

**TOWN OF FIFIELD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Minutes of November, 22nd, 2023**

The meeting was brought to order on November 22nd, 2023 at 6:00pm at the Fifield Town Hall.

ROLL CALL: Present: William Felch, John Smith, Ann Sloane, K. Kleinschmidt, T. Fleming and 11 others. 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: Minutes for October 9th, 10th and 25th were reviewed. A **MOTION** was made by A. Sloane and J. Smith to approve and accept the minutes from the October meetings, motion carried.

CEMETERY REPORT: T. Lanham informed the Board that Boom Town came and cut one tree down and said they would be back next summer. She asked if she could inquire with other companies to finish the job this year yet and the Board approved. There was brief discussion regarding the town crew cutting a couple of the trees as well. The financial report was reviewed and accepted.

STORAGE AGREEMENT BETWEEN FIFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT #2 AND THE SNO DROVERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB: The agreement was reviewed, no changes were made. The Board signed the agreement and will wait for the Sno Drover's Club president to sign as well.

CLERK/TREASURER: Financial reports were reviewed and accepted. The Clerk asked the Board to approve paying an additional bill for furnace repair at Pike Lake fire hall. A **MOTION** was made by J. Smith and A. Sloane to pay the invoice from Northern Comfort, motion carried. A **MOTION** was made by J. Smith and A. Sloane to accept the quote from Northern Comfort for a maintenance plan for both fire stations, with fire station #1 being \$329.95 and fire station #2 being \$299.90 for 2024, motion carried. The ARPA account has been closed. Discussion on the budget for the rest of 2023, funds will have to be transferred at the end of the year to cover cost of new furnaces, as approved of at the September 19th meeting and if the check from the US Forest for Riley Creek's cooperative agreement is not received by the end of the year, more funds will have to be transferred for that as well. A final amount will be on the agenda for December. A tentative calendar for next year's regular board meetings was reviewed with some changes made due to election conflicts. Clerk/treasurer interviews were held, and offer was extended and accepted by Crystal Cowling. She will take on the role of clerk/treasurer as of January 1, 2024.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS:

FIRE #1 REPORT: They had 5 EMR calls and 3 fire calls. Elections were held.

FIRE #2 REPORT: They had 1 EMR call and 0 fire calls. They winterized their equipment and vehicles. A snowblower was donated for the firehall. Still looking into faster internet at the firehall.

TOWN CREW REPORT: Road Superintendent T.Fleming reported the repairs have been done to the sand shed and it has been filled. Replaced a culvert on Chizek Rd. The culverts replaced on Gates Lake road was supplied and put in by the Forest Dept. Hauled gravel to FR 136 between 508 Sailor Lake Rd per open cooperative agreement. The wayside has been closed for the winter. DNR accepted the closure of the storm water permits for N Boruta and Cy's Drive. The County shared information on bridge clean out for the spring. The 2002 Freightliner dump truck was sold along with the attachments for \$8,295.00. All the items have been picked up.

TRANSFER SITES REPORT: A resident inquired putting deer carcasses in the compactors, the clerk contacted Republic Services and they said no, the local DNR stations have dumpsters for those. It was briefly discussed having the attendants wear body cams to reduce issues at the sites, we already have cameras in place so this matter could be further discussed in the future if needed. The regular refrigeration guy cannot come anymore this year to remove the freon, he will schedule us in next spring.

CORRESPONDENCE: Board general correspondence was reviewed; a letter from Cy's Drive resident thanking the Board and crew for their hard work, DNR letter re land placed into managed forest. Letters from PLCLA regarding placement of two buoys and ordinance 28, these two matters will be placed on the December regular board meeting agenda and an apology letter from Pike Lake EMR.

REVIEW PAID INVOICES: Paid invoices were reviewed and accepted

ADJOURN: A **MOTION** was made to adjourn at 6:55 PM by J. Smith and A. Sloane, 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

11/28/2023

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