

134 MORGAN ST  
FIFE LAKE, MI 49633

**FIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
APPROVED MINUTES  
JANUARY 23, 2020**

**ROLL CALL:** Supervisor Linda Forwerck,-Absent, Treasurer Cathy Sorrow-X, Clerk Terry Street-X, Trustee Elizabeth Pearson-X, Dawn Zimmerman-X. Quorum Established.  
(Forwerck arrived at 6:12 pm)

**Also Present** Attorney Bryan Graham guided Board to appoint a member to run the meeting as the Supervisor was not available at this time.

Sorrow made **Motion** to appoint Street to run meeting, Pearson Seconded. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

**Approval of Agenda**

Street suggested we remove #1 from New Business Joseph Nafsu-Attorney for Nader Saco.  
Remove #2 of Old Business Medical Marijuana update appoint two witnesses.  
Remove #3 Mr. McGinnis placing them under first Citizen Comment.  
Zimmerman added update of cemetery trees under Old Business #2.  
Add second Citizen Comment #14 to Agenda changing Other Business to #15.

Pearson made **Motion** to approve the amended agenda, Sorrow Seconded. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

**Conflict of Interest** – None

**Consent Calendar**

Sorrow read the purpose of the Consent Calendar which includes the Fife Lake Township Board Minutes December 19, 2019, Special Meeting-Cemetery Issues-December 17, 2019 and Special Meeting- Accounting-January 2, 2020. Financial Report and Bills to be Paid.  
Bills to be Paid with the purchase of snow shoes from Back Country to aid the Sheriff's Office, for \$319.95. New balance of Bills to be Paid; \$58,009.23.

Zimmerman asked to remove all Fife Lake Township Minutes- December 19, 2019, Special-Cemetery-December 17, 2019 and Special-Accounting January 2, 2020 to New Business #3

Pearson made **Motion** to approve the Consent Calendar removing the Minutes, Zimmerman Seconded. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

Correspondence-

Paul Olson from MUM called. They are not quite ready but are preparing reports to bring before

Boards.

### **CITIZEN COMMENT-**

Ricky Newton protested the current Board.

Joseph Nafsu, Nader Saco Attorney, had questions on amending the MMFO-2-19. Attorney Nafsu and Attorney Graham will exchange contact information. Questions on Section 5, his client owns residential property in Walton where his building is located. According to the Ordinance his property does not qualify.

Attorney Graham offered options to the Board to do nothing, reduce the 500 feet rule in Section 5 and or eliminate certain language within the Ordinance.

Special meeting suggested in February.

Concerns being time frame to amend the Ordinance for posting will push back the March Lottery, Attorney Graham said the MMFO is not a Zoning Ordinance, there are no posting requirements. The Board simply needs to direct the amendment with a Motion or do nothing.

Consensus of the Board was to not make a decision at this time. After discussion Zimmerman made **Motion** to hold a Special meeting February 6, 2020 at 6:00pm to possibly amend the MMFO-2-2019, Street Seconded.

Sorrow wanted to make sure this would not create setbacks for applicants. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

Mrs McGinnis not happy with First Come First Serve change in Medical Marijuana Facilities Ordinance language to Lottery.

Attorney Graham stated it was his legal advice to rewrite the Medical Marijuana Facilities Ordinance. The Lottery system would be a better fit as he explained State Statutes on Medical Marijuana. He also stated it was because of the grace of this Board that there is even a Medical Marijuana Facility Ordinance.

The appointees as witnesses for the Medical Marijuana Lottery Draw suggests Pam Lawrence and Joseph Jones scheduled March 18, 2020.

McGinnis's continue to disrupt the Board, Forwerck called for a five-minute recess.

Upon return of the Board, Street made **Motion** to approve Pam Lawrence and Joseph Jones as witnesses for the MMFO-2-19 Lottery drawing, Forwerck Seconded. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

### **McGinnis-**

Mr. McGinnis asked for clarity on the applicant witnessing the Lottery drawing. Per Attorney Graham all applicants will be notified of Lottery drawing date and time,

Mr. McGinnis would like Township Attorney meet with himself and his attorney.

Attorney Graham will meet with the McGinnis's Attorney, as he is the Fife Lake Township Attorney, consulting McGinnis would be a conflict of interest. The Fife Lake Township is Attorney Grahams Client meeting must be with said Attorney.

Municipalities have the right to stop or proceed allowing Medical Marijuana without having citizen tirade through the meeting. The Township Board will have to authorize their Attorney to meet with Mr. Mc Ginnis's Attorney.

