

**TOWN OF FIFIELD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Minutes of January 16, 2024**

The meeting was brought was to order on January 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Fifield Town Hall.

This meeting is being recorded by the Lakeland Times and video recorded by resident.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: William Felch, John W. Smith, Ann Sloane, Kelly Kleinschmidt, Crystal Cowling, Ted Fleming and 19 others.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**VERIFICATION OF PUBLIC POSTING:** Clerk noted the agenda was posted at the Fifield Town Hall, Fifield Post Office, Pike Lake Fire Hall, and the website for Town of Fifield.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** 1) Supervisor read a formal response to a previous complaint from another supervisor. 2) Resident read his letter with concerns regarding the fire departments, the fire call from November 23, 2023 and how they should move forward. 3) Resident had 3 different concerns regarding Ordinance #99, Ordinance #28, and the actions of board supervisors. 4) Resident concerned with the safety issue of a mail box post sticking out on Hicks Landing Road.

**APPROVE MEETING(S) MINUTES:** December 19, 2023 minutes were reviewed. **MOTION** by A. Sloane and seconded by J. Smith to accept and approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**CEMETERY REPORT:** T. Lanham reported she received an estimate of \$8,000 from Foley's Tree Service to remove 9 trees and they are willing to do it during the winter. Board approved this expense. Stump grinding in the spring will be a separate cost. T. Lanham has been asked if there is a plan to replant and she suggests smaller trees and shrubs.

**CLERK/TREASURER:** December financial reports were reviewed and accepted. The Clerk noted the accountant reviewed and assisted with end of year recon. The new Clerk/Treasurer requested the monthly salary of \$1,850 for the year 2024. **MOTION** made by A. Sloane and seconded by J. Smith to approve the requested salary. VV 3-0. Chairperson Felch suggested an hourly wage of \$25 for the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer. **MOTION** made by J. Smith and seconded by A. Sloane to accept the hourly wage. VV 3-0 Written resignation from Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Sue Mueller was reviewed. **MOTION** made by J. Smith and seconded by A. Sloan to accept the resignation as submitted. Deputy Clerk K. Kleinschmidt asked for approval to have IT Updates done. **MOTION** made by A. Sloane and J. Smith to approve moving forward with needed changes. Motion carried. The meeting schedule will stay as is with the first Tuesday and third Tuesday of the month with exceptions of elections and other unforeseen circumstances. There have been a few donations towards the Christmas Lights, T. Lanham is working on a committee for this. Resident wrote an inquiry regarding Ordinance #22-104, there was brief discussion regarding his residence is under coverage from Park Falls Fire Department. Chairperson Felch will contact resident.

**FIRE DEPARTMENTS:**

**FIRE #1 REPORT:** FD #1 had 2 fire calls and 12 EMS calls. Corn Hole Tournament scheduled for March 2, 2024, will be requesting a Liquor License. Requested approval to purchase materials estimated at \$800 for new stairs at fire hall. **MOTION** made by J. Smith and seconded by A. Sloane to approve the purchase of these materials. Motion carried. New hire, this was tabled to a future meeting. Requested to start looking into selling #242 and #243 in the hopes of purchasing a new Tender (either used or new). **MOTION** made by J. Smith and seconded by A. Sloane to try to sell #242 and #243. Motion carried. Presentation by EMR C. Walters regarding Community Paramedic program for Fifield residents, would like the Board's support, answered questions regarding liability, and would only cost the Town her pay as an EMR. This will be tabled for a future meeting.

**FIRE #2 REPORT:** Fire Chief disagrees with previous statements made regarding Fire Department #2 and the 11/23/2023 fire call, would like to state further response in the future. Would also like to set up a meeting with Fire Department #1 and Fire Department #2 regarding 11/23/2023 fire call. Received items from the DNR grant. Ambulance purchased from flex grant is in Pennsylvania for four-wheel drive conversion and could be here in June. Purchased lighting with remainder of flex grant and Fire Inc. covering the balance. Septic working OK in Building #2 so far. Looking at an AFG Grant for new fire truck.

**TOWN CREW REPORT:** Road Superintendent T. Fleming reported they've been working at the cemetery and on the turn around on N. Voight Road. Federal Services helped with Riley Lake Road and the hawk's nest. Signed the 3 FT and 2 PT employees up for MSHA on March 7, 2024. Requested approval to start seeking bids for surveying Bay Road. **MOTION** made by J. Smith and seconded by A. Sloane to approve seeking surveying bids for Bay Road. Motion carried.

**TRANSFER SITES REPORT:** T. Fleming reported they burned the brush pile and the Old 13 transfer site.

**ORDINANCE #28:** Board reviewed draft, discussion regarding the changes of the skiing times, speed limit, requirement of 2 people in the boat at all times, the fines, and the possibility of having the DNR Recreational Officer review the final draft after the Clerk makes changes and before the Board approves.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Board general correspondence reviewed: Price County Zoning notice for Special Exception Permit; WTA Price County unit meeting agenda, and an email regarding buoy placement east of Thorofare Bridge.

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

**ADJOURN:** A **MOTION** was made by J. Smith and seconded by A. Sloane to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM; motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal M Cowling, Clerk/Treasurer  
Town of Fifiield

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