

TOWN OF FIFIELD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 2, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Felch called the meeting to order on September 2, 2025, at 9:00 a.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 8 public attendees.

VERIFICATION OF POSTING: Clerk verified the public postings.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident asked about making the roads in Byhre Lake into Township maintained roads from privately maintained. The Board said it would be discussed later in the agenda. Concerned was also discussed about plowing Smith Rapids Road. Resident shared that \$1219.00 was earned for the playground equipment at the Spaghetti dinner fundraiser at the Moose Jaw Resort in August.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: Minutes of August 19, 2025, were presented for review and approval. Motion made by David Ebert and seconded by John Schroeder to approve. VV 3-0.

CULVERTS ON N GATE LAKE RD WITH FOREST SERVICES: Forest Service Hydrologist Watershed Program Manager shared information for culvert replacement on Gate Lake FR136 in 2027. He proposed a partnership sharing the cost of replacement between the Township, County, and Federal Service. Price County Highway Department would assist the Federal Services with completing this project. The Township and County would share equal amounts for the funding with Forest Services paying the remaining balance. The Board made a motion to approve assistance with this project with \$6000.00 in the budget for 2026 and again in 2027. A motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by David Ebert to approve. VV 3-0.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: August's end of the month financials was not ready and available from the bank and will be presented at the next meeting for approval. An engagement letter to contract with the auditor for 3 years at the same rate was presented to the Board for approval. A motion was made by David Ebert and seconded by John Schroeder to approve. VV 3-0. Documents were signed by Chairman Felch and sent to the auditor following the meeting.

TOWN CREW REPORT: Stick boom failed on the mowing tractor but was welded to temporarily fix it. It has surpassed its life expectancy of 6000-8000 hours. The Board recommended putting it in the 2026 budget for replacement. The crew will be repairing 3 culvert cuts that need patching before winter. A letter needs to be sent to property owner about a 66' turn around at the end of N Bay with 2 options available. All erosion control of straw, logs, and sandbags in culverts will be cleaned up since the Tri project is complete.

TRANSFER SITES REPORT: There will be a \$5.00 recycling fee for non-residents. A motion was made by David Ebert and seconded by John Schroeder to approve. VV 3-0.

GRAVEL CRUSHING BIDS FOR 2026: The Township will advertise for 2 weeks in the newspaper to accept bids for next year's gravel crushing. The bids must be received by October 1, 2025, and will be opened at October 7, 2025, morning meeting.

TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE: A temporary liquor license was requested by the Fifield Fire Department for a cornhole tournament on September 20, 2025. A motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by David Ebert to approve. VV 3-0.

THE BIG DIPPER SPEED LIMIT SIGNS: The Big Dipper will be purchasing and maintain 2 battery/solar operated speed limit signs to be installed by the Town Crew. The Town will provide and install 2 pedestrian crossing signs.

REQUEST BYHRE LAKE ROADS: Resident is interested in having the Town look at the possibility of having the 5 private roads be maintained by the Township. The Board proposed a road tour with the Crew Supervisor on September 15, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. to see what the Byhre Lake Association residents possibly would need to do to bring the roads up to spec.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Minocqua Winter Park has organized the Dirty Squirrel gravel grind bike race that will be taking place on September 6, 2025. The Chairman from the Township of Worcester reached out the Forest Services asking about the possibility of Town of Worcester and Town of Fifield cooperating to crush gravel in the pit near the north end of FR508 in the future.

ADJOURN: Motion made by David Ebert and seconded by John Schroeder to adjourn the meeting at .10:11 a.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