

# TOWN OF FIFIELD

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 2, 2024 9:00 AM

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairmen Felch called the meeting to order on at 9:00 am at the Fifield Town Hall. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: William Felch, John W. Smith, Ann Sloane, Crystal Cowling, Kelly Kleinschmidt, Ted Fleming, and approximately 28 public attendees.

**VERIFICATION OF POSTING:** Clerk verified the public postings.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** 1) Resident stated the Chair should take better control of the meeting rather than the audience, and enforce the 5-minute limit for public comment. 2) Resident still feels he is owed an apology from the 6-26-23 incident and does not agree with the way the apology letters were handled and still feels the EMR person should be terminated. 3) Resident requested the sidewalk spoil on Balsam Street be cleaned up and asks if the Town would provide top soil now rather than when the project is complete. 4) Resident also in support of immediate termination of EMR person. 5) Resident questioned the process of what the chair was told by the Town's attorney.

**UPDATE ON SPEED LIMIT FOR PETERS ROAD:** brief discussion to lower the speed limit on Peters Road. At this time, because it is not marked, it is 55 mph and DOT will not let it be lowered to 45 without having a speed study. Due to the length of the road and the number of residents, the road would probably not pass the survey. It was recommended that children at play signs be placed on that road. Resident will still write the DOT asking for the road to be monitored and a lower speed limit than 45 mph.

**APPROVAL OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR DIRT DEVILS ATV/UTV CLUB:** Residents showed concern regarding this request from the ATV/UTV Club to open up the section on Highway 70 from Sugarbush Road to Bobcat Road. They question the safety and liability of this. The Club would like to put up flashing lights and take every precaution possible. The letter of support was not signed and this matter was tabled to the July 16, 2024 meeting.

**RULES OF PUBLIC COMMENT:** The Clerk shared literature regarding guidelines for public comment. The Board would like time to review this information and this will be tabled to the July 16, 2024 meeting. The Board agrees that the goal her is to have a more professional, controlled meetings. It was asked if the Clerk could upload these guidelines to the Town website, she will look into that.

**REVIEW EMR DISCIPLINE FROM JUNE 26, 2023 INCIDENT:** A. Sloane recused herself from this topic. The Stipulation requirements have been met, however, with new issues arising, it was asked if this matter should be reviewed again.

**MOTION** to move into closed session at 9:45 am by J. Smith and seconded by W. Felch pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercise responsibility. Motion carried. VV 2-0, 1 Abstained

**MOTION** made by W. Felch and seconded by J. Smith to move back into open session at 10:00 am. Motion carried. VV 2-0, 1 Abstained

**MOTION** made by J. Smith and seconded by W. Felch to forward the details of this matter to the Town's Attorney for review Motion carried. VV 2-0, 1 Abstained

**DISCUSSION TENTATIVE TIMELINE FOR RECALL ELECTION:** A petition was filed with the Clerk's office for a recall election on June 18, 2024. The Clerk shared what a tentative timeline would look like if a recall election should happen. The Clerk has 31 days from the filing date to certify the petition. During that time, the Officer has 10 days from the filing date to challenge, if a challenge is filed, the Petitioner has five days to rebuttal, then the Officer has 2 days to reply to that rebuttal. Once and if the petition is certified, the election would be set for the 6<sup>th</sup> Tuesday after the certification date.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Price County Unit meeting with WTA.
- Two building permits reviewed.
- Two firework permits reviewed for Musky Jack's and Island Club.

**ADJOURN:** **MOTION** made by J. Smith and seconded by A. Sloane to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 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

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