

TOWN OF FIFIELD

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Minutes of May 21, 2024

The meeting was called to order on May 21, 2024 at 6:35 pm at the Fifield Town Hall.

ROLL CALL: Present: William Felch, Ann Sloane, Crystal Cowling, Kelly Kleinschmidt, Ted Fleming, and approximately 13 public attendees; Absent: J. Smith
The pledge of allegiance was recited.

VERIFICATION OF POSTINGS: Clerk verified postings at Fifield Town Hall, Fifield Post Office, Town of Fifield's Website and Pike Lake Fire Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Resident noted that if dust control is being done on town roads, he requests Old 13 South be done as well.
- Resident had two items to make note of: 1) It appears the buoy by her residence on Round Lake has been moved further out and requests if someone could look at that. 2) It was stated at the May 7, 2024 meeting that no permission was given to ask for signatures inside the gates at the transfer sites, when another resident had received permission per a phone call with Chairperson Felch to do so. After some additional requests to be petitioning at the transfer sites, with further discussion regarding safety concerns at the Old 13 Transfer Site, Chairperson Felch and Road Superintendent Fleming determined petitioners would be given permission to be inside the gate as long as they stayed off to the side by the furniture area. At the Pike Lake Transfer Site, they are to remain on the lawn outside of the gate. T. Fleming will share this again with appropriate staff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of April 11 and 16, 2024 were submitted for review and approval. **MOTION** by A. Sloane and seconded by W. Felch to accept and approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

CEMETARY REPORT: Financials reviewed and a **MOTION** by A. Sloane and seconded by W. Felch to approve the report as submitted. Motion carried.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT:

- Financials were submitted for the Board's review.
- Applied for and received the Recycling Grant again this year for \$2,370.00; FD#2 received the DNR grant for \$4,080.00; filed the ARPA report showing the last of those funds being spent last year. For payroll purposes, Deputy Clerk inquired on how to pay for mowing town properties and other town areas. After brief discussion, for next year's budget this cost should be in parks and grounds. Deputy Clerk also inquired about paying mileage to firefighters for training. This will be tabled to the next scheduled regular board meeting.
- Application submitted to the Board for approval of new hire for FD#1, **MOTION** made by A. Sloane and seconded by W. Felch to approve this applicant. Motion carried.
- Temporary liquor licenses for events now have to be held by the clerk's office for 15 days and approved of at a board meeting. It was also noted that a \$10 fee is automatically on the temp liquor license application and asked if the Board wanted to enforce that. **MOTION** made by A. Sloane and seconded by W. Felch to not enforce this fee. Due to the fact that these are usually for fundraising events. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- *Fire Dept #1* – New firefighter will be joining FD#1 per the approval above; 14 EMR calls, 2 accidents, and 2 fire calls.
- *Fire Dept #2* – Two call with FD#1, one tree removal; Mini Pumper ordered, delivery in 4-5 months; EMS Rural Rescue Vehicle is still in Pennsylvania; possible fire fighter joining the team; class being held in Phillips.

TOWN CREW REPORT: T. Fleming reported as follows:

- Movrich Park and the wayside are completely opened for the season with the water on.
- Damage to shoulders due to lack of snow has been fixed.
- Took 100 yards off of hill on Hicks Landing Road, water will drain better.
- Estimate for replacing sidewalks on part of Balsam St is \$6,000-\$8,000 per town crew member, this would include expansion joints, tool rental and cost of removing old sidewalk. This does not include cost of sand, this will be determined after grade is set. Will check with Cooper Eng. on grade the next time they are in the area. At this time this is the only sidewalk being done.

TRANSFER SITES REPORT: No issues at this time. Noted mattresses, box springs, and furniture are charged \$25 per item. Working on having freon removed and the refrigerators/freezers hauled away.

ALLEY ABANDONMENT: It was stated that the resident that initially requested the abandonment has now rescinded that request. The Clerk will contact her to have that put in writing.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Email from Cooper Eng. re: starting the Walnut St project at the end of July
- Building Permit
- Email from resident re: delayed or no postings in the Pike Lake Town Hall
- Letter from Price Electric requesting Herbicide and Line Clearing

REVIEW PAID INVOICES: Invoices paid were reviewed, accepted, and signed.

ADJOURN: MOTION made by A. Sloane and seconded by W. Felch to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm. Motion carried.

THESE MINUTES ARE A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

Respectfully submitted,

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

5/29/2024