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**FIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
APPROVED MINUTES  
JUNE 28, 2018**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

Sorrow made **Motion** to accept Agenda as presented, Zimmerman Second, All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

Gifford read purpose of Consent Calendar. Consisting of May 24, 2018 Fife Lake Township Board Minutes along with Financial report and updated bills to be paid. Sorrow made **Motion** to approve the consent calendar as presented Zimmerman Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds: Pearson-Absent, Zimmerman-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Street-Absent. 3-Yes, 2-Absent, 0-No. **Motion Carried.**

Conflict of Interest: None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mark Dragovitch

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

Stan Patrick, Fife Lake Chamber of Commerce, reported the South end boat ramp will be closed on the July 4, 2018 for the Fire Works.

Gretchen Ross and partner Daniel, introduced themselves as licensed and insured builders. Energy Efficient New Construction, 25 Years' Experience.

**GUESTS**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**-Cancelled

**REPORTS**

County Commissioner Bob Johnson – Absent.  
Report available via [www.county.gov](http://www.county.gov)

Village President, Dave McGough reported the street projects: bike path and repairs, are complete. The Village Council approved of the Joint Planning Commissions. Kingsley will be meeting at the Rock covering a variety of topics. The Fife Lake Village Newsletter and taxes have been mailed out.

Sheriff Deputy Eric Meyer had to leave. Statistics report available [www.county.gov.sheriff](http://www.county.gov.sheriff).

Rob Melancon reported on EMS. Reported on being shorthanded. There are a couple of applicants but we need more. Please help by word of mouth through other agencies, Face Book, Website. Also 30 Norcon kits were used this month to save lives.

Forwerck asked about weekly tree watering for DDA purposes. There are tools built in to utilize for watering.

Chief Scott Tinker reported on the progress of Fire Station 6. There were runs this month. He also mentioned there is Mutual Aid training on Thursdays. There is usually a blurb on Face Book about the training, so people will know it's just a training. Rob also stated that we are the new caretakers of the old fire truck and it is parade ready.

#### FLAUA

Gifford reported the FLAUA Personnel Committee and Operations both met. Paul Birgy took a fulltime position elsewhere. Personnel was able to hire two employees to help Ray Ravary, the Compliance Officer, to get caught up. Operations and Personnel agree a letter to Fleiss regarding follow up with a final punch list is necessary.

Zoning Administrator – Debbie Rodriguez reported permits are up. She is corresponding with the Riverside Solar and Pat Dunlap regarding the property at intersection of 186 and 113.

While adding Kennels to the special use permit in the Commercial District is still a good idea, the dog kennel Day Care is no longer being pursued. A written report is included.

#### Planning Commission-

The new Scheduled meeting July 12, 2018, will include public hearings; solar panels, smaller housing and table updates in the Zoning Ordinance. Asking for approval of recommendation of 4.4 Animals in R-2 District (under old business on agenda).

Looking into meeting with Elise Craft with Starcraft for joint planning with the Fife Lake Village and Fife Lake Township Planning Commission.

#### Civic Center South- No Report

Cemetery Committee- Sorrow reported the cost of burials and stone cleaning has gone up since the prices were set in the 1980's at \$475.00. After discussion, Forwerck made **Motion** to increase the cost of a Full Burial to \$575.00, Cremation remain at \$175.00. Zimmerman Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds: Sorrow-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Pearson-Absent, Street-Absent. 3-Yes, 2-Absent, 0-No. **Motion Carried.**

Sorrow reported that Sexton, John Kelley is interested in trading stone cleaning labor owed on a trailer no longer in use at the Cemetery. Sorrow made **Motion** to approve the trade of Trailer for Labor of stone cleaning by John Kelley. Zimmerman Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Forwerck-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Street-Absent, Pearson-Absent, Zimmerman-Yes. 3-Yes, 2-Absent, 0-No, **Motion Carried.**

