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**FIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
APPROVED MINUTES  
JUNE 22, 2017**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

Sorrow made **Motion** to accept Agenda, Street Seconded. All in Favor. **Motion Carried.**

Street read purpose of Consent Calendar. Consent Calendar includes May 23 and May 25, 2017 Board Minutes, Financial Report and Bills to be paid.

Zimmerman corrected on the May 23, 2017 Minutes to add (EMS) Trevors last name, Alworden, and correct Spring Lake Township Supervisor, Springfield Township Supervisor.

Sorrow made **Motion** to approve the consent calendar with the corrections to May 23, 2017 minutes. Zimmerman Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Pearson-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Street-Yes. All Yes, **Motion Carried.**

**Correspondence**

Street read correspondence from Kassandra Magee and Lisa Magee. They are concerned about Boyd Street not having an adequate walkway.

**Citizen Comment**

Village President, Dave McGough, spoke with Kassandra and informed her of the Joint Grant with the Village and Township to update Boyd Street.

**Guests – N/A**

**Reports**

**County Commissioner** Bob Johnson reported for Grand Traverse County. No language on ballot at this time for millages. There will be two meetings Wednesday night for commissioners. The first meeting will determine which Commissioners are needed where. The second meeting will be to work with Grand Traverse County Animal Control.

The process of bridge placement is something to see if you haven't already witnessed some of the work already done. "Water under the Bridge".

**Sheriff Deputy** Roelof reported he has been checking on business during non- operating hours. Quiet so far. He attended the Senior Luncheon at the Library. He found it to be very entertaining with musical talent. He also learned the DNR mandates the specific placing of the Lake Buoys.

**EMS** report given by Rob Melancon. 22 calls last month, this month has already been very busy. We have been partnering with Otsego County for Transports and are second on call. Pastor Don has retired and moved from this area.

Gifford reported on **FLAUA**. Still tweaking electronics. Mostly all systems are go. The Authority is waiting on Attorney Opinion to move forward with helping the citizens on Vans Lane. Forwerck added Vans Lane still needs some repair work done and will need approved completion by the Road Commission before signing off on this project.

**Zoning Administrator**, Kevin McElyea, reported Pure Compassion located 6531, US 131, Fife Lake has been Cited for misuse of property with no permits. Kevin asked for permission from the Board to proceed with Attorney on this matter. Street made **Motion** permitting Kevin to consult with Township Attorney on this matter. Sorrow Seconded, All in Favor, **Motion Carried**.

Joseph Jones reported on the **Planning Commission**. We are working on three hot topics. JB Auto Used Car Lot, Medical Marijuana and short term rental ordinance.

JB Auto Used Car Lot is located at Midway Outdoor Supply. The mechanical work will not be done on this site and this site is limited to thirty cars whether they are in auction mode or on the lot. Welcome to a new business in Walton Junction, Fife Lake. After attending a Medical Marijuana seminar and Kingsley's Public Hearing, the informal poll shows most area citizens are against having an actual dispensary. Language for short/long term rental ordinance is in the works.

Street reported on **Civic Center South**. Leon Susa has been hired to mow and do grounds work for the properties. A Pole barn is being built for storage. They are in need of a larger working capital to be discussed later on Agenda. Representative Jake Van Boxel has resigned.

Sorrow reported on the **Cemetery**. A tentative meeting will be on July 12, 2017. The Markers have arrived and will replace the cement can markers.

Cathy and Terry received language from our sexton to create simple job descriptions for all Cemetery jobs. At this time the wages are set at \$13, \$11, \$9.50. The work load requires at least two helpers for the Sexton during the summer season. Street made a **Motion** to pay helpers of the sexton \$11 per hour. Sorrow Seconded, Roll Call Vote Finds; Zimmerman-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Street-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Zimmerman-yes. All in Favor, **Motion Carried**.

Pearson would like EMS to look at their wages. Melancon will put wages on July agenda.

## **New Business**

Janet Jones presented a petition seeking approval for Pickerel Lake residents to form a Special Assessment District. The funds would be used to employ Savin Lake to implement an irrigation unit that will help maintain the flow of Pickerel Lake.

Street made **Motion** to support the forming of a Special Assessment District for Pickerel Lake residents after seeking Attorney opinion. Pearson Seconded, Roll Call Vote Finds; Forwerck-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Street-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

Budget Adjustments are as follows:

Computer Expenses \$120 over budget, new budget \$748.00

Legal Fees \$5,500 over budget, new budget \$11,500.00

Road/Street \$2,260 over budget, new budget \$40,260.00

Sorrow made **Motion** to accept the budget adjustments as presented. Zimmerman Seconded, Roll Call Vote Finds; Sorrow-Yes, Street-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Forwerck-Yes. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

Forwerck would like to see the Townline Road balance of \$26,187.47 paid off and \$9,000.00 of the USDA principal paid.

Pearson made **Motion** to Pay \$9,000 toward USDA Loan, Zimmerman Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Street-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Pearson-Yes. All in Favor, **Motion Carried**

## **Old Business**

Joe and Sandy Downey from 115720Lake Shore Drive, have asked why the Steins can have a dock and they cannot since they also have a Deed that states they can.

According to Attorney Peter Wendling, the Township access deed only provides one dock.

Forwerck was able to get a license for the Downey's to moor their Pontoon Boat in the lake bottom. The Downey's would have to pay a dollar and proof of Insurance to be certified with the Township as beneficiary on their liability insurance.

Forwerck called for a brief recess.

Joe Downey stated they will be seeking an Attorney on the dock issue.

Street made **Motion** to follow the Township Attorney advising the certificate to moor Downey's Pontoon Boat in the water at this time. Sorrow Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Pearson-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Street-Yes. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

## **Public Access**

The final agreement language between the Township and the Stoll Family has reached a tentative agreement. Particularly with language of the Stolls agreement stating they could seek damages legally in the future should it be proved that any damage to the seawall is a result of construction of the public boat access/launch.

Pearson made the **Motion** to proceed with the agreement contingent upon our Insurance Policy covering such events. Sorrow Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Zimmerman-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Street-Yes, Pearson-Yes. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

Four No Wake Buoys have been placed under the State of Michigan Division, “NO ONE SHALL LEGALLY MOVE BUOYS”,

Charter Spectrum Communications Contract with addition of 5% franchise fee clause.

Zimmerman made **Motion** to approve of the Charter Spectrum Contract, Sorrow Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Forwerck-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Street-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

Civic Center South is asking for their annual donation for operations with an increase of five hundred dollars. The donation will now be \$2,500. Street made **Motion** to approve the \$2,500.00 donation to civic Center South, Zimmerman Seconded, Roll Call Vote Finds; Sorrow=Yes, Street-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Forwerck-Yes. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

Forwerck discussed the status of Rural Fire. She indicated the White Water Board wishes for their township supervisor to vote to dissolve. Union Township is considering dissolution, but their supervisor will not do so unless there is written language guaranteeing the locals will provide adequate fire protection to Union Township citizens.

#### **Citizen Comment**

Roger Gibson suggests we check out our cost recovery with relationship to Rural Fire.

Next joint Workshop with Springfield Township will be June 27, 2017 at 7:00p.m. with Attorney Todd Millar being in attendance.

Forwerck made Motion to Adjourn, Sorrow Seconded. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Prepared by: Leigh Gifford, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary.

Approved by: Fife Lake Township Board, July 27, 2017.

Draft Minutes are subject to change at the next Fife Lake Township Board Meeting July 27, 2017.