

FIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

JULY 23, 2015

Fife Lake Township Meeting came to order starting with the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL SORROW_X_, FORWERCK_X_, OGUR - _X_, ROGNLIE -_X_, STREET_X_.

Approval of Agenda Add 12 e, under old business Milfoil Special Assessment Rate.

Question on bills; Rognlie asked for clarity on Dawns A&D Assessing bill.

Corrections on Minutes; Rognlie pointed out her name missing on roll call vote for 2015-16 Budget acceptance motion.

What was meant by chart of fees under FLAUA report?

Rognlie questioned retaining wall bids that were opened by the Cemetery Committee. Sorrow, a Cemetery Committee member, explained at June 25, 2015 meeting: The Township was not sure if this would come from 2014-15 or 2015-16 budget. It was found to be a repairs and maintenance issue not Cemetery.

Rognlie corrected paragraph where she asked Township to get permission to do work on her part of Evergreen ST. Paragraph according to Rognlie does not reflect this.

Ogur made **Motion** to remove June Minutes from Consent Calendar, table until next meeting, approve the bills and financials. Sorrow seconded. All in Favor **Motion Carried**.

CORRESPONDENCE

CITIZEN COMMENT

County Commissioner Bob Johnson gave report on some power point information; Easling Pool will be closed from July 25 -August 2, 2015 for annual maintenance. Power Island is expanding camp sites on the south side, needing a new well. Resource Recovery Scrap Tire drop off event will be located at the Grand Traverse County Garage, Department of Public Works, 361 E Welch CT, Traverse City on August 7 and August 8. There will be no charge but you will need ID for proof of County residency. The East Bay Township Parks and Girl Scouts Camp are collecting plastic lids for recycling into benches. He also reported statistics on household hazardous waste. Next collection date is August 27, 2015. 911 upgrades are being reviewed, this also includes new radios.

Deputy Sheriff Hornacek reported on Statistics.

Steve Marth reported on EMS Statistics. The new equipment is fabulous.

Kyle Bonter reported on Fire Statistics.

Planning/Zoning Administrator Mack Erickson Absent.

Street reported the Statistics.

Street reported on FLAUA: Saw Grant Compliance Officer, Ray Rivera reported on operations. FLAUA would like to see a physical site for billing and inquiries, a possibility at the Village hall. There also appears to be a problem with more houses than bills. There will need to be an audit to clarify and or create a mass list.

Gifford reported on Planning: They are working on Master Plan and CIP.

Civic Center South: Street reported they are creating a Master Plan. They are also monitoring the CCS usage along with and advertising more for CCS. A new well is needed for irrigation, the cost is about \$10,000. This was confirmed by Commissioner Johnson. The Caretakers, Holly & George are doing a fabulous job.

Cemetery Committee: Sorrow reported the Cemetery Committee had just met prior to the Township meeting at the Fife Lake Cemetery. The retaining wall has already received compliments and the building has been very useful. They approved a fence for protecting the wetlands. A small Chipper rental has also been approved to remove the stumps throughout the cemetery.

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Gifford presented the 2015-16 Meeting Dates. Ogur made **Motion** to accept the meeting dates as presented. Street seconded, All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

Street presented the Principles of Governance through MTA. Street made a **Motion** asking the board to adopt this policy Ogur, Seconded.

Discussion from Rognlie resulted in not wanting to be a part of this policy from MTA because we are using a Recording Secretary who is also our Planning Commission Chairperson. Roll Call Vote Finds; Rognlie-No, Ogur-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Street-Yes. 4-Yes, 1-No. **Motion Carried.**

Street presented Code of Ethics and Conduct from Fife Lake Township Policy & Procedures. This is already in place, adopted back in 2009. Street made Motion to update this board to Fife Lake Township Policy & Procedures to this Board of representatives. Discussion from Rognlie never received a handbook of Code of Policy & Procedure as Trustee of the Fife Lake Township Board, therefore refused to sign updating document. Ogur suggested since it has already been adopted we just need to sign and update the sheet Street presented.

Ogur reported on the Evergreen Street update. Ogur presented a letter sent to the Township Attorney by Lori Ann Rognlie. Ogur clarified Rognlie's concerns with the facts. These facts included through Evergreen Street Engineers and a local sheriff who responded to a call from John Kelley who was working on various pot holes /needed repairs on Evergreen Street. The Township will continue to complete work needed on this road and with the Evergreen Street committee. Most of the residents of Evergreen have complimented the Townships efforts.

Forwerck reported on the Grand- Kal Special Assessment, the form has been sent to the County Road Commission to begin the process.

Forwerck reported Grand Traverse Rural Fire Update; a second mediation will be set up in

August. Until we can complete some decision making, recommend Station Lease be put on hold.

Forwerck presented the General Appropriations Budget 2015-2016 Resolution. Street made **Motion** to adopt the General Appropriations Budget 2015-2016 retroactive to June 25, 2015. Sorrow seconded, Roll Call Vote Finds; Ogur-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Street-Yes, Rognlie-Yes. All in Favor, **Motion Carried**.

Rognlie made **Motion** to accept the reduced amount for the Milfoil for the 2015 tax roll at \$175. Ogur seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds Forwerck-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Street-Yes, Rognlie-Yes, Ogur-Yes. All in Favor, **Motion Carried**.

Other Business

Citizen Comment; Richard Crigger confirmed the work between this Township Board and the last Township Board and Evergreen Street Committee has been very productive. He also commented on working with John Kelley and commending his work and work Ethics.

Street asked for a three minute recess with Forwerck to discuss unfinished business with Code of Ethics.

Forwerck called the meeting back to order. Street addressed Rognlie on MTA's referral of the Code of Ethics. Street suggested we need help with communication between the Township Board and Rognlie. Ogur suggested a mediator.

Forwerck pointed out the rude ethics used by Rognlie other members have also vocalized their view of bad ethics used by Lori Ann Rognlie. Members can agree to disagree but should not use bad member Ethics. Ogur suggested Rognlie ask questions ahead of time, before the Board meetings, Rognlie didn't know she could ask questions at the Township via phone, personally or email.

Deputy Gifford pointed out we are not in violation. Houts and Gifford checked with County and MTA before asking Board to make Gifford the Recording Secretary for the Clerk. Gifford also Chairs the Planning Commission. The Act states that one cannot be a Township Employee and also hold position as Chairperson of the Planning Commission. Since Gifford is acting as Clerk/Deputy Clerk not as an employee, there are no violations. Street will look into a mediator to help with communication.

Sorrow made Motion to adjourn, Ogur seconded, All in Favor, **Motion Carried**.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:34pm.