

TOWN OF FIFIELD

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Felch called the meeting to order on January 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Fifield Town Hall. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Present: William Felch, John W. Smith, John Schroeder, Angie Richardson, and approximately 16 public attendees.

VERIFICATION OF POSTING: Clerk verified the public postings.

PUBLIC COMMENT: - Resident spoke about the interest in having a community garden. The Board was interested in this idea. The resident will bring more information to the next meeting.

- Resident presented a letter to the Board and read it voicing concern to a previous issue in 2024. The Board will discuss issues brought forward at the next meeting in a closed session.

CEMETERY FINANCIALS/REPORT: Financials were submitted for review.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: Due to the upcoming Primary Elections on February 18, 2025, a motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by John Smith to cancel this scheduled meeting. Motion carried. VV 3-0

The time of the regularly scheduled February 4, 2025, meeting has been changed from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The motion was made by John Smith and seconded by John Schroeder. Motion carried. VV 3-0.

The time of the regularly scheduled March 4, 2025, meeting has been changed from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The motion was made by John Smith and seconded by John Schroeder. Motion carried. VV 3-0.

Documents for the years 2021 thru 2024 were requested and given to the Board to review and exam any extra costs for building use at Pike Lake by the Sno Drover Club. Supervisor Schroeder will meet with the club to discuss future arrangements.

Chairman Felch and Supervisor Schroeder will be attending the Board of Review training by the Wisconsin Towns Association in Rhinelander on January 31, 2025. This is required training to receive the annual certification.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS: Fire Department #1 submitted their meeting minutes from January 8, 2025. A request was made to start the process to replace 1996 International Tender. There is a 1 ½ to 2 years wait to receive a new truck once an order has been made. A motion was made to start the search process by John Smith and seconded by John Schroeder. Motion carried. VV 2-0. Chairman Felch abstained from the voting process. Fire Department #2 reported they had no calls.

TOWN CREW REPORT: Crew supervisor unable to attend meeting. Ordinance 87, Road Standards, was discussed with the submitted necessary written changes. A motion was made to accept the revised written ordinance by John Smith and seconded by John Schroeder. Motion carried. VV 3-0.

Discussion about Christmas decoration was tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion about ways to raise funds to replace the Park Equipment. Supervisor Schroeder and Barbara Bliefernich will assist in researching possible grants available or fund-raising opportunities within the community. Cans for Kids account could be used to start the fund-raising process. Measurements of the area were provided to help with possible choices of equipment that have been put on clearance by manufacturers due to new product selection coming out in 2025. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

TRANSFER SITES REPORT: Nothing to report at this meeting. Discussion at the next meeting about change to currently scheduled hours.

EAST TURNER LAKE ROAD: Chairman Felch met with the Town of Lac du Flambeau to try and come to an agreement over maintenance from the town line to Piette turnaround, which is roughly 1900 feet of East Turner Lake Road. Town of Lac du Flambeau will be applying for gas tax to be paid to the Town of Fifield to cover the costs of maintaining specific area.

SNO DROVERS: Supervisor Schroeder will meet with the club to discuss ways to update agreement between the club and Fire Department #2.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS: The Board was not opposed to the submitted permits. Town of Fifield doesn't have a room tax currently and is given notification of this information from Price County.

RURAL ROAD BIKE RACE: The clerk read a letter sent about a proposal for a gravel road bike race to occur on September 6, 2025 from Minocqua Winter Park. If this proposal passes the screening process it may become an annual event. A map was provided of the proposed route. The Board felt the provided route should cause no problems with the Town of Fifield and supported the idea. The motion was made by John Smith and seconded by John Schroeder. Motion carried. VV 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no correspondence.

ADJOURN: Motion made by John Smith and seconded by John Schroeder to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Richardson, Clerk/Treasurer
Kelly Kleinschmidt, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer