

TOWN OF FIFIELD

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 13, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Felch called the meeting to order on October 13, 2026, 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 24 public attendees.

VERIFICATION OF POSTING: Clerk verified the public postings.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident questioned where The Board was at with a decision on the merging of the two fire departments. It was decided that it would be put on a future agenda for a special meeting for discussion to come up with a plan.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: Minutes of September 15, 2026, September 29, 2026, and October 8, 2026, were presented for review and approval. Motion made by David Ebert and seconded by John Schroeder to approve. VV 3-0.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss reports were presented for review along with the reconciliation of all savings and checking accounts. A motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by David Ebert to accept. VV 3-0. At a previous meeting a resident voiced concern over the procedure used to post ordinances for the Town of Fifield. After discussion with the Town's attorney, it was determined that since the Town of Fifield doesn't have an official newspaper it's fine to continue posting in various locations. This procedure will be reviewed on an annual basis. A motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by David Ebert to approve. VV 3-0. The Town is in the process of making a final decision on accepting a contract for Assessment Services. A decision will be made at a future meeting. A contract was signed for the services with Clearfield Auditing and Consulting for 2026 and 2027. The Tax Collection Agreement with Price County for 2026-2027 property tax collection was signed.

FIBER OPTICS NORVADO 2027-2028: A letter of consent for construction for 2027-2028 for work being done in the Town of Fifield was signed.

APPROVAL OF HIRING EMPLOYEES FIRE DEPT #2: Fire Department #2 has 3 new employees joining their department. A motion was made by David Ebert and seconded by John Schroeder to approve. VV 3-0.

TOWN CREW REPORT: The Town Crew Supervisor reported that Sugarbush Road has been graveled with Federal gravel, 3 culverts were installed on Gates Lake/FR136 using gravel and culverts from the Federal. The Town had to pay for the digging. Graveling and work is being done on East and West Club Road in areas that get bad in the spring. Gravel work was also done on Mickeys Road turn around. Buoys were pulled from Round and Turner Lake. Movrich park has been closed for the season. Crew Supervisor will be in contact about exchanging work for one week with the Town of Eisenstein for the old chipper. Information will be shared at a future meeting. Scrap metal around the Town hall will be cleaned up and taken to Medford for sale. A skidder that the Town has used for various projects over the years will be removed from the transfer site and returned to the owner's property.

TRANSFER SITES REPORT: An ad was put in the newspaper for 2 weeks to accept applications for a part-time back-up employee to work at either of the transfer sites.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercise responsibility. A motion was made at 9:40 a.m. by John Schroeder and seconded by David Ebert to move to closed session. Motion carried. VV 3-0.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION: Motion made at 11:40 a.m. by John Schroeder and seconded by David Ebert to move to open session. Motion carried. VV 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was none.

REVIEW PAID INVOICES: The Board reviewed paid invoices.

BEGIN BUDGET PROCESS FOR 2027: The Board and clerks met with each department to start discussing the budget for 2027.

ADJOURN: Motion made by John Schroeder and seconded by David Ebert to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 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