

TOWN OF FIFIELD
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
This meeting was recorded by The Lakeland Times

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Felch called the annual meeting to order on April 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Fifield Town Hall. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Present: William Felch, David Ebert, John Schroeder, Angie Richardson, Kelly Kleinschmidt, Ted Fleming, and approximately 30 public attendees.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: Minutes of April 16, 2024, were presented for review and approval. The motion was made by Jack Wierzba to approve and seconded by Ann Sloane.

The 2024 Annual Financial Statements were reviewed. The motion was made to accept the financials as is by Jack Wierzba and seconded by Mike Ida. Motion carried VV 30-0.

Discussion of Issues Brought Forth by Town Electors:

Resident asked about the increase in property taxes. The Board responded about money borrowed and interest paid on the Walnut Street project. Town of Fifield will be reimbursed half of the projects cost when it is completed this year. Resident asked that The Board be more transparent in the future with the electors.

Questions were asked about what would have been done with money if tax levy had passed. The Board responded about an equipment fund so it wouldn't be necessary to always borrow the money needed in the future. Funds must be designated specifically for items.

The Board stated that to balance the budget there were cuts made to both Fire Departments' budget. This was necessary due to the Road Construction Projects.

Resident spoke about the appraisal of homes. He stated that the Department of Revenue, Bureau of Assessment Practices determine the fair market value of homes, Town of Fifield has no control on this matter.

Next year's Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2026.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Jack Wierzba and seconded by Sam Kleyn to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

