

TOWN OF FIFIELD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2025, at 6:45 p.m.
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CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Felch called the meeting to order on April 15, 2025, at 6:45p.m. at the Fifield Town Hall.

ROLL CALL: Present: William Felch, David Ebert, John Schroeder, Angie Richardson, Kelly Kleinschmidt, Ted Fleming, and approximately 27 public attendees.

VERIFICATION OF POSTING: Clerk verified the public postings.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident asked that the website be updated with the new hours at the transfer site. Resident spoke about the cost of Fifield Fire Department #1 cleaning contract. Resident had question on the 2024 taxes which was answered at the annual meeting.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: Minutes of March 18, 2025, were presented for review and approval. Motion made by David Ebert and seconded by John Schroeder to approve; VV3-0

CEMETERY FINANCIALS/REPORT: Financials were submitted for review. Cemetery maintenance requested that topsoil be brought into repair ruts made on the grounds. Cemetery maintenance will be reimbursed for using their own equipment for their time at the DOT rate.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: Balance sheet and Profit and Loss reports were presented for review. The audit for 2024 was presented to The Board for review. Motion made by Bill Felch and seconded by David Ebert to approve; VV3-0. The Board reviewed the renewal policy for insurance and agreed to keep it as is. A motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded David Ebert to approve; VV3-0. Forward Bank will be making changes regarding our online banking agreements for the clerks to maintain accounts and for Tammy for Forest Home Cemetery account, removing and adding Town Supervisors for account access, and updating signers to the Forest Home Cemetery accounts. A motion was made by David Ebert and seconded by John Schroeder to approve; VV3-0. The Board signed a Fire Protection and EMR Response Agreement with the Town of Flambeau. Documents were sent for Town of Flambeau to sign and return. A driveway permit and building permit were presented by residents for The Board to review. The Board was reminded of the upcoming Wisconsin Towns Association Price County Unit Meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS: Fire Department #1 reported on their calls and presented their meeting minutes. They updated about a upcoming controlled burn on Highway 13, they invited Pike Lake to join in the training process, and that an asbestos test was completed. A volunteer firefighter spoke on the cleaning contract and necessary maintenance of the fire hall. A motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by David Ebert to resolve the cleaning contract issue at the next Fire Department meeting. VV2-1 Chairman Felch abstained from the vote.

Fire Department #2 reported on their calls and presented their meeting minutes. Necessary documents requested were received. They reported what the EMS Grant Funds would be used for and that the Service Director will file all necessary reports for receiving these funds. When future grants are applied for the Fire Department will inform The Town of the use of its ID number. An issue with the bathrooms has been raised and the Fire Department will investigate this matter and get them fixed.

TOWN CREW REPORT: Crew supervisor reported that logging is complete at the Transfer station. A resident is on the Town's property and an agreement needs to be drawn up. The wayside has been opened but no handle has been put on the pump, waiting for the thaw. Crew has been busy with normal maintenance and cleaning up after the ice storm.

TRANSFER SITES REPORT: The Pike Lake site opened on April 16, 2025. New hours will be updated on the website.

QUIT CLAIM DEED: The Board would like clarity on this location. Table until the next meeting after the road tour.

REQUEST TO CHANGE NAME OF THOROFARE BRIDGE: Pike Lake Chain Lake Association would like to change the name as a memorial for Manny Stein. His family is in favor of this memorial name change. The PLCLA will pay for the necessary plaques and signs needed. A motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by David Ebert to approve; VV3-0.

BOARD OF REVIEW AND OPEN BOOK DATES: The Board of Review will be held on May 20, 2025, from 9:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. at the Fifield Town Hall. Open Book will be on May 2, 2025, from 2:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. at the Fifield Town Hall. A resident shared information about how to obtain information for these meetings.

PLAYGROUND UPDATE: Information is on Facebook. Posters and raffle tickets have been made. Tickets are being sold. The committee is reaching out and sending letters to local businesses. Donations have already been received by residents and businesses. The approximate cost including installation is about \$50,000.00. The church will give a donation to the request that a community Christmas tree be at the Historical building.

ROAD TOUR: Is set for Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 8:00a.m. The Town Clerk and two Town Supervisors will be going with the Crew Supervisor.

SNO-DROVERS: Information was shared by the Sno-Drover's treasurer. Tabled until the next meeting.

REVIEW CRACK SEAL BIDS: Seven companies submitted bids. The Crew Supervisor will review the bids and make a final decision at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Forest Service informed the Town of Fifield that future Road Project Agreements have been halted until further notice. Any agreement made prior to January 2025 that was signed by both parties is valid.

REVIEW PAID INVOICES: The Board review paid invoices.

ADJOURN: Motion made by David Ebert and seconded by John Schroeder to adjourn the meeting at 9:12p.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE AN AMENDED DRAFT UNTIL APPROVAL AT THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Respectfully submitted,

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