

# **TOWN OF FIFIELD REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

## **Minutes of June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The meeting was brought to order on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00pm at the Fifield Town Hall

This meeting was being recorded by reporter Trevor Greene of the Lakeland Times.

**ROLL CALL:** William Felch, Ann Sloane, John Smith, also present K. Kleinschmidt, T. Fleming and 41 others  
The pledge of allegiance was recited

**VERIFICATION OF PUBLIC POSTING:** This agenda was posted at the Town Hall, Post Office, Pike Lake Fire Hall and on the Town's website.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** 14 residents spoke regarding Cy's Drive. They questioned the possibility of why Cy's Drive would not be chip sealed this summer since it was suppose to be chip sealed last year. They shared how long they have resided on Cy's Drive and how gravel hinders their safety, health and lifestyle, they feel leaving it gravel is unacceptable. One of those residents shared his thoughts on chip sealing vs hot mix paving, he feels chip seal will not hold up. 5 residents shared their thoughts and concerns regarding the buoys matter. They questioned if the placement of the buoys is correct at this time, some have moved. They questioned who purchased the 4 extra buoys and what authority the PLCLA has. One of those residents questioned the Board's actions on this matter and feels there was misconduct and shares how this has affected the community. Another of those residents questioned if the Board approves mailings from the Fire Departments before they are sent out and recommends that they should.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL MEETING, MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS AND MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> BOARD OF REVIEW:** A **MOTION** was made by A. Sloane and J. Smith to approve and accept the minutes; motion carried.

**ROAD TOUR** The notes from the road tour didn't reflect any work needed to be done on FR144/Shady Knoll, North Bay Rd and East Turner Lake Rd. At this time there is no work planned for these roads other than usual maintenance.

**CEMETERY REPORT:** The report was reviewed and accepted. The cemetery has a CD renewing. Its' current value is \$21,107.87. It was discussed transferring \$10,000.00 from the Forest Home Cemetery checking account to add to this CD to earn more interest. A **MOTION** was by J. Smith and A. Sloane to transfer \$10,000.00 from that checking into this CD. VV 3-0

### **CLERK/TREASURER:**

**Financial Reports:** Reports were reviewed and accepted. The new truck loan's first full payment was made at the beginning of June. The audit has come back, there needs to be some journal entries made for the CDBG activity, the Clerk will be working on these with the accountant. Wrote a check out for the new truck's license, title, documentation fees and a wing window being added. Received the recycling grant for \$2,366.32 and made the first payment to Cooper Engineering for the streets west of Hwy 13 project.

**Insurance:** The policy is coming due in July. The extra rider for the alcohol coverage of fundraisers will be added for sales up \$10,000.00. The insurance agent pointed out some additional coverage regarding Public Officials/Management Liability and Excess Liability. The Board will review this information. The Wisconsin Town Blanket Bond is also due in July, this is every two years.

**FR144 Bridge Replacement Update:** The second part of the bill for the bridge replacement came due. Total cost for the Town was \$76,678.62. The County will reimburse us for 50%, but since this was over the estimated amount it will have to be approved by the County Board, which meets Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Sanitary District Request:** The Fifield Sanitary District requested a draw off their tax roll money in the amount of \$8,000.00 to cover annual insurance costs. A **MOTION** was made by J. Smith and A. Sloane, motion carried.

**APPROVE LIQUOR, CIGARETTE & OPERATOR LICENSE RENEWALS:** The renewals were presented to the Board for approval. A **MOTION** was made by A. Sloane and W. Felch to approve the 2023-24 liquor and cigarette license renewals.

**SUBMISSION OF FIRE & EMS POLICIES & PROCEDURES FOR REVIEW:** The Policies and Procedures were given to the Board for their review and will be discussed at the Special Meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**FIRE DEPARTMENTS:**

**FIRE #1 REPORT:** Fire #1 had 1 fire call and 3 EMS calls. Working on a DNR grant for a possible ATV/UTV. Dispatcher was down, now have a new router and is working fine.

**FIRE #2 REPORT:** Fire #2 had 0 fire calls and 2 EMS calls. They have extraction training on June 24<sup>th</sup>, the septic is still filling with water. They are also working on a DNR grant for smaller supplies. They asked for four quotes for the vehicle for the Flex Grant. Three places said too busy and the fourth place, based in WI, is working on one. Still need to replace the toilet in the fire hall. Chief Johnson responded to the concerns of a resident regarding the letter the Pike Lake Fire Dept. sent out. He states his intent was to only have people come directly to him with any questions or concerns.

**TOWN CREW REPORT:** Road Superintendent T.Fleming reported they have finished road checks and have cleaned up and chipped down/broken tree limbs. The new truck is in Marshfield and will get sent to Monroe to be finished, still looking at, at least 90 days out yet. The town crew checked the placement of the buoys with the GPS and did have to move a few back. They believe they have moved due to waves and current. They added a cross culvert and extra drainage to Cy's Drive.

**2023 Crack Seal Bids:** We received three bids: 1) Superior Sealers LLC \$34,236.00 for crack sealing and \$11,687.00 for dip leveling on FR144/Shady Knoll for a total of \$45,923.00 2) Fahrner Asphalt Sealers LLC \$23,863.93 for crack sealing and \$2,405.50 for dip leveling on FR144/Shady Knoll for a total of \$26,269.43 3) Pitlik & Wick Inc \$37,600.00 for crack sealing and \$41,700.00 for dip leveling on FR144/Shady Knoll for a total of \$79,300.00. A **MOTION** was made by J. Smith and A. Sloane to accept the bid from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers LLC for \$26,269.43.

**CY'S DRIVE:** We received two sealed bids for paving: 1) American Asphalt of Wisconsin \$187,126.16 for 2inch and \$219,347.10 for 2.5inch 2) Pitlik & Wick Inc \$191,599.00 for 2inch. After hearing from the residents and discussion on which route would best work for this road, chip sealing vs paving, it was decided to do the hot mix paving. A **MOTION** was made by A. Sloane and J. Smith to accept the bid from American Asphalt of Wisconsin for \$187,126.16. The representative from American Asphalt said he will work with us on possibly paying 70%-75% this year and the balance next year.

**TRANSFER SITES REPORT:** Since July 4<sup>th</sup> is on a Tuesday, T. Fleming asked if that dump day could be moved to Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup>, the Board seen no problem with this. The security camera company will be working on placing camera/cameras to cover the blind spots out at the Pike Lake transfer site. A copy of the Human resources Issue Form was given to the Board re harassment of the Pike Lake attendant from June 4<sup>th</sup>, it was stated that this last week has gone better for him. The Clerk needs to order more dump cards, will only get a minimal amount at this time. Issues with the system in place right now were brought up and tabled for the next regular board meeting.

**RESCHEDULING JULY'S MEETING:** The regular Board meeting for July will be moved from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup>.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Board general correspondence was reviewed, 5 building permits, 2 driveway permits, a thank you email from Chequamegon School District, notice of policy conditional renewal and 3 records requests.

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

**ADJOURN:** A **MOTION** was made to adjourn at 7:58 PM by J.Smith and A. Sloane, motion carried.

**This is a draft until approved at the next scheduled regular board meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly E. Kleinschmidt  
Town of Fifield Clerk/Treasurer

06/28/2023