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**FIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES
JULY 25, 2019**

ROLL CALL: Supervisor Linda Forwerck,-X, Treasurer Cathy Sorrow-X, Clerk Terry Street-X, Trustee Elizabeth Pearson-X, Trustee Dawn Zimmerman-X.
Quorum Established.

Sorrow made **Motion** to approve the **Agenda** as amended with the addition New Business c,-Set Milfoil rates, d,-Fife Lake Historical Society, e,-Fife Lake Area Safety Day, f,- Bank Account signature card updates.
Add Budget Hearing July 10, 2019 to consent calendar. Zimmerman Seconded. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

Conflict of Interest – N/A

Street read the purpose of the **Consent Calendar**. Street made **Motion** to accept the Consent Calendar consisting of June 27, July 16, June 10, 2019 Township Board Minutes, Financial Report and bills to be paid. Sorrow Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Pearson-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Street-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No, **Motion Carried.**

Correspondence

Letter of resignation from Jill Gary.

Letter from USDA confirming the loan is now paid in full.

Citizen Comment- Ricky Newton of Fife Lake would like to see Medical Marijuana Facility Ordinance updated under old business zoning ordinance status. The impact is huge to Fife Lake and people are ready to invest money and time. Local people need their medicine. The Fife Lake Board needs to push this through.

Guests

County Commissioner – Rob Henschel-Absent

Fife Lake Village -Dave McGough-Village President, reported the round about is up and running. The orange fencing will remain until spring.
road construction starts week of August 3rd , on Merritt Street to Blue Road.

Sheriff Department- Deputy Eric Meijer confirmed orange fencing helps block site from distractions.

There were minor arrests over the Fourth.

Pearson reported north and south bound traffic are not yielding. Deputy Meijer will monitor the area.

Sorrow reported the property check request forms at the credit union per news letter has been good networking.

Ambulance/Fire/Emergency Planning Robert Melancon reported on Fire and EMS statistics for June 2019. Received two applications for fire, one from Kalkaska.

Grant received purchasing 144 smoke alarms and 22 carbon monoxide testers.

Springfield Township hosting a pig roast July 27, 2019, Starting at noon.

Community Police Safety Day August 17, 2019.

Paramedic Class starts in September 2019.

Fourth of July was good, assisted Wexford County with drownings.

FLAUA- Gifford reported Ray Ravary, Compliance Officer, has been communicating with Fleis & Vandenbrink, still need to wrap up some issues for job completion even though the time has expired. Vans Lane residents are moving toward tying into the sewer.

Zoning-Debbie Rodriquez reported on the statistics of Township zoning. River Side Solar Panel were forced to take Consumers Power to court to move forward.

Planning Commission – Zimmerman reported the Medical Marijuana Facility language is ready for attorney review.

Civic Center South- Street reported Terry Almquist replaced Chris Pearson who resigned as Kingsley Village Representative.

Baseball season is over so things are slowing down some. Six years ago the county financially helped the park through Parks and Recreation Fund, County Commissioner Henschel and Dan Hawkins will check out this possible funding.

Pearson recently visited the park, reported trails were not well marked. Street will check out signage for trails. Forwerck educated audience on Civic Center South.

Cemetery Committee -Sorrow reported the Adopt a Grave having positive feedback. John Kelley is engraving the stones.

Sexton, Lisa Plamondon and Nicole Melancon will create an organized to do list.

Water pipes broke and have been fixed. There is a list of equipment that needs to be fixed or replaced.

Weed Whip needs a new head.

Husquavarna needs front tires, new blades and back bag needs repairs.

Kubota has steering issues, gas pedal sticks, loss of power during operation low/high, gears are lagging when lifting full bucket.

John Deere throws debris with or without guard attachment and does not fit in the building.

NEW BUSINESS

Pugsley Update- Stage 2 will be viewed at the Planning Commission meeting and Public Hearing is set up for August 20, 2019.

Forwerck suggested using the Brownfield legal knowledge, of Mika Meyers, Beckett and Jones as good consultation source for transformational and traditional. If the board approves, Forwerck will follow up. Sorrow made **Motion** to pursue with attorneys on Brownfield knowledge and legal expertise., Street Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Zimmerman-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Street-Yes, Pearson-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No, **Motion Carried**.

Cemetery Sexton Wages- The past sexton wage was \$13.00 per hour. Since his resignation, Fife Lake's new Sexton, Lisa Plamondon, shall also make \$13.00 per hour. Sorrow made **Motion** to pay Lisa Plamondon, Sexton \$13.00 per hour, Pearson Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Forwerck-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Street-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No, **Motion Carried**.

Milfoil Rates- Thank you Fred Joles for help in resolution #MMFO-2019-8. Street read the assessment information on weed nuisance. \$145=Residential, \$240=Commercial, \$60 per ½ Lot-\$1. For 2019: \$120=Residential, \$240=Commercial \$60=1/2 Lot. Sorrow made **Motion** to accept Nuisance Weed Assessment rate as presented by Fred Joles for 2019, Forwerck Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Sorrow-Yes, Street-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Forwerck-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No, **Motion Carried**.

Discussion on new weed milfoil, celery grass, NIAD saw huge masses from 20 to 30 feet out at the Evergreen Access and Grand Kal site per Rick Crigger.

Todd Sherman and Adam need a place to put weeds and trees affected. Sorrow suggested they contact Fred Joles and the Milfoil Committee.

Fife Lake Historical Society has requested funds for upgrades to the flooring at the museum. \$500.00 is their annual request for working capital. Sorrow made **Motion** to approve the Fife Lake Historical Society's request for \$500.00, Street Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Street-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Sorrow-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No, **Motion Carried**.

Bank account signature card needs to be updated. Sorrow made **Motion** to update the signature card removing Jill Gary and adding Leigh Gifford, Pearson Seconded. All in Favor, **Motion Carried**.

OLD BUSINESS

Grand Kal Project-Carl Brown inquiring if Fife Lake can do this project in August.

Community Police Safety Days requested an additional \$500 toward Safety days on August 17, 2019. Additional fliers will start circulating and banner will be hung soon. Forwerck suggested we check the budget before approval. Sorrow made **Motion** to find \$500.00 in budget along with further research to

the budget to see if the township can fulfill their request for Police Safety Days, Pearson Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Pearson-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Forwerck-Upon Budget Research, Sorrow-Yes, Street-Yes. **Motion Carried.**

Lake Accesses- Research past survey and stakes.

Mel Winne of MM Sport Center asked why Pontoons cannot be put at the Southside Access. The board informed they were bound by legalities from neighboring residents.

Other Business

Citizen Comment

ADJOURNMENT

Sorrow made **Motion** to Adjourn, Pearson Seconded. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**
Meeting Adjourned at 7:12 pm.

July 25, 2019 Draft Minutes Prepared by: Leigh Gifford, Recording Secretary.
June 27 and June 10, 2019 Minutes Approved by Fife Lake Township board July 25, 2019.