

**FIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 26, 2017**

**APPROVED**

Fife Lake Township Meeting came to order at 6 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Clerk Street-X Treasurer Sorrow-X, Supervisor Forwerck-X, Trustee Pearson-X, Trustee Zimmerman-X. All Present.

A quorum has been established.

Sorrow made **Motion** to approve the Agenda as Amended. Street Seconded, All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

Sorrow made **Motion** to accept Consent Calendar with the removal of Bills to be paid, Pearson Seconded. All in Favor. **Motion Carried.** Bills to be Paid moved to L. under New Business.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

Roger and Nicki Gibson

**GUESTS**

Roger and Nicki Gibson

County Commissioner Bob Johnson Absent

Deputy Jason Roelofs introduced himself as our new Deputy in town. Business cards to come.

Ambulance/Fire/Emergency Planning; Andrew Killingsworth reported for EMS, only 11 calls. They are feeling the effects of the Camp Pugsley closing.

Forwerck introduced Lt. Kelly Steiner from Grand Traverse Rural Fire, he will be liaison between the Fife Lake Township and Rural Fire.

FLAUA- Gifford reported the Project is mostly complete and is just keeping up with the new equipment and tweaking. The new building is complete. Files should have been delivered this past Tuesday from Rognlie. Election of Officers as follows; Lisa Leedy –President, Tom Gray-Vice President, Jodi Velez-Treasurer and Leigh Gifford-Secretary.

Zoning Administrator Kevin McElyea—Written Report Attached.

Planning Commission: Gifford reported that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing, February 9, 2017 at 7pm at the Fife Lake Township Hall, to wrap up the Master Plan update procedures.

Street reported on Civic Center South. They are looking for caretakers to live on the grounds.

Cemetery Report - Sorrow reported the Cemetery will hold a meeting in March of 2017.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Noreen and Patti will be heading the Trail and Parks committee starting to form now.

Gifford and Street will follow up, serving on this committee as Fife Lake Township Representatives.

A book on trails has been compiled at Noreen and Patti's cost of Twenty Three Dollars. Forwerck made a **Motion** the Fife Lake Township would like a copy and will cover the cost of Twenty Three Dollars. Street Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Forwerck- Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Street-Yes, Sorrow-Yes. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

Sorrow made the **Motion** to accept "The Weapons Policy" Zimmerman Seconded. The EMS has already adopted this policy. After discussion on the definition of weapons and where they can be placed. Sorrow rescinded the original motion. Amending the Motion to read The Fife Lake Township Board will temporarily adopt the policy with the understanding that updated language and regulations need further updating. Pearson Seconded. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

Street, Pearson, Deputy Roelof and Roger Gibson will provide updates at the February meeting.

Building access- Kelly Stiner suggests utilizing key pads and doorbells for privacy issues.

Street made **Motion** to install keypads to secure the interior of the building as needed.

After discussion Street amended the motion to read Motion is to install keypads to secure the interior of the building as needed and install very audible door bells. Zimmerman Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds Sorrow-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Street-Yes. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

Because Rural Fire uses Young as their attorney rep we will need to look into other legal representation. Forwerck made **Motion** to pursue services of Todd Millar, a suggested governmental attorney. Sorrow Seconded. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

**MDOT** has requested we put an intersection light at the intersection M186.

**MTA Conferences-** If anyone is interested in any of the classes available, please let us know.

**Medical Marijuana Workshop** is coming to the area in February. Sorrow made **Motion** to send Fife Lake Reps, to this workshop at \$165.00 for all three. Pearson seconded Roll Call Vote Finds; Forwerck-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Street-Yes, Sorrow-Yes. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

**Library Budget Insurance-** The MUM, Paul Olson has the Library included in the Township Policy.

**Workshop reimbursement policy-**At this time Officers do not get paid for additional meetings.

Trustees receive \$45.00 per additional meeting. Workshops and mileage are paid for by the Township. There is no hourly wage for workshops.

Policy Committee should look at this Policy.

**Sewer Committee-** The FLAUA Board minus 1 Member voted to let Ms. Lori Ann Rognlie serve on the board, and on other committees as a Citizen Volunteer.

Pearson made a **Motion** for the Clerks office to compile a letter stating the importance of the FLAUA following the bylaws and Rules & Regulations of the FLAUA, Sorrow Seconded. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

**Bills to be Paid** The Board went through the Bills to be paid with an explanation of specific bills including Visa used for Work Shops, Postage, Memberships and Norton Anti-Virus for the most. Zimmerman made the **Motion** to accept the Bills to be Paid, Pearson Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Zimmerman-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Street-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Forwerck-Yes. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Public Access-** Street reported on the new information gathered between Denny Meyer, Hamm from the DNR and many others who had valuable input. Pearson made a **Motion** to proceed with the Public Access Project, Sorrow Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Pearson-Yes, Street-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

**Rural Fire Update-Equipment list-** The Lease for the Fire Barn needs to be updated along with the list of equipment. We know the Kubota and Trailer belong to Fife Lake Township. Street made a **Motion** to approve the lease based on square footage of the fire barn and the square footage of what we need to use for Kubota/Trailer storage, to seek the legal opinion of attorney and lease on a month to month basis. Pearson Seconded. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

Tuesday will be a Grand Traverse Rural Fire meeting to review the Consultants recommendations at Kingsley for 2018 Budget and Projections and Administration. Fife Lake Township needs a Policy Book for Rural Fire.

**Tax Tribunal** – Gwizdalas requested the taxable value be reduced by Tax Tribunal to \$290,000 from \$359,100 on the Resort/Party Store. Fife Lake Township concurred.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Sorrow made **Motion** for the Fife Lake Township Board to pursue a 2% grant jointly with Fife Lake Village, for sidewalk. Pearson Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Street-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Pearson-Yes. All Yes, **Motion Carried.**

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**

**Motion** to Adjourn at 9:37 p.m. All in favor. **Motion Carried**

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