

TOWN OF FIFIELD

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Felch called the meeting to order on July 22, 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 18 public attendees.

VERIFICATION OF POSTING: Clerk verified the public postings.

PUBLIC COMMENT: A resident raised concern with The Board about the Bylaws, policies, and procedures of the Fifield Fire Department. Another resident questioned if there were any comments on the completion of the Walnut Street project.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: Minutes of July 8, 2025, were presented for review and approval. Motion made by John Schroeder and seconded by William Felch to approve. Supervisor Ebert abstained. VV2-0.

CEMETERY FINANCIALS/REPORT: Financials were submitted for review. A new lawn mower has been purchased for around \$15,500.00.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: The clerk responded to public comment at last meeting about the need to record the meetings. After consulting with the town attorney there was a misinterpretation of the word "record". Price County Zoning sent documents about changes to multiple ordinances and a conditional use permit. After reviewing the Board had no issues with the proposed amendments.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS: Fire Department #1 asked for approval to pay off the loan on a fire truck at the cost of \$39,531.06. A motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by David Ebert to approve. Chairman Felch abstained. VV2-0. A 1995 Tender was sold on Wisconsin Surplus for \$31,501.00 and purchased by a department out west to help fight wildfires. This money will be used to make payments on the new Tender that is in Antigo getting prepared with the necessary equipment. The new Tender is expected to arrive in the next month or so. The Board reviewed a quote from the insurance company to cover 4 vehicles at an agreed upon value. The cost would be \$1,329.00. Motion made by John Schroeder and seconded by David Ebert to approve. VV3-0. A quote was received to replace 5 radios by Northway. Friends of Fifield Fire Department will pay the cost of replacement. The new radios are compatible with Fire Department #2. The old radios will be given to the Town Crew for their use. Fire Department #2 will be forming a committee for discussion about purchasing a new fire engine. A new Lucas machine was received with grant money and donations. CPR training will begin for the use of the new machine. The type 2 ambulance is currently getting decals and is still waiting for 4-wheel drive equipment.

TOWN CREW REPORT: The Legion installed a new flagpole. A new pole has been ordered for lighting at Movrich Park. Work continues on Riley Lake Road. There was an issue with the gravel brought in containing too much water by the Federals causing ruts. The Sweeney Lane and Hicks Landing areas will be included in next year's budget for ditching and improvements. The Town of Eisenstein has agreed to plow a private road easement for residents on Newman Lake Road. It was recommended that the residents attend Eisenstein's meeting for a written agreement.

TRANSFER SITES REPORT: A motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by David Ebert to accept and approve an agreement with COM2 for electronic collection and recycling. VV3-0.

PLAYGROUND UPDATE: The grant with the DNR to assist with the cost of the new playground equipment has been tentatively approved. The committee will wait for further instructions on the necessary step needed to comply with the funding of the grant. At this time the committee will begin making decisions on purchasing new playground equipment. The committee is still waiting on some donation commitments, but at this time they have raised about \$34,000.00. The town crew had 2 handicap parking spots done at Movrich Park.

SAFETY CONCERN BY THE BIG DIPPER: A letter was received proposing safety/speed signs be put up on either side of this business on Shady Knoll Road. The cost of doing this will be covered by the business. The Big Dippers only request is for the town to install such signs, so they meet the DOT standards. The Town Crew Supervisor will investigate pricing for the signs

INVOICE FOR WALNUT STREET PROJECT; An invoice for \$193,244.91 was received for the final payment on the Walnut Street project. A motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by David Ebert to approve. VV3-0

CORRESPONDENCE. A letter was received from a resident on Kalmerton Drive. They would like to improve the culvert and move the mailboxes to better plow. The Town Crew Supervisor will contact residents about this matter.

ADJOURN: Motion made by David Ebert and seconded by John Schroeder to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 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