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**FIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP
ZOOM BOARD MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES**

MAY 28, 2020

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

Also Present Via Zoom

Approval of Agenda

Sorrow made **Motion** to approve the agenda, Pearson Seconded. Roll Call Finds; Street-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes. 5-Yes. 0-No, **Motion Carried.**

Conflict of Interest – None

Consent Calendar

Street read purpose of Consent Calendar; Fife Lake Township Minutes February 27, 2020, Financial Report and Bills to be paid for March, April and May 2020.

Pearson made **Motion** to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, Street Seconded. Roll call Vote Finds; Pearson-Yes, Street-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No. **Motion Carried.**

Correspondence-

Fife Lake Village had a Public Hearing scheduled for May 18, 2020 regarding land leased for Early Learning Center will be rescheduled for June 15, 2020 at the Fife Lake Village Hall. 616 Bates Street, Fife Lake, MI 49633.

Grand Traverse County Sheriff Office, Tom Bensley reported since the Covid 19 the Deputies have been pulled in for safety reasons. They are on twelve-hour schedules for their safety through May 10, 2020 has been extended through June 7th. New schedule begins June 8, 2020.

Wayne Scoonover from the Road Commission replied regarding the shoulder wash out on Grand Kal culvert. The culvert needs to be replaced. The second culvert may need attention as well.

Roads are taking a hit from the rain. There is a two-week delay on road repairs including brining. The next scheduled brine is June 14, 2020.

CITIZEN COMMENT-

Anna Love
Marcia Eby
Joseph Nasfu
Shawn McGinnis

REPORTS

County Commissioner – Rob Henschel no connection.

Fife Lake Village -Dave McGough-Village President-Present

Sheriff Department- Deputy Eric Meijer no connection.

Ambulance/Fire/Emergency Planning – Mike Ferrar, EMS reported Statistics for Fife Lake and Springfield; 26/20.

New Ambulance is back in service. Back Box was totaled and replaced in red. Rodriguez added the Fire Truck will be back in 4 to 6 weeks.

FLAUA- Gifford reported all is on track, Compliance Officer Ravary was able obtain a Security Grant for FLAUA.

Zoning-Debbie Rodriguez reported only a couple permits out back log on construction.

Planning Commission – Zimmerman reported the FLAPC is working on Short Term Rental Ordinance just needs to be put together with updates in process.

Forwerck reported information received for Public Hearing held Via Zoom Regular scheduled Fife Lake Area Planning Commission May 12, 2020, Site Plan Review, Use by Right passed by the Board. Zoning Administrator Rodriguez will follow up with the developer.

Civic Center South- No Report

Cemetery Committee – Rodriguez reported the water was not turned on either cemetery before Memorial Day. At least six pipes are broken in the Fife Lake Cemetery due to improper shut off in the fall. Not able to contact Sexton Plamondon. Fife Lake Township contacted a plumber.

Anna Love called individual Cemetery Committee Members for a poll; majority consensus to terminate Lisa Plamondon as Fife Lake Cemetery Sexton
The job description was to be responsible for the previous contract which does state assuming all responsibilities of the last Sexton. Including water shut off and turn on.

Sorrow asked if the Sexton also assumed groundskeeper. There may be some confusion on Sexton Plamondons responsibilities.

Zimmerman said Lisa Plamondon is paid by the Fife Lake Township and needs to report to someone. What exactly does she do?

Zimmerman asked for a determination of issues

1. DATA Scanning Imaging cost \$2700
2. Stones not replaced
3. Water not turned off properly in the fall causing \$800 to \$1000 worth of damage
4. Not having the Cemeteries ready for families for the Memorial Day Family Festivities.

Forwerck has not received any reports from Sexton Plamondon. If we cannot contact her we have lost imaging, incurred damaged pipes due to negligence. We need to collect keys and records any and all Fife Lake Township Property.

Street questions if Lisa knew of these responsibilities. Anna Love assured Street Sexton Plamondon knew water shut off and turn on were.

Street would like to contact Sexton Plamondon for clarifications before moving forward. Forwerck suggests the Clerk's office try to get some answers for the Sexton position. Zimmerman suggest a time limit for no reply we will need to proceed.

New Business

Mike Berendshon, EMS Director, Kalkaska Memorial Health Center proposed to serve a new ambulance system for the Fife Lake EMS which would supply ambulance if needed for Springfield and Fife Lake Township. Advanced medically trained life support. Wait time from Kalkaska at fifteen to twenty minutes at this time. 24/7 staffing at the Fife Lake EMS Station. Zero cost to benefit the Fife Lake staff.

Pearson asked using current facilities at Kalkaska or Fife Lake.

Utilizing ambulance already at the Fife Lake Station. If the ambulance goes out another one will be provided through the Kalkaska Station including supplies.

Zimmerman likes having a paramedic on staff for the Fife Lake community demand.

