

**TOWN OF FIFIELD**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 5:30 a.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Felch called the meeting to order on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the Fifield Town Hall.

**CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION:** 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. Union negotiations.

Motion made at 6:01 p.m. by John Smith, seconded by John Schroeder to move to closed session, motion carried VV 3-0.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:** Motion made at 6:10 p.m. by John Smith, seconded by John Schroeder to move to open session, motion carried VV 3-0

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: William Felch, John W. Smith, John Schroeder, Angie Richardson, Judy Reas, Kelly Kleinschmidt, Ted Fleming, and approximately 14 public attendees.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:** Motion made by John Smith, seconded by John Schroeder to approve minutes of the September 17, 2024 Special Meeting and September 17, 2024 Regular Meeting. Motion carried VV 3-0.

**CEMETERY FINANCIALS/REPORT:** Financials were submitted for review. Dick Lapp reported that Tammy will be unavailable for two weeks and he is available for any questions or issues.

**CLERK/TREASURER REPORT:** Balance sheet and Profit and Loss reports were presented for review along with the reconciliation of the general checking account.

Judy Reas reported that the authorized signers at the bank would need to be updated and suggests that at least 3 persons are authorized to sign checks. John Schroeder suggested that all of the board members be included as authorized signers along with the clerk.

Judy Reas reported that we received the bill from Price County for tax collection. Motion made by John Smith, seconded by John Schroeder to approve the bill and continue to have Price County collect taxes for the town. Motion carried VV 3-0

**FIRE DEPARTMENTS:** Minutes were presented for review. Warren reported that the mini pumper should be delivered within the next week.

**TOWN CREW REPORT:** Crew supervisor reported on work completed on the 06 Sterling hoist, Martinovich hauling and the crew closed Movrich Park for the winter.

**TRANSFER SITES REPORT:** Discussed ongoing issues with property owner being uncooperative with presenting his transfer card. The board directed the clerk to prepare a letter to the property owner. Ted relayed that the attendant for the transfer station requests that the hours on Christmas Eve be changed to 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (instead of 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.) The change was approved and the board requests that notice be posted at the site for a couple of weeks prior.

**WALNUT STREET UPDATE:** Scott Balsavich from Cooper Engineering was present and updated the board on the options to complete the project this year or next spring. There may be additional costs of interest and mobilization fees and the board was advised that those would be Town costs. Motion made by John Schroeder and seconded by John Smith to extend the completion of the project to 2025. Motion carried VV 3-0.

**FOREST ROAD AGREEMENT:** The Road Project Agreement for Forest Road 137 and the Cooperative Forest Road Agreement were presented to the board. Motion was made by John Smith, seconded by John Schroeder to approve the agreements, motion carried VV 3-0.

We have not received the agreement for extension of the project on Forest Road 142.

Forest Road 143 was discussed. The town will not be plowing this road. The board directed the clerk to draft a letter to the property owners. Mutual agreement will be signed for Fire and EMS.

**UPDATE ON POSSIBLE SALE OF TOWN PROPERTY:** The board approved authorizing the attorney to proceed with vacating Hemlock Avenue.

**BUDGET REVIEW AND LEVY LIMIT PROCESS:** Judy Reas reported that the Board will need to adopt a Resolution at the next meeting on October 29 to exceed the levy limit. The board directed to pursue this direction. The budget will be updated with current changes and a draft to the board by the end of the week. A presentation will be prepared for the board to review at the October 29 meeting, and subsequently the electors, on the impact of exceeding the levy limit, the benefits, as well as history and comparisons. The budget hearing and town elector meeting will be held November 19.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Email from recent interview candidate.
- Notice of WTA Price County Unit meeting for 10/16/24.
- Notice from Department of Administration with final estimate of population for the town at 895.

**REVIEW PAID INVOICES:** The board reviewed paid invoices.

**ADJOURN:** Motion made by John Schroeder and seconded by John Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 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