

TOWN OF FIFIELD

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairmen Felch called the meeting to order on September 17, 2024 at 6:12 p.m. at the Fifield Town Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Present: William Felch, John W. Smith, John Schroeder, Judy Reas, Kelly Kleinschmidt, Ted Fleming, and approximately 19 public attendees.

VERIFICATION OF POSTING: Clerk verified the public postings.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Resident concerned with ice build up at end of driveways during snow season
- Resident made comments regarding
- Resident questioned if the board plans to dismantle fire station #2, assured there are no plans for this

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: Minutes of August 6, 2024, August 20, 2024, September 3, 2024 and September 11, 2024 were presented for review and approval. Motion made by John Smith, seconded by John Schroeder to approve, motion carried.

CEMETERY FINANCIALS/REPORT: Financials were submitted for review. A new rate sheet was presented.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: Bank statements with reconciliation, Balance sheet and Profit and Loss reports were presented for review. The Board indicated they do not need to have the bank statements and reconciliations included in the board packet as they are available in the office.

It was noted that a correction in the Employee Handbook will be made reflecting the holiday pay where a paragraph reflecting 8 hour calculation was inadvertently left in the handbook.

Motion made by John Smith and seconded by John Schroeder to increase the reimbursement up to \$150 per full-time employee per year for clothing/shoe allowance. Motion carried VV 3-0.

It was noted that the interest payment for the short-term loan will be \$269.67.

The Board was advised that an invoice from Wilderness Surveying was received for \$1,437.50 to verify placement of a marker that was removed during road work.

WTA MEETING: William Felch reported that the WTA County association meeting will be held at Northwoods Supper Club on October 16, 2024 and hosted by Fifield.

FR 143A MAINTENANCE: William Felch reported that the Town will no longer be providing maintenance on FR 143A after the county line. The Town previously maintained this road outside of the township as it curves back into the township. After discussion with Dan Ecklund with the Forest Service it was determined that the Town will no longer do this and letters will be sent to the property owners that will be affected. William Felch requested Warren Johnson to look for the fire agreement with Lac du Flambeau relating to this area.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS: Minutes from Fire Department #1 were presented for review.

Fire Department #1: 5 EMR calls and 0 fire calls. A 9/11 tribute was held and went well.

Fire Department #2: 4 EMR calls and 0 fire calls. Pike Lake Fun Days went well. Pumper should be done in 2 weeks.

The clerk requested a copy of the minutes for the file and Warren indicated he would forward those to the clerk.

TOWN CREW REPORT: Crew supervisor reported work is still being done on Riley. The roads will be prepped for paving on October 2 and paving shortly thereafter. Discussion was held on the addition of the driveway and parking lot

to the project. William Felch will contact the engineering firm to see if the additions would be included in the 50/50 reimbursement.

TRANSFER SITES REPORT: It was noted that the fee for TV disposal will be increased to \$30 for both flat screen and tube style and the crew will need to take to the transfer site in Park Falls. Motion made by John Smith and seconded by John Schroeder to charge \$40, motion passed VV 3-0. Those bringing TV's to the Fifield sites will be advised that they can take them to Park Falls for a fee of \$30.

The contract with Republic Services is a 10 year contract that was signed on 2/26/2020. Tyler from Republic Services has offered to meet with the Board to discuss any concerns.

REVIEW OF 2025 BUDGET: The interim clerk noted that numbers from the last meeting were entered into the budget draft and revenue numbers are just beginning to be received. The Board agreed to review and discuss at a special meeting on October 7, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence was received from Northern Natural Gas advising they will be performing right-of-way clearing maintenance within their easement over high-pressure natural gas transmission pipeline.

REVIEW PAID INVOICES: The board reviewed paid invoices.

ADJOURN: Motion made by John Smith and seconded by John Schroeder to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Reas, Interim Clerk/Treasurer
Kelly Kleinschmidt, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer