD MEETINGS: A **MOTION** was made by A. Sloane and J. Smith to accept the minutes; motion carried.

CEMETERY REPORT: The report was reviewed and accepted. .

CLERK/TREASURER:

Financial Reports were reviewed: The clerk did a short review of the budget to date.

FD#2 Budget: Due to some larger invoices being paid, FD#2 will most likely have to ask the board for a transfer of funds at a future meeting. It was previously requested that if the Pike Lake Fire Dept funds could pay for half of a new AED and Pike Lake Fire Inc. pay for the other half. Due to Fire Inc. paying the whole bill already, the clerk asked if they could cover the whole cost. A check cannot be made out to Fire Inc. from the Town of Fifield for a reimbursement. W. Johnson believes they will cover this.

Town Credit Card: A **MOTION** was made by J. Smith and A. Sloane to have the Chairperson and the Clerk being the signing parties on the application for the town credit card. The Clerk will get the signature page to Forward Bank..

ISSUES BROUGHT FORTH FROM 4-18-2023 ANNUAL MEETING:

Resolution 2023-01: stating the board members pay be on a monthly basis of duties starting the term in 2025 was signed and will be posted.

Assessor Contract Concerns: the resident questioning this was not present, the town will be keeping their 5 year contract with Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc.

Election Observer Guidelines: the Wisconsin Elections Commission guidelines regarding observers at elections was shared with the Board. Since there are already these guidelines in place, the Clerk will include this in the training and along with the Chief Inspector(s) enforce this for future elections.

Election Poll Workers Schedule: the list of poll workers was shared with the Board. The resident questions why everyone on that list is not used if they have done the training. The Clerk explained that she asked everyone on the list to go to training so there would be back ups ready if necessary. There has been an open records request from the Republican Party for the poll workers list and the Clerk will most likely receive a list of names from them in the future. These names will have first consideration. After that it is at the Clerk's discretion of who gets asked to work the election, At the December meeting the Board approves the list of poll workers from the Clerk and will further address this at that time.

Fines re the Buoy Issue: A resident showed his original ticket re 100 feet away from a dock etc. He was given the ticket for the buoy, not a dock. He has written a letter to the Clerk of Courts requesting his case be opened again. No court date has been set yet.

FIFIELD COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN: J. Smith brought forth that the Town of Fifield has an Eyesore/Hazard Plan in place and it should be enforced. The plan should be enforced by the County Sheriffs Dept at this time but it is possible to have the Town enforce this if there was a Constable. A Constable would be appointed by the Board and have to have a law enforcement background, which J. Smith does. He just wants the public to be aware of this and states that this is the first step. A resident questions who decides what an eyesore is. There would be a committee formed and the Board would have to approve their actions. J. Smith asked permission to

move forward with this. A **MOTION** was made by A. Sloane and J. Smith to proceed with creating a committee.
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FIRE DEPARTMENTS:

FIRE #1 REPORT: Fire #1 had 3 fire calls and 5 EMR calls, Chief is working on the DNR 50/50 grant. Both stations will be doing a hydrant training on May 17th.

FIRE #2 REPORT: Fire #2 had 1 fire call (rollover) and 0 EMS calls. Building two's septic is full again, full of clean, clear water. Three totaled cars were donated for training. Eight more SVA bottles ordered, estimating at \$5000. They need quotes for EMS vehicle before they receive the second half of Flex Grant. They received new equipment bags. The toilet in men's bathroom needs replacing. They have someone to pour new floor in bay area at cost, just need volunteers to take out the old floor. Their EMR license will renew in June. Had a tire repaired and bought a new battery maintainer.

TOWN CREW REPORT: Road Superintendent T.Fleming reported that weight restrictions were lifted May 8th. The ten original buoys were placed and the Federal will not let them hang a caution sign from the Dam walking bridge. Could possibly put signs up on the shore. Two culverts failed this winter, they patched them and will have to replace them soon. T. Fleming also reported he has received a build date of May 22nd for the chassis and if so, we could see the new truck around the end of October. Movrich Park has been opened. It was asked if there was a sign on Hwy 13 informing people where Movrich Park is and if not, could there be one placed. T. Fleming will look into that. The Annual Road Tour was completed May 8th, 2023. There was concerns brought up that the cost of chip sealing Cy's Drive with a low amount of traffic was not economical. A couple of residents on Cy's drive questioned that the time and money into making the road ready for chip seal would just be a waste then. They did not want their road widened and ditched or the trees cut, but understood it was needed in preparation of the chip sealing being done. It was a concern of the town crew that the chip seal will not hold up and that it would be high maintenance and costly in the near future as to where hot mix paving it could last 25 years. The following options were discussed: leaving it as is with gravel, leaving it as is with gravel and calcium spraying it for an estimated cost of \$6,000 to \$10,000, chip sealing it for \$83,400 or hot mix paving for an estimated \$160,000. It was determined that we would accept bids for hot mix paving to see what a more exact cost would be and to table this for the June meeting.

TRANSFER SITES REPORT: Compactor at Pike Lake broke, Republic came and changed the solenoid. The new attendant is working out well. A Transfer Site Incident/Concern Report was filled out on April 27th for a mattress left in the ditch in the Pike Lake area. The resident questioned if he had to pay the fee if he brought it to the transfer site. The Board determined that the town crew would go and pick it up at their earliest convenience. The Clerk will notify the resident.

CORRESPONDENCE: Board general correspondence was reviewed; two building permits, letter from Horton re insurance policy renewal, Cochran Lake Management Annual Meeting agenda and PLCLA meeting minutes.

REVIEW PAID INVOICES: Paid invoices were reviewed and accepted

ADJOURN: A **MOTION** was made to adjourn at 8:17 PM by J.Smith and A. Sloane, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly E. Kleinschmidt
Town of Fifield Clerk/Treasurer

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