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**FIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES
AUGUST 24, 2017**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Supervisor Linda Forwerck_X_, Clerk Terry Street_X_, Treasurer Cathy Sorrow_Absent_, Trustee Elizabeth Pearson,_X_, Trustee Dawn Zimmerman_X_.
Quorum Established.

Pearson made **Motion** to accept Agenda with addition of New Business a. Gary Long, Timber and Old Business g. FLAUA, Pearson Seconded. 4-Yes, 1 Absent, **Motion Carried.**

Street read purpose of Consent Calendar.

Pearson made **Motion** to approve the Consent Calendar including updated bills, Zimmerman Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Street-Yes, Sorrow-Absent, Forwerck-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Pearson-Yes. 4-Yes, 1-Absent, **Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Fife Lake Area Historical Society sent a Thank You letter for donating five hundred dollars.

Forest Area Schools have put language on the November Ballot so we will be having an Election this fall.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Dave McGough, Village President, reported on the Joint Grant for Boyd Street walking path. The Grant has been received. The cost for each unit, Township and Village will be slightly higher than 11,000.00 dollars.

Fire Attorney, Todd Millar, asked for a resolution from the village as they do not participate in the financial portion of rural fire.

GUESTS

REPORTS

County Commissioner Bob Johnson -Absent

Report available via grandtraverse.org/173. See County Monthly Staff Reports.

Sheriff Deputy Jason Roelof was absent. After attending a Police Meeting, Street and Pearson gave report on possible purchase of digital street limit signage with quote from All Traffic Solutions for \$9,500.00. Because of the layout of our Township, the Board would like to see one by the Elementary School and one by the Fife Lake Party Store or Boyd Street.

Forwerck made **Motion** to check into what budget this expense will come from Police or General Fund. If we can use Police Fund Balance for the speed limit sign purchase we need two. Pearson Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Forwerck-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Street-Yes, Sorrow-Absent. 4-Yes, 1-Absent. **Motion Carried.**

Ron Broering asked about the No Wake Zone for Fife Lake. Township website reads 6:30-10 while the Village website reads 7:30-11. The Township uses the DNR guidelines; the updated rule is 7:30-11 noted by the DNR. Fife Lake Township will change website to read 7:30-11.

Ambulance/Fire/Emergency Planning- Rob Melancon and Kelli Stiner were absent, Trevor Alworden reported on statistics. Transports kept EMS very busy. The Drone has been ordered with Grant money from Grand Traverse Band. Regional wide drone will help get closer to dangerous areas for a better assessment.

Gifford reported on **FLAUA.T** the Board voted 6 yes, 2 no, to send letters to all who must hook up to sewer. Mrs. Brown will be looking into the legalities of the FLAUA Board action.

Ray Ravary, Compliance Officer, is doing an excellent job keeping the plant operations in Que.

Zoning Administrator, Kevin McElyea reported there were minimal permits issued this month. See written report.

Joe Jones reported on the **Planning Commission**. The next meeting will be September 14, 2017. The workshop attended by Joe, Dawn Zimmerman, and Pam Lawrence was very informational. The Township can use an Opt Out Resolution for saying no to Medical Marijuana Dispensaries. After attending several different meetings, Jones reported the consensus of the people is to vote against dispensaries in our area.

Street reported on **Civic Center South**. The summer was great with the help of the Community and volunteers. Hopefully the Eagle Scouts will repair the bleachers. The campground host position is open. Free summer camping with this position, please contact Clerk Street or Civic Center if interested.

Cemetery Report - /Sorrow Absent.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Gary Long reported on the possibility of lumbering Fife Lake Township's forty acres near "Dead Man's Curve." Street stated he would walk the property with Mr. Long.

Zimmerman stated we should get bids from other companies as well.

b. Paul Olson absent, Forwerck reported about Fife Lake Par Plan. The Cost of the premium being \$5,041.00.

Forwerck made **Motion** to pay the Par Plan premium of \$5041.00, Street Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Zimmerman-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Street-Yes, Sorrow-Absent, Forwerck-Yes. 4-Yes, 1-No, **Motion Carried**.

c. Medical Marijuana facilities. Ryan Bashore called inquiring about t Camp Pugsley being a Medical Marijuana grow facility. After discussion with Zoning Administrator, Kevin McElyea, Dawn Zimmerman and Joe Jones on the rules for townships, Street made a **Motion** to adopt the resolution provided by Kevin for Fife Lake Township to opt out of allowing Medical Marijuana dispensaries in Fife Lake Township. Zimmerman Seconded. All in Favor, **Motion Carried**.

Street and Forwerck will look into MEDC economic development in Lansing to pursue other possible uses.

Zimmerman and Street will look into Par Plan, Paul Olsen to see if there are any safety grants projects available through grant promotions.

OLD BUSINESS

Pickerel Lake update by Jan Jones. An Aquatic Grant Pre-Application became available recently. It is time sensitive therefore needs immediate attention. The Pickerel Lake updates will be decided upon after the DEQ evaluation. During the grant writing procedure, a pledge from the Fife Lake Township will help the acceptance of this grant.

Street made **Motion** to pledge the monetary support of five thousand dollars to the Pickerel Lake update, Forwerck Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Sorrow-Absent, Street-Yes, Pearson-No, Zimmerman-Yes Forwerck-Yes. 3-Yes, 1-No, 1-Absent.

Motion Carried.

Duly noted, Pearson ok with project but would like to see a 10% financial support from the Township instead of five thousand dollars.

Public Access Plan has been agreed upon by the Stoll's and the Fife Lake Township. Plans should be followed through by next spring.

Charter Franchise Renewal/Franchise Fees. Forwerck reported the representative has not returned her call, so tabled for now.

GT Rural update: Roger Gibson noted the appraisal from Rural Fire includes the Fire

Barn. The Fire barn should not be included in the appraisal.

OTHER BUSINESS

Street received email from Assessor Kuhns needing a resolution passed for the Township contract. Annual maintenance, Street made **Motion** to adopt the Resolution, Zimmerman Seconded. All in Favor, **Motion Carried**.

There will be a Capital Improvement Plan Seminar October 19, 2017 at the County Building from 6-9.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Roger Gibson asked about the Fife Lake Township/ ~~Springfield~~ Articles of Incorporation being published in the local newspaper. Street will look into this.

Dave Mc Gough, Village President, will be meeting with Jason Allen September 8, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Zimmerman, Seconded by Forwerck. All in Favor, Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting will be held September 28, 2017, at the Fife Lake Township Hall.

Draft Minutes prepared by: Leigh Gifford

Approved By: Fife Lake Township Board on 9/28/2017.