Chamber of Commerce Contribution Request-Street read a letter form Village Treasurer, Gail Burdzy, requesting funds of \$1600 for Fife Lake's 4th-6th of July events police protection, included in the April Meeting packet. Sponsor Best Fourth in the North, P.O. Box 283, Fife Lake, MI 49633.

Forwerck reported in the past the request has been for \$1000 asked what fourth of July events will there be.

Street will follow up with Village President McGough on the July events.

Pearson made **Motion** to table the request until June Meeting for further research on Fife Lake's fourth of July events, Zimmerman Seconded. Roll Call Finds Zimmerman-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Street-Yes, Forwerck-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-NO, **Motion Carried**.

There will be a Village meeting on Monday regarding the fourth of July events.

Fife Lake Area Historical Society Contribution Request \$500 toward updates on drain. Repairs are needed on the east side. Sorrow made **Motion** to contribute \$500 to the Fife Lake Historical Society for the drain repairs, Pearson Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Pearson-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Street-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No, **Motion Carried.**

Fife Lake Township Grounds (Hall, Lot 82, Boat Access)

Discussion on advertising for bids on grounds maintenance for the Hall, Lot 82 and the Boat Access.

Plowing caused gravel in the grass on the west side, cars parking on the EMS grounds eroding. We need Lot 82, Lot 82 and grounds maintained. The Township can ask Nick and Jake and post the Job Bid Package Mow as needed through the 2020 Season at the Fife Lake Township Hall, Lot 82 and the Boat Access. Post like prior posting.

Pearson liked Nicks work at the Cemetery. Street has not heard from Jake. The Bid was \$650 for Building Grounds from Nick.

Budget Workshop-Budget Hearing

Forwerck suggests the Budget Hearing be held one hour before the regular scheduled meeting June 25, 2020. Hopefully we will be able to hold a regular open meeting after June 15, 2020.

Budget Committee Zimmerman and Forwerck could use another member for the 2019-2020 Budget.

Budget Hearing will start 5:00 p.m. June 25, 2020 at the Fife Lake Township Hall 1 hour prior to regular scheduled meeting.

Treasurer Computer approximately ten years old is having some issues. The replacement cost around \$1000 for something compatible with tax and quick books program.

Forwerck suggested asking the Township IT company. Forwerck made **Motion** to approve up to \$1500 for Treasurer computer replacement, Pearson Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Forwerck-Yes, Street-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Forwerck-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No, **Motion Carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

Medical Marijuana -Nader Saco, Steve Ezell

Request by both parties to possibly amend the Medical Marijuana Facility Ordinance by adding two more grow licenses.

Per Attorney Graham if the Township does amend the Ordinance to add two more grows and other applicants respond another Lottery would be required.

Pearson clarified the licenses are per parcel of land not applicant. Amending the Ordinance is a costly process.

Zimmerman added waiting for results from the State before making amendments at this time.

Sorrow is ok with possible amendments after results from State. We need to proceed with caution utilize legal counsel.

Board consensus if there is a way to add two grows to the ordinance via Attorney without having another Lottery. Consult with Attorney Graham.

Shawn McInnis filed applications for 3 parcels receiving 3 licenses. He would like to help with solution. Help in discussions with Ordinance amendments. May his attorney contact the Township attorney?

Joseph Nasfu asked to have attorney clarification on the June agenda.

Steven Ezell added possibly if State requirements are not met they will be next in line. Also, by adding to more grows to the Ordinance would benefit the Township.

American Legion Settlement

Fife Lake American Legion agreed to put up a fence on the East side of the property and Consumers will put up a light shield. Final settlement to be voted on by the members. The Fife Lake Township Supervisor and Zoning Administrator are no longer a part of this lawsuit, however the Zoning Administrator will write to Consumers Power asking them to put up the light shield.

Election Dates

Two more elections coming up August 4th and November 3rd 2020, from 7 am to 8 pm.

Village has to have paperwork in by June 21, 2020.

Possible changes at the polls safety measures; sneeze bars, plexy glass,

When the ballots are received through County we send them based on applications

received for Absentee Ballots.

OTHER BUSINESS

Fife Lake Township and Village clean up day will be August 1, 2020.

CITIZEN COMMENT

McInnis reiterated his interest in helping to resolve the issues with Medical Marijuana Facility Ordinance. Work together to help everyone, lottery winner or non-lottery winner. Flexible to agree on the Ordinance.

Sorrow agrees

Pearson agrees keep our residents and applicants in mind.

ADJOURNMENT

Street made **Motion** to Adjourn, Pearson Seconded. Roll Call Finds; Forwerck-Yes, Street-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No, **Motion Carried.**

Fife Lake Township May 28, 2020 Draft Minutes Prepared by Recording Secretary, Leigh Gifford
Fife Lake Township February 27, 2020 Minutes Approved as presented by the Fife Lake Township Board May 28, 2020.