

TOWN OF FIFIELD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Minutes of January 2, 2024

The meeting was brought to order on January 2, 2024 at 9:00 am at the Fifield Town Hall.
This meeting is being recorded by the Lakeland Times.

ROLL CALL: Present: William Felch, John W. Smith, Ann Sloane, Kelly Kleinschmidt, Ted Fleming and 20 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: A resident questioned when it comes to reimbursements do they have to turn in their credit card statement or can they just submit the receipt. Three residents spoke regarding Ordinance #28. The first resident went into detail regarding how many people the PLCLA has reached through their members, Facebook page and website. And how he came to the information he gathered regarding the changes they would like with the skiing hours in Ord. #28. He also stated that the PLCLA is still willing to help with the cost of these changes. The second resident stated that he felt the PLCLA did a fair and thorough job of getting the information out there, reaching as many people as they could and gathering the input from the residents that did respond. He feels that water skiing is limited already due to weather and other conditions, and would like to see the hours extended. He researched area lakes and could only find one lake, Solberg, that had restrictions and those seemed to be what looked like a courtesy code placed by that lake's association. A third resident stated she would like to commend the PLCLA for all their efforts and work on this, and supports the views of the two previous residents that spoke.

UPDATE OF TREE REMOVAL AT CEMETERY: T. Fleming informed the Board that the City of Phillips has a bucket truck and are willing to help with the removal of trees at the cemetery. He states now is a good time to do the work with the ground being frozen and not a lot of snow. Chairperson Felch questioned who is responsible if something should happen, someone getting hurt or a headstone being damaged. He asked T. Fleming to find that out along with what will this cost. The cemetery caretaker asked the Board if he could work at the cemetery right now doing clean up, make it easier this spring, the Board approved.

CONSIDERATION FOR LOGGING TOWN PROPERTY BEHIND THE TOWN HALL: T. Fleming informed the Board that the parcel would need to be surveyed for accuracy, we cannot just use the County map. Instead of incurring the cost of the survey, there is a resident interested in buying that land. Selling this parcel would have to be approved by the town electors, therefore this will be tabled until the annual meeting in April.

APPROVAL OF CLERK/TREASURER SALARY FOR 2024: Due to illness, this will be tabled until the next regular board meeting.

SET 2024 MEETING SCHEDULE: After reviewing the calendar with meeting dates, the Board approved keeping the tentative dates for the first Tuesday and the third Tuesday of the month with the exception of not holding the meeting on April 2nd due to election and the annual meeting being on April 16th.

REVIEW ORDINANCE #28 CORRESPONDENCE: At the last meeting a motion was made to drop the speed limit off of this ordinance but keep the skiing hours the same. After reviewing correspondence from residents, reviewing the information gathered by the PLCLA and listening to the public comments at the beginning of this meeting, A. Sloane would like to rescind the motion made at the last meeting regarding skiing hours and make a new **MOTION** to change the skiing hours to 10:00 am to 7:00 pm, J. Smith seconded that motion, VV 3-0. This ordinance will be updated and approved at the next meeting.

ADJOURN: A **MOTION** was made by A. Sloane and seconded by J. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 AM; motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly E. Kleinschmidt
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

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