TOWN OF FIFIELD REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES October 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

<u>CALL TO ORDER:</u> Chairman Felch called the meeting to order on October 21, 2025, at 5:23 p.m. at the Fifield Town Hall.

<u>CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION</u>: Pursuant to Wisconsin Statue <u>19:85(1) (c)</u> 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 5:24 p.m. by David Ebert and seconded by John Schroeder to move to closed session, motion carried VV 3-0.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: Motion made at 6:17 p.m. by John Schroeder and seconded by David Ebert to move to open session, motion carried VV 3-0.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Present: William Felch, John Schroeder, David Ebert, Angie Richardson, Kelly Kleinschmidt, and Ted Fleming, and approximately 12 public attendees.

VERIFICATION OF POSTING: Clerk verified the public postings.

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT:</u> Two separate resident voiced concerns about a needed turn around on "Mickey's Road". They're interested in what direction The Board is thinking about for an area for the plow dump truck to maneuver the turn. At this time, The Board will look at it next spring during the road tour and notify the landowners prior to assess the situation. Another resident spoke about the Community Garden. There is an upcoming gathering at Merri Cassidy's on November 22, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the topic.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: Minutes of October 7, 2025, were presented for review and a motion was made by David Ebert and seconded by John Schroeder to approve. VV.3-0.

<u>CEMETERY FINANCIALS REPORT:</u> Financials were submitted for review. The cemetery caretaker noted that the end of season maintenance was being completed, the new lawn mower is making maintenance much better, and summer flowers were being removed per the posted deadline. A sign will be posted by the water pump stating it's not potable.

<u>CLERK/TREASURER REPORT:</u> The clerk updated The Board on previous issues due to internet services with hopes that all problems have been resolved. Also, informed The Board in the process of replacing the current computers.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS: Minutes were presented for review. Fire Department #1 had training on the new Tender. The new radios were installed in the trucks and will be paid for by FFFI. Fire Department #2 helped to remove all buoys. Questions were raised about having the Lake Association store and deploying buoys in the future. Supervisor Ebert will take the information to the next Lake Association meeting for consideration. Received paperwork on Workers Compensation, return to work note and billing documents. There are still questions concerning the billing documents.

<u>TOWN CREW REPORT:</u> Crew Supervisor updated that the sand shed was filled and ready for the winter. The new box for the dump truck will not be replaced until spring of 2026, so it will be set up to be ready for the winter. Movrich Park has been closed for the winter. Maintenance was done in the playground area to be ready when new equipment arrives. The crew removed all erosion control from the Walnut Street project. New speed signs and pedestrian signs

will be posted out near The Big Dipper. The necessary turn around on Bay Road is being discussed with the affected resident. A decision on which option to implement needs to be determined by December 1, 2025. Crew Supervisor will give a detailed informational review each meeting to The Board of projects completed since the last meeting and what projects will be potentially scheduled for the following 2-week period.

TRANSFER SITES REPORT: Vendor picked up tires from the site, and The Town will be billed for the service.

<u>PLAYGROUND UPDATE:</u> The Town Crew has cleared the area. The new equipment is scheduled to arrive around November 16, 2025, and if weather permits installation will begin. If not, it will be stored until the spring of 2026. Town of Fifield has tentatively been selected to receive a \$25,000.00 grant from the DNR. The funds from this agreement should be issued by June 2026. The committee is working on a sign to recognize all that donate \$500 or more for this project.

SNO-DROVERS AGREEMENT: Supervisor Ebert will contact the club about getting a signed agreement. There has been no discussion about this matter since the May 20, 2025, meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no correspondence.

ADJOURN: Motion made by David Ebert and seconded by John Schroeder to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:22 p.m.

2026 BUDGET MEETING: A motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by David Ebert to approve a raise in the wages of the volunteer firemen from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per hour for calls, meetings, and training. Motion carried VV 2-0 Chairman Felch abstained from the vote. A motion was made by David Ebert and seconded by John Schroeder to approve an increase in all part-time employees' wages of \$.50 an hour. Motion carried VV 3-0. Chairman Felch requests that all departments begin a CIP inventory of all equipment and supplies for future use in forming a committee to help determine future needs of the Town of Fifield. A motion was made by David Ebert and seconded by John Schroeder to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

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