

TOWN OF FIFIELD

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2024 9:00 AM

Meeting was called to order on May 7, 2024 at 9:00 am at the Fifield Town Hall.

Meeting was posted at Town of Fifield Website <http://www.tn.fifield.wi.gov>, Fifield Town Hall, N13935 Ridge Avenue, Fifield Post Office; Pike Lake Fire Hall, and Shady Knoll Road.

ROLL CALL: Present: William Felch, Ann Sloan, John W. Smith, Crystal Cowling, Kelly Kleinschmidt, Ted Fleming, and approximately 14 public attendees. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident questioned what the cost of a recall election would be to the Town, if one should take place. The Clerk estimated that it could be around \$8,000. This resident also asked about the policy of no solicitation on town property, the Board stated that this will be more enforced. Another resident questioned the need and the cost of sidewalks as part of the Walnut Street project, at this time no decisions have been regarding sidewalks.

ISSUES BROUGHT FORTH FROM 4-16-2024 ANNUAL MEETING

- Sale of Town Property: a special meeting of electors will need to be held to approve this. A special meeting of electors was set for June 18, 2024 at 5:30 pm, before the regular scheduled board meeting.
- Alley Abandonment: the Board discussed moving forward with this. **MOTION** made by J. Smith and seconded by A. Sloane to abandon the whole alley. The Board requested the Clerk to check on the possibility of any cost over \$1,000 for this project being passed on to the residents of that alley.
- Ordinance for Cleaning Up Properties: discussion of possibility of holding listening sessions and/or sending residents letters regarding cleaning up. The Board will continue to gather information and this will be tabled to June 4th meeting.

OPEN AND AWARD CRACK FILL BIDS: opened and reviewed bids from Superior Sealers LLC for \$19,573.00; Fahner Asphalt Sealers LLC for \$32,733.99; and Pitlik & Wick Inc. for \$91,550.00. **MOTION** made by J. Smith to accept the bid from Superior Sealers LLC. Motion carried; VV: 3-0.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS ROAD TOUR: the Board and Road Superintendent did a recap of the roads visited during the road tour. Was asked if Whitmore could be included in the spraying for dust when doing Brahmstadt Rd, a total of one mile. **MOTION** was made by A. Sloane and seconded by J. Smith to spray Whitmore along with Brahmstadt Rd. Motion carried. Other details are in the minutes from the April 11, 2024 Road Tour.

REVIEW AND SIGN FLAMBEAU FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT: Board reviewed and signed letter to Town of Flambeau for Fire Protection and EMR Services Agreement.

BAY ROAD SURVEY UPDATE: Chairperson and Road Superintendent met with the surveyor, they were given a map showing how the road previously laid out and how it is currently. In the future the Board will have to consider the possibility of trading properties with the residents or asking them to abandon the property. At this time, the Board has asked a resident if he would meet with them to discuss and consider allowing the Town to put a turn around in on his property at the end of North Bay Rd. At this time the Town would like to grade and add gravel to the road coming off of Shady Knoll to the end of North Bay Rd.

PIKE LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT: Quote for the mini pumper was for \$385,000.00, this was reviewed and discussed. Long discussion regarding if this piece of equipment is really needed and the condition of driveways is the residents' responsibility. FD#2 will sell their 2019 Squad and an EMS Van to help pay for the mini pumper. The balance would then come out of their reserves, the Clerk asked if it would be possible for Fire Inc. to help with the remaining balance as to not wipe out their reserves. Chief Johnson stated that that could be possible, he will take it to their board. **MOTION** made by A. Sloane and seconded by W. Felch to approve the purchase of mini pumper. VV: 2-1 (W. Felch – Aye; A. Sloane – Aye; J. Smith – Nay) Motion carried.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION: MOTION by A. Sloane and seconded by W. Felch to move into closed session at 10:35 a.m. VV: 3-0 Motion carried.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS NOTICE OF INJURY & CLAIM: the Clerk will notify the Attorney regarding the next step the Board has chosen.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: MOTION by J. Smith and seconded by A. Sloane to move back into open session at 10:53 a.m.: VV 3-0 Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Resignation letter received from Jim Nelson
- Invitation for a board supervisor to attend Cochran Lake District's annual meeting, A. Sloane will possibly attend.
- Building Permit
- Email regarding permits/requirements for a short-term rental, the Town has none at this time.

ADJOURN: MOTION made by W. Felch and seconded by A. Sloane to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 am, motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal M. Cowling, Clerk/Treasurer
Kelly E. Kleinschmidt, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

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