Sorrow made **Motion** to approve of a meeting with the Fife Lake Township Attorney and Shawn McGinnis's Attorney, Street Seconded. All in Favor, **Motion Carried**.

Village President, McGough reported the Village wants to keep Elise on Board for the Master Plan process,

## **REPORTS**

County Commissioner – Rob Henschel – Reported there have been replacements for Mental Health Services, New IT Director and Goal Setting Sessions.

Fife Lake Village -Dave McGough-Village President, reported the Village was approved for the Rotary Seed Grant.

Costs five hundred for Explore 131 Website costs. He would like this to be added to the February 27, 2020 Fife Lake Township Board Agenda. McGough will send information to Forwerck.

Sheriff Department- Deputy Eric Meijer reported the Property Checks are going well. The snow shoes will be helpful for inspection process.

The Lock Down testing at the Fife Lake Elementary went well. There are some window areas that need coverage. The new outside doorway still needs some construction.

Stan Patrick and Gail Burdzey request information from Sheriff Bensley.

**Ambulance/Fire/Emergency Planning** - Mike Berendsohn reported on a plan Fife Lake and Kalkaska EMS Partnering on a program to utilize paramedics with the ability to provide benefits and pay.

Forwerck suggested Fife Lake Township and Springfield Township meet to discuss proper money for proper Mils.

Gail Burdzey, Village Treasurer asked Mike Berendsohn if existing members are good with this

**FLAUA**- Gifford reported last meeting we accepted bids for 2020 Audit and 2020 Accounting Firm. Notice in the Record Eagle for bids.

Received bid from H&R Block for Accounting accepted by the FLAUA.

Received bid from Cambridge and Beard & Cotter. Low bid went to Cambridge.

Gifford also reported Ray Ravary, FLAUA Compliance Officer, reported the DEQ has cleared testing from the vandalism act.

**Zoning**-Debbie Rodriquez reported no permits this Month.

**Planning Commission** – Zimmerman reported Brenda Wyatt was sworn on at the January 14, 2020 Meeting as new Trustee.

Short Term Rentals awaits attorney response. Next Meeting February 11, 2020. Elise will report more on Rotary Seed Grant that was awarded to the Village.

**Civic Center South**- Street reported the Meeting was postponed. Jerry Inman who donated the property has passed away.

**Cemetery Committee** -Debbie Rodriguez reported as Anna is out of State, a Subcommittee was formed for equipment inventory.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Elections underway, Proposal 3 creates new laws for Absentee Voters. The Polls open at 7:00 am and close at 8:00 pm. Street presented a list of Election workers including Deputy Gifford and Gerianne Street to the list. Forwerck made **Motion** to approve the list of election workers presented by Street. Zimmerman Seconded. Pearson asked about the amount of people utilized. Street explained it helps with shorter shifts and a separate Absentee Voter Board. All in Favor, **Motion Carried**.

Master Plan – Elise reported via memo, we have received \$10,000 Seed Grant from Rotary Charities to complete a Joint Master Plan between the Fife Lake Village and Township.

The match for each entity is \$1750.00.

Discussion; The Bid process is not required since the cost is under \$2000.00

Pearson made **Motion** to approve the Township match of \$1750.00 for the Rotary Seed Grant, Zimmerman Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Street-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Pearson-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No, **Motion Carried**.

Minutes of December 17, 19 and January 2<sup>nd</sup> do not include pertinent statements, requests and attachments that were discussed at these meetings. Need attachments for correspondence referrals and list of concerns by Sorrow as they were discussed at the meeting December 17, 2020. Attach copy of Citizen Comments needed as well. Imaging requisite needs to be attached. We need more communication from our Sexton to the Board

January 2, 2020 meeting Zimmerman would like to see Tax checks made payable to The Township.

Zimmerman is not comfortable approving these Minutes while she understands they are not intended to be transcribed there is a lot of information missing. Suggest Zimmerman, Street, Gifford get together with audio and redo the minutes.

Pearson made **Motion** for Zimmerman and Street to go through Minutes redo for February's meeting. Forwerck Seconded. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There will be a Special meeting January 27, 2020, 6:00 pm, regarding the Pugsley Brownfield Development. Make sure this is posted on website and building.

Cemetery Tree updated; Joe Brooks was hired to remove the trees.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

## **CITIZEN COMMENT**

Dave McGough, Village President will contact Elise for approval to move forward with Master plan.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Sorrow made **Motion** to Adjourn, Zimmerman Seconded. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**  
Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 pm.

January 23, 2020 Draft Minutes Prepared by Leigh Gifford, Recording Secretary.