Sorrow reported there are veteran graves with no markers. Statistics show there are 311 unmarked, 14 are veterans, 40 are unknown and over 150 more unmarked.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Budget for 2018-2019 Fiscal year General Appropriations needs to be adopted. Zimmerman made **Motion** to Adopt the 2018-19 Fiscal Year General Appropriation Budget, Sorrow Seconded. Roll Call vote Finds; Zimmerman-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Street-Absent, Pearson-Absent. 3-Yes 2-Absent, 0-No **Motion Carried.**

2018-19 Budget Changes and Transfers See report; Sorrow made **Motion** to accept the 2018-19 Budget changes and transfers, Zimmerman Seconded. Roll call Vote Finds; Sorrow-Yes, Street-Absent, Pearson-Absent, Zimmerman-Yes, Forwerck-Yes. 3-Yes, 2-Absent, 0-No. **Motion Carried.**

Headlee Amendment language needs to be on Ballot. Check last day for ballot language. Sorrow made **Motion** to add Headlee Amendment language to the November 2018 Ballot get language per attorney. Zimmerman Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Sorrow-Yes, Street-Absent, Pearson-Absent, Zimmerman-Yes, Forwerck-Yes. 3-Yes, 2-Absent, 0-No. **Motion Carried.**

Township Attorney, Young, Graham & Wendling will be on the Fall Agenda.

April 26, 2018 Minutes show a discrepancy on the Rural Fire Fund Transfer Forwerck made **Motion** to correct the April Minutes by removing 17.4% so it will only read the \$110,588.16 transfer amount. Sorrow Seconded, All in Favor **Motion Carried.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The Fife Lake Township Planning Commission recommends after Public Hearing that the the Zoning Ordinance R-2 District needs to be added to the list of Section 4.4, Animals. Sorrow made a **Motion** to reinstate the language. So page 4.2 Section 4.4 reads: Any other provision of this Ordinance notwithstanding, the keeping, housing, raising, use or medical care of farm animals. Other than house pets of an occupant of the premises, is prohibited in any R-1, C-1 and I-1 Districts. Where such activities are pursued in any other district as it may be allowed, a minimum lot area of one acre for one animal unit and one-half for each additional animal unit shall be required, animal units shall be determined as set forth in table 4.1. A riding stable shall provide at least five (5) acres for such use. Seconded by Zimmerman. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

## **CITIZEN COMMENT**

Ovarian Cancer awareness month. Teal ribbons will be put on light poles toward the end of August. **Looking for volunteers.**

Lot 82 – Forwerck will have attorney send a letter to Steins and a copy to Downeys. However the Township is not interested in getting into a lawsuit.

The boat access is looking good and already being used. We may need to distribute more gravel. Researching signage, portajons, rubbish barrels, handicap picnic table and cement pads to place them on. Fencing will begin in July. We will have a ceremony thanking the tribe and the DNR for all their

help on this project.

Economic Development – Joint Planning- Forwerck made **Motion** to pay Elise Craft \$10,800 split with the Fife Lake Village and Fife Lake Township and \$4,000 from the DDA.

Mark Dragovitch is still interested in the property located at Johns M-55 on U.S. 131. He is looking into a provisioning center which is only 650 feet from the Road side Park. Since we are in opt out mode and our ordinance states there must be 1000 feet between the two, he cannot have a provisioning center at this time.

It has been requested the Planning Commission look into Kalkaska's Ordinance language on Medical Marijuana.

Forwerck made **Motion** to reverse the opt out resolution and direct the Planning Commission to move forward on new Medical Marijuana Zoning language. Sorrow Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Sorrow-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Pearson-Absent, Street-Absent. 3-Yes, 2-Absent, 0-No. **Motion Carried.**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Deb Newell sent information on Pickeral Lake Report in packets.

Sorrow reported Tax Bills and News Letter will be mailed out Friday or Monday.

Sorrow reported ZBA needs five members. We are seeking just two members for this position.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Sorrow made Motion to Adjourn, Zimmerman Seconded. All in Favor, Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned 7:32 p.m.

Next meeting will be July 26, 2018, 6:00 pm at the Fife Lake Township Hall 134 Morgan Street, Fife Lake, MI 49633

Draft Minutes prepared by Leigh Gifford

Approved By: Fife Lake Township Board July 26, 2018.