

TOWN OF FIFIELD

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Felch called the meeting to order on May 6, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Fifield Town Hall. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Present: William Felch, David Ebert, John Schroeder, Angie Richardson, Ted Fleming, and approximately 7 public attendees.

VERIFICATION OF POSTING: Clerk verified the public postings.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Town resident voiced concerns about the purchase and purpose of the use of the mini pumper at Pike Lake Fire Department #2. They also questioned the funds with Fire Fighters Inc. Another resident stated their opinion and read a statement about the hiring of a cleaning service for Fire Department #1.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: Minutes from April 15, 2025, and April 23, 2025, were presented for review and approval. Motion made by John Schroder and seconded by David Ebert to approve; VV3-0

CHARTER SPECTRUM UTILITY WORK: A representative from Charter Spectrum spoke about the acquisition of Astrea. They will be starting construction this summer to upgrade the fiber optics in the Fifield area. They will be notifying residents of the coming changes. They provided documents to explain what to expect with the upgrade.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: Balance sheet and Profit and Loss reports were presented for review. Motion made by David Ebert and seconded by John Schroeder to approve; VV3-0. The Board was informed about a building permit that was filed and about an upcoming workshop available with the Wisconsin Towns Association.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS: Fire Department #1 reported about an upcoming meeting on May 7, 2025, where there would be discussion about the concerns of hiring an outside contractor to clean the fire hall. They explained that when the hall was built it was designed with a community center and area to help with disaster relief if ever necessary. Fire Department #2 reported there had been no calls and that the Assistant Chief was working to get a deputy for fun days. Chairman Felch signed a Mutual Agreement on behalf of the Town with Price County Sheriff's Department.

TOWN CREW REPORT: Crew supervisor reported that the buoys have been put out, road limits have been removed as of May 1, 2025, in conjunction with the county, Park Falls assisted in getting the streets swept, Movrich Park is opened for the season, and a flagpole was brought in by a resident for the cemetery. He gave a quote from Monroe on the cost to replace the box on a dump truck. This will be discussed at the June 17, 2025, meeting.

TRANSFER SITES REPORT: An employee, Rob Mader, gave his 2 weeks' notice and will be retiring. Contact will be made with other employees about covering those shifts in the future.

QUIT CLAIM DEED: The Board reviewed documents submitted by a resident to terminate a gravel and marl deposit reservation recorded in 1939. A motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by David Ebert to approve; VV3-0. The document was notarized and signed by the Chairman and sent to the resident.

VRBO UPDATE: Discussion about questions from a resident on VRBO. Chairman Felch will contact resident to discuss their concerns. The Board is researching options and reaching out to other municipalities to obtain information. They stated this is a work in progress and a slow process to get all the correct necessary information.

CRACK SEAL BID: Bids were received by 7 contractors. The contractors and bids are as follows:

Superior Sealers LLC \$18,617.00, Fahrner Asphalt Sealers \$20,542.50, American Pavement Solutions \$32,720.00 Thunder Road \$34,480.00, SealTech Inc. \$49,844.00, Precision Seal Coating \$65,000.00, and Pitlik & Wick \$73,500.00. Motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by David Ebert to approve the bid from Superior Sealers LLC: VV3-0. Documents were signed by Chairman Felch and sent to the contractor.

UPDATE ORDINANCE NO. 55: Ordinance 55, Record copying and search fees, was discussed to make updated rate changes to the original ordinance from 1999. Motion made by John Schroeder and seconded by David Ebert to approve revision to ordinance: VV3-0.

TOWNS PROPERTY AGREEMENT WITH RESIDENT: The Board would like their attorney to contact the resident and draw up a mutual agreement between the two parties.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT UPDATE: Supervisor Ebert updated about assistance received from a resident with filing a grant with the DNR. The next step of this application process is to ask Price County about joining their Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Plan (CORP). A motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by David Ebert to adopt a resolution to join Price County CORP. VV3-0. A motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by David Ebert to approve the removal of playground equipment by Moosejaw Resort. VV3-0. An agreement letter will be drawn up and signed by both parties to remove the playground equipment from Movrich park.

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION: At 10:38 a.m. a motion was made by David Ebert and seconded by John Schroeder to move into closed session: VV3-0.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: At 11:11 a.m. a motion was made by David Ebert and seconded by John Schroeder to reconvene into open session: VV3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: A conditional use permit was received from the Price County Zoning Department. A question was asked about any vacant property owned by the Town.

REVIEW PAID INVOICES: The Board reviewed paid invoices.

ADJOURN: Motion made by David Ebert and seconded by John Schroeder to adjourn the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Kelly Kleinschmidt, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer