

**TOWN OF FIFIELD REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Minutes of September 3, 2020**

ROLL CALL: The meeting was brought to order on September 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fifield Town Hall. Present: W. Felch, J. Hintz, B. Salm, T. Birchell, T. Fleming, J. Jontry and 5 others. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES OF August 6, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING: B. Salm stated she AMENDS her vote on the August 6, 2020 motion to allow Therese Fleming to continue mowing at the railroad property to OPPOSED and this was duly noted by the Clerk. A **MOTION** (Salm, Hintz) was made to approve the minutes of the August 6 regular board meeting as amended; motion carried, voice vote (3, 0).

TOWN CREW REPORT: T. Fleming reported the crew finished the last part of Dam Road before the “Y” and it has been seeded and mulch. American Asphalt paved. Scott Construction completed the chip seal project on Peters Road and Old 13 Road. Pitlik and Wick has been crack sealing around town. The crew limbed up trees on Lakeshore Drive and a layer of gravel will be applied this fall. W. Felch stated he received a call from J. Morris on Lakeshore Drive regarding the project, questioning the location of the road and utility lines/easements. She was told any survey of Lakeshore Drive would have to be arranged by the residents at their own cost. T. Fleming stated the utilities have their own corridor and easements. A new counter was installed on Bay Road; over the past seven days, there have been 104 vehicles at Bay Road/FR 144 and 85 vehicles on North Bay/Bay Road.

TREASURER'S REPORT: J. Jontry presented the August 2020 treasurer's report. The Town has received invoices for the Dam Road project and the remainder of the Squaw Creek project totaling \$94,552. We have not yet received reimbursement from the Highway Department for the Squaw Creek project. With another invoice due for chip sealing (\$52,370) the Town has insufficient funds to cover all outstanding project invoices. W. Felch suggested we contact the bank and request a loan to cover these expenses until the reimbursement arrives from the Highway Department. J. Jontry will look into this. J. Hintz asked why the bank account is so low; J. Jontry stated we have had higher expenses than usual due to Covid-19 and the legal settlement paid in February.

FOREST HOME CEMETERY REPORT: No report was provided.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS: *Fire Department #1:* No report. *Fire Department #2:* T. Birchell reported five EMS calls and one fire call since the last meeting.

DISCUSS SALE OF OLD SCHOOL PROPERTY: Mr. Fleming was present and stated he has spoken with a realtor (Derek Larson). B. Salm stated the current fair market value of the property is \$9,200. W. Felch stated he spoke with the assessor who indicated the FMV was formerly based on the property being one large parcel, but it is actually eight lots; lots in Fifield are currently selling for \$3,000 - \$5,000. T. Fleming stated there are water connections on the entire west side of the property, but there is currently only one sewer hookup. Mr. Fleming stated he would offer \$10,000. J. Hintz stated we can not sell it for that. W. Felch stated he will contact our assessor to obtain a fair price estimate. J. Hintz stated we should put the property up for bid.

UPDATE ON DAM ROAD PROPERTY PURCHASE: J. Jontry has been in contact with Attorney Writz, who indicated this week that she has not heard back from the Eckes' about whether or not they received the latest document for signature from the mortgage company. Mr. Eckes was out of town until September 2.

TRANSFER SITE INCIDENT REPORTS AND RELATED MATTERS: W. Felch spoke with Jim Whittinghill of Eagle Waste regarding fluids leaking from the compactor containers at both transfer sites. Pike Lake had to shut down the compactor last week as it was overfull. J. Whittinghill suggested using a bleach solution to spray the puddles of liquid. T. Birchell stated it is not acceptable to have a river of fluid running across the area where people have to walk. These compactors have a slotted floor. Figures given by J. Whittinghill are not accurate regarding tonnage. W. Felch suggested T. Fleming build a dam or diverter to handle the runoff. Regarding the advertisement for a new attendant for the Fifield site, we have received two applications and one applicant can only work one day. The newspaper made an error and ran the notice as a legal ad rather than a display ad. J. Jontry will submit the ad again to run as a display in both the Review and the shopper over the next two weeks. W. Felch stated we should consider having two attendants at both sites next year during the summer months.

DRIVEWAY ACCESS PERMITS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: F. Sevcik asked what the cost is for the Dam Road project so far. T. Fleming stated the budgeted amount is only for contractors, which was \$87,750 plus another \$8,000 for prep work. Crew hours are not broken down by project. F. Sevcik stated he put in an open records request via the town website; J. Jontry stated there is currently no link on the website for open records requests and requests should be made in writing or via e-mail. F. Sevcik asked when the Board will go back to holding two meetings per month; W. Felch stated not before the end of October.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Town received notice of a hearing regarding a conditional use permit application for Craig Stuttgen on Rockhaven Lane.

REVIEW INVOICES: A **MOTION** (Hintz, Salm) was made to approve vouchers for payment. Motion carried, voice vote (3, 0).

ADJOURN: There being no further business on the Agenda, a **MOTION** (Salm, Hintz) was made at 7:45 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried, voice vote (3, 0).

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Jontry, Town Clerk/Treasurer