

TOWN OF FIFIELD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Minutes of October 10th, 2023

The meeting was brought to order on October 10th, 2023 at 6:00pm at the Fifield Town Hall

ROLL CALL: Present: William Felch, John Smith, K. Kleinschmidt, T. Fleming and 12 others. Present by Phone: Ann Sloane
The pledge of allegiance was recited

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVE MEETING(S) MINUTES: In reviewing the minutes from Sept 19th, a change will be made in public comments regarding a resident's concern with a character letter, her concern was not with the letter as a whole, but a statement made in the letter regarding mob mentality. A **MOTION** was made by J. Smith and A. Sloane to approve and accept the minutes from the September 5th, 2023, meeting.

CEMETERY REPORT: The report was reviewed and accepted.

REVIEW & ACCEPT JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH PRICE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: The joint powers agreement between the Town and the County for 9-1-1 Emergency System was reviewed. A **MOTION** to accept and sign the agreement was made by J. Smith and A. Sloane, motion carried.

REVIEW & ACCEPT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT / FR137: A cooperative agreement with the US Forest Service regarding ditching FR137/Riley Creek was reviewed, it is extended until November of 2024. A **MOTION** to accept and sign the agreement was made by J. Smith and A. Sloane, motion carried.

REVIEW FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT WITH TOWN OF FLAMBEAU: Fire Dept #1 would like to consider raising the rate for the July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 term. A **MOTION** was made to table this until next spring by W. Felch and A. Sloane, motion carried.

The 10-17-2023 Alley Abandonment Hearing: Due to the issues with process of service this hearing will be cancelled. A **MOTION** was made by W. Felch and J. Smith to table this hearing until next spring, motion carried.

REVIEW & APPROVE REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA FORMAT: After brief discussion regarding information from the WTA and concerns over the meetings be held in a respectful manner, a **MOTION** to keep the current format of the agenda was made by J. Smith and A. Sloane, motion carried.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF TWO REGULAR BOARD MEETING PER MONTH: There was discussion on the pros of having two meetings a month and trying to make them more accessible for residents. A **MOTION** to have two meetings a month, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, the 1st Tuesday being a 9:00 am and the 3rd Tuesday remaining at 6:00 pm, was made by J. Smith and A. Sloane, motion carried. This change will go into effect starting January of 2024.

CLERK/TREASURER: Financial reports were reviewed and accepted. The Clerk asked the Board to approve paying additional bills, Pieper Power for a new light at the Old 13 Transfer site and Price County Highway Dept for bridge inspections. A **MOTION** was made to pay these bills by A. Sloane and J. Smith, motion carried. The rest of the balance due for the new dump truck has come from Monroe, the Clerk will work with Forward Bank on getting that payment out.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS:

FIRE #1 REPORT: They had 2 EMS calls and 1 fire call. They have an association meeting in Kennan/Catawba on 10-30-23. SOG's are being worked on. Cleaning Contract: Carefree Cleaning has resigned from cleaning the firehall. Fire personnel will work on cleaning the hall 15 minutes before each meeting now.

FIRE #2 REPORT: They had 1 EMS call and 0 fire calls. They received the DNR grant, it is a 50/50 program, that will be part of their budget for 2024. Dept #1 has compiled a list of vendors for Dept #2 to work off of. Chief Johnson will be gone for the the Chiefs meeting on October 30th, J. Nelson will sit in for him. The Clerk is still working on an answer as to whether they can have funds out of their reserves to repair their engine or not. Chief LOA: Will wait for the proper paperwork to come through. Hall Internet: Chief Johnson will contact Centurylink in regards to having better internet out there for training & meetings.

TOWN CREW REPORT: Road Superintendent T.Fleming reported the new dump truck is here and lettered, it is set up for winter already so they have not been using it yet. Crack filling has been finished, asked that bidding for the crack filling be

done earlier next year. The water is shut off and the bathrooms are closed up for the winter at the park. This should be their last week on Riley, then starting to get ready for winter. A **MOTION** was made to sell the 2001 Freightliner Dump Truck by J. Smith and A. Sloane, motion carried. Will list it on Wisconsin Surplus in the hopes of trying to get at least \$7,500.00 without the plow and \$8,500.00 with the plow. A resident emailed the Town with concerns of a survey marker being removed on his property during the Cy's Drive project, Supervisor J. Smith will contact the resident.

TRANSFER SITES REPORT: T. Fleming reported they had to replace a light at the Old 13 transfer site. Still waiting on the camera to be fixed there.

REVIEW & DISCUSS ORDINANCE #28: After a brief discussion regarding the speed limit and skiing hours, a **MOTION** was made to table this matter until more information has been gathered, by A. Sloane and J. Smith, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Board general correspondence was reviewed; the signed agreement with Town of Flambeau, letter from Price County Dams regarding winter draw down, WTA Price County Unit meeting in Catawba and a letter from a resident with concerns of a phone pedestal that is exposed. T. Fleming will try to contact Centurylink regarding this.

REVIEW PAID INVOICES: Paid invoices were reviewed and accepted

ADJOURN: A **MOTION** was made to adjourn at 7:08 PM by J. Smith and W. Felch, motion carried.

These minutes are a draft until approval at the next scheduled regular board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly E. Kleinschmidt
Town of Fifield Clerk/Treasurer

10/11/2023