

**TOWN OF FIFIELD**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 18, 2024    6:00 PM**

Meeting was called to order on June 18 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Fifield Town Hall. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: William Felch, John W. Smith, Ann Sloane, Crystal Cowling, Kelly Kleinschmidt, Ted Fleming, and approximately 33 public attendees, and was recorded by the Lakeland Times.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** **1)** Lynn Redfall introduced herself as a candidate for Price County Clerk of Courts. She is currently the Clerk for the Town of Kennan. **2)** President of the Dirt Devils ATV/UTV Club noted he is working on opening up trails, this matter is later on this agenda. **3)** Resident states 2-3 parties have still not received their apology letter and is questioning the discipline being carried through regarding the EMR incident from June 26, 2023. He also asked questions of the Board/Clerks and requested they be answered at that time. He asked the Board to review this matter again and place it on a future agenda. **4 & 5)** Two residents asked for their roads, Pike Lake Club Road, Turner Lake Road be considered when discussing/deciding on dust control. **6)** Resident questioned the minutes of June 4, 2024, she felt her complete statement was not in the minutes, the Clerk stated that public comment is only for residents to state their concern; no debating, no bantering, or decision-making is done during public comment. She also shared her opinion on the Clerk's mailing the apology letters. And, still requests an apology regarding getting signatures at the transfer sites. **7)** Resident submitted/filed Recall Petition with the Clerk(s) showing signatures asking for a recall election.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of May 7, 2024 and May 21, 2024 were submitted and reviewed by the Board. **MOTION** made by A. Sloane and seconded by J. Smith to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried. VV 3-0

**CEMETARY REPORT:** financials submitted and accepted as is.

**CLERK/TREASURER REPORT**

- Financial Report: financials were submitted. The Clerk(s) noted they would like to review the budget in more detail at the next evening meeting, when we are half-way through the year. **MOTION** made by A. Sloane and seconded by J. Smith to accept and approve the financials as submitted. Motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

- Review of Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Certification Reports. The Clerk(s) asked if they would file the SL-307 form, which combines Fire 1 and Fire 2, along with the EMS departments; due to the fact that the report on the DOR website does not break out for multiple fire departments. The board approved using this form.
- Fire Dept #1 Report: their last meeting was CPR training; no minutes were taken; 4 Fire Calls; 6 EMR Calls.
- Fire Dept #2 Report: 2 Fire Support calls which resulted in being told to stand down.

**TOWN CREW REPORT**

Road Superintendent reported that sidewalk replacement has started on Balsam Street; working on culvert replacements started, with the Federal assisting.

**TRANSFER SITE REPORT**

Road Superintendent informed that JB Disposal has been sold to Howard Disposal. After monitoring future billings, could possibly look at other companies.

### **REVIEW INSURANCE POLICY QUESTIONNAIRE**

- After reviewing the questionnaire, it was noted the generator needed to be removed.
- After reviewing some recommendations from the insurance agent, the board discussed that under the property section, leave deductible at \$1,000, however under the crime section, **MOTION** made by W. Felch and seconded by J. Smith to increase that limit from \$25,000 to \$50,000. Motion carried. VV 3-0
- The insurance agent also informed that cyber liability was not included in our package and coverage for \$100,000 limit would be an additional \$682.89 and coverage with \$1,000,000 limit would be an additional \$3,222.87. **MOTION** was made by J. Smith and seconded by A. Sloane to purchase the coverage costing \$682.89. Motion carried. VV 3-0

**APPROVAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES:** J. Smith recused himself from this topic. After reviewing the list of licenses applications, **MOTION** made by A. Sloane and seconded by W. Felch to approve the licenses as submitted. Motion carried. VV 2-0 (1 Abstain)

**ATV ORDINANCE NO. 100:** President of the Dirt Devils ATV/UTV Club requests the town support in trying to open up some trail routes. They would like to have the section from Sugarbush Road to Bobcat Road (3/10 of a mile) opened on Highway 70; a section on Highway 13 from White Rock Road to Walnut Street (1/2 mile); and a resident would like to have a section opened up on Highway 70 from Turner Lake Road to Sheep Ranch Road (1.3 miles). Residents showed concern with ATV/UTV traffic in regards to safety, speeding and dust control. Opening these sections would make Fifield more accessible and improve tourism. At this time, **MOTION** made by the board made to approve a letter of support for opening the road from Sugarbush to Bobcat. Motion carried. VV 3-0. The club president stated this process of approval could take up to a year and must go through the County and the State. At this time the ordinance is not being revised. It was also asked of the Road Superintendent to get an estimate of cost for dust control.

**REVIEW FIRE DEPARTMENTS PAYROLL DESCRIPTION:** Deputy Clerk requested shared with the Board literature from the DSPS regarding what we are required to pay volunteer fire fighters. She asked if they could review and consolidate how fire payroll is done, so it is the same for both departments. **MOTION** made by J. Smith and seconded by W. Felch to consolidate the categories that are being paid for in fire payroll. Motion carried. Deputy Clerk and Fire #2 Chief will schedule a meeting to review and discuss payroll descriptions.

**REVIEW SPEED LIMIT ON PETERS ROAD:** a resident inquired about there being no speed limit signs on Peters Road. Chairperson Felch will look into the process of having some put up. This will be on the Tuesday, July 2, 2024 agenda.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Email from resident regarding dust control on Pike Lake Club Road.
- Letter from Price County Surveyor's Office regarding municipalities notifying them of any future road maintenance or construction.

**ADJOURN:** **MOTION** made by J. Smith and seconded by W. Felch to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 am. Motion carried.

**\*THESE MINUTES ARE A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVAL AT THE NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR BOARD MEETING\***

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Cowling, Clerk/Treasurer  
Kelly Kleinschmidt, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

06/25/2024