

**FIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES
MARCH 23, 2017**

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

ROLL CALL

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

A quorum has been established.

Zimmerman made **Motion** to approve the Agenda, Street Seconded, All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

Pearson made **Motion** to accept Consent Calendar as presented. Zimmerman Seconded, All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

CITIZEN COMMENT

GUESTS

REPORTS

County Commissioner: Bob Johnson

Sheriff Deputy: Jason Roelofs Reported on the bike purchase. Decided to go with “Brick Wheels.”

Ambulance/Fire/Emergency Planning: Robert Melancon, Trevor Alworden. Reported on the Combi tool that was purchased from the 2% grant.

FLAUA- Gifford Absent

Zoning Administrator Kevin McElyea. See written Report.

Planning Commission:

Civic Center South Street reported on CCS activities. Rates for facility usage. Also new activity will be added called “Pickle Ball”.

Cemetery Report

Street reported on the wages of our sexton and cemetery personal. Street made Motion to raise the Sexton's wage, John Kelley's pay to \$13 hourly. Zimmerman Seconded, Roll Call Vote Finds; Street-Yes, Pearson-Abstained, Zimmerman-Yes, Forwerck-Abstained. 2-Yes, 2-Abstained, 1-Absent.

Motion Carried.

Forwerck made Motion to raise David Pearson to \$11 hourly. Street Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Pearson-Abstained, Zimmerman-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Sorrow-Absent, Street-Yes. 3-Yes, 1-Abstain, 1-Absent. Motion Carried.

Pearson made Motion for additional help to be \$9.50/hr. Zimmerman Seconded, Roll Call Vote Finds; Zimmerman-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Sorrow-Absent- Street-Yes, Pearson-Yes. 4-Yes, 1-Absent, **Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Habitat for Humanity—Building a house in “South Town”. Taking applications.

Forest Area Schools, Mr. Rothwell- Millage information. Discussed the sinking fund. Also improvements to Forest Area School facilities through the millage increase.

Chamber of Commerce Request: Tina Broering submitted a request for the annual donation for fire works. Street made the motion to contribute \$1,000. Zimmerman seconded. Roll Call: Forwerck yes, Pearson yes, Street yes, Zimmerman yes. **Motion Carried**

BATA—Forwerck mentioned about the up and coming millage renewal and increase for BATA. Street stated the election will be May 2nd.

Brining—Forwerck mentioned details about the brining program for our roads. Motion was suggested to approve brining. Zimmerman made a motion to pay the County \$5,576.44 to pay for brining. Pearson seconded. Roll call: Forwerck- yes, Pearson- yes, Street- yes, Zimmerman- yes **Motion Carried**

Grant for flush toilets—David McGough (Village President), spoke about the grant for flush toilets at the North Fife Lake Public Access. Forwerck requested we discuss this at an up and coming meeting.

Master Plan—to be discussed later.

Up North Prevention Proclamation—Forwerck suggested we make a motion to adopt and approve this proclamation on anti-drinking and drugs for youth. Forwerck motioned, Street Seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Building Security—Forwerck mentioned about the addition of locks to the ambulance room and also on the perimeter. Ron Loveland from Mardex and Associates installed the locks.

Grand Traverse Rural Fire Membership and Lease-- Forwerck discussed the parameters on whether or

not we should stay. Street read letter from the newly formed Fire Advisory Committee and their recommendation with a letter of intent to leave Rural Fire. The committee stated that it is in the best interest of our citizens to leave Rural Fire and to be on our own.

Roger Gibson spoke about the formation of the special fire committee and also the recommendations of the committee that Fife Lake Township should go on their own.

Street shared concern about the ISO rating. Stiner discussed more about the ISO rating and how this applies to Fife Lake residents. Zimmerman asked if current EMS employees could help with fire. Stiner stated unless they are fire dept. employees, they could not.

Andrew Killingsworth read a letter regarding EMS services and stated they will serve all mutual aid agreements. Services will not be disrupted.

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Forwerck asked for a motion on what to do with fire services. Street stated that because of lack of volunteers, he would make a motion to withdraw from Grand Traverse Rural Fire. Street made the motion to pursue leaving Grand Traverse Rural Fire. Pearson seconded. Roll Call: Zimmerman—yes, Street—yes, Pearson—yes, Forwerck—yes **Motion Carried**

OLD BUSINESS

MDOT Light-- Forwerck discussed having illumination lights at the intersection of US 131/M186 and Fife Lake Rd/US131.

Workshop Reimbursement Policy—Forwerck and Street stated and by checking with other townships, no money is paid to board members for attending workshops above the cost of workshop and mileage.

Other Business:

David McGough requested a letter of support from the Fife Lake Township Board to pursue a grant for the Village to obtain the flush toilets for the public access. Forwerck made a motion to write a letter of support. Zimmerman seconded. All in favor. **Motion Carried**

Citizen Comment: Rob Melancon thanked the board for all of their support with the issues the rural fire was facing at the Fife Lake Township.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Draft Minutes prepared by Clerk Street
Approved by the Fife Lake Township Board April 27, 2017