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**FIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
APPROVED MINUTES  
JULY 27, 2017**

Called to order at 6:00 pm starting with the 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\_.  
Quorum Established.

Sorrow made **Motion** to approve the Agenda with addition of New Business a. Milfoil/Fred Joles and Old Business g. FLAUA, Pearson Seconded. All in Favor. **Motion Carried.**

Conflict of Interest- N/A

Street added June 26 and July 10, 2017, minutes from joint workshops with Spring Field Township.

Street read purpose of Consent Calendar.

Street made **Motion** to approve the Consent Calendar including June 26 and July 10, 2017 Minutes. Sorrow Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Pearson-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Street-Yes. All Yes, **Motion Carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Letters from Joe Downey neighbors approving a second dock as there has been two there in the past.

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

**GUESTS**

**REPORTS**

**County Commissioner** Bob Johnson –Absent

**Sheriff Department-** Jason Roelof reported the official statistics are up and running, See official Statistic report.

**Ambulance/Fire/Emergency Planning** report given by Rob Melancon- Fourth of July was busy enough to utilize a second crew. The biggest issue was foot lesions.

Rob also has sent Grant paperwork to the tribe. Donations were received at the Ambulance level in memory of Betty Heid.

Congratulations to new member, Nick Rogers and Ariel Haddix pending.

Andrew Killingsworth has Walton area signs up. Thank you to the Gifford's for their offered help. Working on a sign for West Drive. Now just waiting on the letters.

**FLAUA-** Report by Gifford, Most of the project is complete and underway with Ray Ravary at the helm. Some road work on Vans Lane is needed and should be on the FLAUA Agenda. Vans Lane residents are still waiting on the FLAUA Attorney response.

**Zoning-** Reported by Zoning Administrator Kevin McElyea. (see written report)  
Zoning issue with Finer Field Farms led Zimmerman to make a Motion to put meeting in Closed Session, Pearson Seconded, All in Favor, Motion Carried.  
Closed Session begins at 6:25  
Reopen meeting at 6:41

**Planning Commission-**No report as there has not been any activity since the June meeting.

**Civic Center South-**No report given no activity since the June meeting.

**Cemetery Committee-** Sorrow reported the Cemetery Committee met on July 12, 2017. There was discussion on expanding the Fife Lake Cemetery, creating a pet cemetery and leveling the extension at Walton Cemetery.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Milfoil report was given by Fred Joles. Fife Lake covers eighty percent while Spring Field is twenty percent the single plot cost is \$144.80, Commercial, \$289.60 and ½ plot is \$72.40. Spring Field has 38 Units all at \$145.27. Precaution a new milfoil assessment will happen for any new weeds that may appear. Discussion on the weeds behind the Island will take place at the Lake association meeting Monday, July 31, 2017, 7pm at the Fife Lake Township Hall. The Fife Lake Township will need to adopt the rates as presented on the December 2017 Tax Roll.

Forwerck made the **Motion** to adopt the rates as presented on the December 2017 Tax Roll, Street Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Zimmerman-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Street-Yes, Pearson-Yes. All Yes, **Motion Carried.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Pickeral Lake: Debra Newell sent a letter to Forwerck with concerns about the Pickeral Lake Petition to aerate the lake. Mr. and Mrs. Newell were present and wanted to know if the DEQ had been called. They will need a permit to go forward with this proposed project. Forwerck suggests we contact Jan Jones to see where the project is at this time.

Lot 82: Forwerck reported all the paperwork is in order for the Downey's to moor their boat in the lake. A fact finding packet was distributed by Deputy Clerk Gifford in an effort to help the Downey's get Board approval for a dock per the language on their deed as interpreted by some. As the discussion included legalities, Street made **Motion** calling for a closed session at 7:02 pm, Seconded by Pearson, All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

Reopen meeting at 7:13 pm.

After discussion: Forwerck made the **Motion** to close the matter of Downey's having a dock per Township Attorney, Peter Wendling's advice. Pearson Seconded, All in Favor, **Motion Carried**.

#### Public Access

No Wake Buoys according to DNR Website are 6:30 pm to 10 am. According to the Fife Lake Village Website it says 7:30 pm to 11 am. The Township follows the DNR Website which will be from 6:30 pm to 10 am.

Forwerck called Charter for a second copy of the Franchise Renewal/franchise fees, contract as the first contract does not reflect five percent franchise fee.

G.T. Rural Fire- Forwerck reported on the current status with Rural Fire. The fire advisory board has been meeting along with Todd Millar (our attorney) to prepare for the Township's departure from Rural Fire by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Millar mentioned that we need have a name for our authority. One possibility is Fife Lake Emergency Services Authority.

FLAUA- Sharon Reid Brown presented information from the FLAUA guidelines. Six residents from Vans Lane are demanding they not be forced to hook until their individual sewers are no longer functioning. Because the FLAUA rules and regulations were not followed by the FLAUA Board at the beginning of the project causing financial damage.

Forwerck made **Motion** to compile a letter to FLAUA stating that:

1. The Fife Lake Township board feels our approval for the extension of sewer to serve the Van's Lane residents and the Boyd street businesses north of Boyd Street, consisting of five homes and two businesses was not done.
2. Because this was not done and is a requirement of the FLAUA Rules and Regulations effective June 20, 2015.
3. The Fife Lake Township Board feels the Van's Lane residents plus businesses being told they must hook up, are not required to hook up.

Pearson Seconded the motion, All in Favor, **Motion Carried**.

Additional complaints about the roadway at Vans Lane being a mess have been taken to the G.T. County Road Commission.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Street brought MTA's Principle of Governance. Board members signed the pledge.

Forwerck made **Motion** to accept the Fife Lake Township board scheduled meetings for Fiscal year 2017-2018, Sorrow Seconded. All in Favor, **Motion Carried**.

Request for five hundred dollar donation for the Historical Society, **Motion** made by Sorrow, Seconded by Zimmerman. Roll Call Vote Finds; Sorrow-Yes, Street-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Forwerck-Yes. All in Favor, **Motion Carried**.

We may need a second fax line for printer in Kevin's office. The cost would be thirty-nine dollars per month plus a one- time connect fee.

Sorrow made **Motion** to allow an additional fax line at thirty nine dollars monthly on the need basis per Kevin. Forwerck Seconded, Roll Call Vote Finds; Street-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Pearson-Yes. All Yeah **Motion Carried**.

## **CITIZEN COMMENT**

Forwerck asked Village President, Dave McGough, to update our board on the East side of Boyd Street sidewalk. Approximately a seven foot wide area will cost \$46,500.00, Joint Grant of \$23,000.00, the Township and Village will each have to cover \$11,750. A fifty percent down payment will be required. The project will encompass from the Village's Maple Street to Vans Lane on the East side of Boyd Street. An estimated completion of the project is proposed to be sometime in October.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Sorrow made **Motion** to Adjourn at 8:18 p.m., Street Seconded, All in Favor, **Motion Carried**.

Next Meeting will be held August 24, 2017, at the Fife Lake Township Hall.

Draft Minutes prepared by Leigh Gifford

Approved By: Fife Lake Township Board August 24, 2017.