TOWN OF FIFIELD REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

<u>CALL TO ORDER:</u> Chairman Felch called the meeting to order on June 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Fifield Town Hall. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Present: William Felch, John Schroeder, David Ebert, Angie Richardson, Ted Fleming, and approximately 20 public attendees.

VERIFICATION OF POSTING: Clerk verified the public postings.

PUBLIC COMMENT: A resident talked about starting a community garden and requested permission to use property off of Linden Ave by the old school sidewalk. The Board approved using the property for this purpose.

<u>APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:</u> Minutes of May 20, 2025, June 3, 2025, and June 10, 2025, were presented for review and approval. Motion made by David Ebert and seconded by John Schroeder to approve. VV3-0.

<u>CEMETERY FINANCIALS/REPORT:</u> Financials were submitted for review. The Board asked where they were at with the process of purchasing a new lawn mower, which they are still looking into their options.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: A motion was made by David Ebert and seconded by John Schroeder to change the July 2025 meeting schedule. VV3-0. The 9:00 a.m. morning meeting will now be held on July 8, 2025, and the 6:00 p.m. evening meeting will be held on July 22, 2025. The Board was considering updating the bulletin board at Pike Lake but decided to just change the lock and key system at this time. All bank accounts at Forward Bank have been updated and documents signed by the Board and Clerks.

<u>FIRE DEPARTMENTS:</u> Fire Department #1 presented their meeting minutes from June 4, 2025. A proposal was presented for the purchase of a new pumper-tanker from Reliant Fire Apparatus. After discussions a motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by David Ebert to approve the purchase of a new fire truck. VV2-0 Chairman Felch abstained from the vote.

Fire Department #2 reported on the number of calls that they reported to. At their meeting an election was held for a new Fire Chief. Les Nordrum was elected as Fire Chief. This was presented to the Board for discussion and approval. A motion was made by David Ebert and seconded by John Schroeder to approve. VV3-0 The official Oath of office was taken by Les Nordrum as the Fire Department #2 Pike Lake Fire Chief.

TOWN CREW REPORT: Walnut Street project is almost completed with the shouldering done and a water issue fixed. Graveling has been done on many roads in the township. Working on a joint project with Town of Eisenstein on Spiller Road. Will be working on cutting a right of way for a turnaround at the end of South Newman Road and North Bay Road. Picnic tables were rebuilt in Movrich Park. The basketball hoop by the river in the park will be removed and a new net will be hung on the other basketball hoop. The volleyball area will be fixed for now and will be looked at updating in the winter when the ground is frozen. Grader training has started but there is no set schedule. Putting up children at play signs was discussed but is not recommended. A bid to replace the box on a dump truck by Monroe was presented and discussed. A motion was made by David Ebert and seconded by John Schroeder to approve. VV3-0.

TRANSFER SITES REPORT: Nothing to report at the sites. Everything is going well.

<u>LIQUOR LICENSE:</u> A motion was made by David Ebert and seconded by John Schroeder to accept the Alcohol Beverage License applications. VV3-0.

<u>PLAYGROUND UPDATE:</u> The existing playground structure has been removed by Moose Jaw Resort. Raffle ticket sales continue, and donations are still being made by residents and businesses in the area. Price County voted to accept the Town of Fifield into their CORP so all requirements by the DNR to be considered for a grant have been completed. The playground committee will be bringing ideas to future meetings on selecting a new playground structure for the park.

<u>PETERS ROAD SPEED LIMIT:</u> A sign will be posted with a 45 mile an hour speed limit. An amended and revised ordinance will be completed.

ACTION TO VACATE HEMLOCK AVE: The Board agreed to proceed with moving forward with vacating the property on Hemlock Avenue.

TOWNS PROPERTY AGREEMENT WITH RESIDENT: An agreement was drawn up by the Towns attorney and was signed by both the resident and Chairman Felch.

INSURANCE BLANKET BOND: The Board reviewed and discussed insurance policies. A decision was made to increase the existing policy from \$25,000 to \$50,000 upon recommendation from the insurance agent.

INSURANCE POLICIES: The renewal of policies is coming soon and The Board after reviewing the policies has decided to make a change pertaining to the replacement value of equipment. All other coverage will remain the same.

CORRESPONDENCE. A letter was received from USDA pertaining to a FLAP grant. The website designer is in the process of updating information on the website.

ADJOURN: Motion made by David Ebert and seconded by John Schroeder to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 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