

TOWN OF FIFIELD

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2024 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Chairmen Felch called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Fifield Town Hall. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Present: William Felch, John W. Smith, Crystal Cowling, Kelly Kleinschmidt, Ted Fleming, Bryce Schoenborn, Judy Reas and approximately 25 public attendees. Present by telephone Ann Sloane

VERIFICATION OF POSTING: Clerk verified the public postings at: Town of Fifield Website, Fifield Town Hall, Fifield Post Office, and Pike Lake Fire Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) Resident concerned with future work on Hicks Landing Road.
- 2) Resident praised the work of the clerks and expressed opinion on recall election.
- 3) Resident read notes on clarification of article in the Lakeland Times.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of July 2, 2024, July 16, 2024, July 22, 2024, and July 25 2024, were presented for review and approval.

MOTION made by J. Smith and seconded by W. Felch to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

CEMETERY FINANCIALS/REPORT: financials were submitted by cemetery administrator and accepted. Cemetery administrator noted that there is an increase of \$50.00 for frozen and unfrozen in grave opening effective August 1, 2024.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT:

- 1) Bank statements, balance sheet and profit and loss were reviewed.
- 2) It was noted that the tax settlement was received and invoices will be paid. The possibility of raising the levy was mentioned. The board will have worksheets at the next meeting to begin the budget process.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Fire Department #1: 7 EMR Calls, 1 fire call which turned out to be an assist.
- Fire Department #2: 3 EMR Calls. Mini Pumper is still in production and rural ambulance is still in modification.

TOWN CREW REPORT: Work on the turn around and graveled on Bush Road, completed work on Thorofare bridge, replaced culvert on North Voight Road and started second half of Riley Creek Road. Foley Tree Service will be grinding stumps after Fun Day for an estimated cost of \$350-400. Discussion on Bay Road turn around with Supervisor J. Smith stating he would call the property owner.

TRANSFER SITE REPORT: The new company collected scrap metal and that went fine. Multiple incident reports regarding a resident not showing his card or paying and just driving off. A letter was sent July 25, 2024. The board will decide at the next meeting how to proceed.

UPDATE ON AUGUST 27, 2024 ELECTION: Election workers have been chosen per guidelines. Supervisor A. Sloane read a statement from the Lake Association as well as her own comments regarding the recall election.

UPDATE ON WALNUT STREET: Cooper Engineering forwarded a request from the contractor indicating that American Asphalt is 4-6 weeks behind and requesting an extension to October 19 for completion of the project. Weather has affected their schedule. If weather continues to affect the schedule, pulverizing and blacktopping could be put off until next Spring. **MOTION** made by Supervisor J. Smith and seconded by Chairperson B. Felch to accept the request. VV 3-0

EMR INCIDENT OF JUNE 26, 2023: Chairperson B. Felch read a statement indicating that this matter has been resolved to the satisfaction of the court with stipulations having been met and the probation period over and indicated that the Town of Fifield will not be pursuing any further action regarding this incident. Supervisor J. Smith noted that it is his opinion that the stipulation was not met.

MOTION made by Chairperson W. Felch to take no further action on this matter, seconded by Supervisor J. Smith, Chairperson W. Felch Yes, Supervisor J. Smith No and Supervisor A. Sloane abstain.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Notice of HUD launching program for transformative housing investments.
- Conditional Use permit for short term rental received from Price County, no objections noted.
- Statement from Lake Association.
- Statement emailed from Ann Sloane.

REVIEW PAID INVOICES: Paid invoices were reviewed and accepted.

ADJOURN: **MOTION** made by Supervisor J. Smith and seconded by Chairperson W. Felch to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 pm. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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