

**TOWN OF FIFIELD**  
**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**  
**Minutes of September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The meeting was brought to order on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Fifield Town Hall  
(This meeting was recorded by the Lakeland Times)

**ROLL CALL:** Present: W. Felch, A. Sloane, J. Smith, also present K. Kleinschmidt, T. Fleming and 21 public.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** 1) Resident shared a quotes from Thomas Jefferson regarding freedom of the press, a governing body should take the good with the bad and be able to take the criticism from the residents. Also expressed concern over the Town's "public square" having a no loitering sign. Same resident suggested an ordinance change be put to a referendum so all the residents have a vote on the matter. 2) No comment. 3) Concerned with Public Comment on the agenda being moved to the bottom. Did some research and at these 10 other townships have public comment at the top of the agenda. He feels it should remain at the beginning of the meeting and will wait to see what is discussed at this meeting. He also stated that he feels the Board does a good job including the public 4) Resident still concerned with the buoy issue and all the events that followed.

**REQUEST TO CHANGE DATE OF OCTOBER REGULAR BOARD MEETING:** A. Sloane requested to move the regular board meeting from Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. The Notice of Hearing for an alley abandonment is already scheduled for Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> and the paperwork is in progress. So the Board agreed to hold the regular board meeting on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm and still have the Hearing on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 with W. Felch and J. Smith present.

**REQUEST TO CLOSE OFF SPRUCE STREET FOR MUSEUM DEDICATION:** The Clerk named the wrong street. It is PINE STREET that The Price County Historical Society has requested to be closed off. A **MOTION** was made by A. Sloane and J. Smith to close off Pine Street for the dedication ceremony and activities, motion carried. The ceremony is at 1:00 pm with tours starting at 11:00 am. The Town will barricade Pine Street around 10:00 am that morning and take the barricade down after the ceremony.

**REVIEW & DISCUSS THE ORDER OF WHICH BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD:** There was discussion of going to two meetings a month, possibly one during the day and one still in the evening. J. Smith stated that he would like to have a daytime meeting and have more time to discuss issues. This could be good for residents that work 2<sup>nd</sup> shift, one resident stated that a daytime meeting would not be fair to residents, one resident stated that a daytime meeting could be beneficial for the Board to accomplish more. There was discussion on where to place Public Comment on the agendas. There was reference to Robert's Rules of Order. The Board would like more time to gather information, A **MOTION** was made by J. Smith and A. Sloane to table this item until the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, motion carried.

**REVIEW AND DISCUSS FLEX GRANT:** Pike Lake Fire/EMS Department presented an updated proposal for the Board's approval. A **MOTION** was made by A. Sloane and J. Smith to accept the Pomsal proposal for the purchase of a Demers TSE Transit Type II Ambulance. This purchase will be covered by the Flex Grant that the Pike Lake EMS was awarded.

**REVIEW DUMP CARD POLICY:** The Clerk contacted neighboring townships and gathered information on their procedures for their dump sites. They were all different, from cards and/or sticker to pre-buying bags. After a brief discussion a **MOTION** was made by j. Smith and A. Sloane to keep the policy of using dump cards with the change of allowing an additional one to two cards per residence, motion carried.

**UPDATE ON EMR INCIDENT:** The Clerk drafted a letter regarding the disciplinary action being taken from the last meeting. The Board wanted to discuss this further and due to being about an employee they moved to executive session at 6:40 pm. The special meeting reconvened at 7:03 pm. A **MOTION** was made by J. Smith and A. Sloane to table this matter until a meeting can be set up with the Town's attorney, motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** A **MOTION** was made to adjourn at 7:05 PM by A. Sloane and J. Smith, motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly E. Kleinschmidt, Town of Fifield Clerk/Treasurer

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