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**FIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP  
ZOOM BOARD MEETING  
APPROVED MINUTES**

**JULY 23,**

**2020**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

Pearson made **Motion** to approve the agenda with changes the date should read July 23, 2020, Police Bill add to Business number 6 and Clean up Old Business number 7. Sorrow Seconded. Roll Call Finds; Pearson-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Street-Yes. 5-Yes. 0-No, **Motion Carried.**

**Conflict of Interest** – None

**Consent Calendar**

Street read purpose of Consent Calendar; Fife Lake Township Minutes June 25, 2020, July 9, 2020, Financial Report. Bills to be paid removed and added to New Business 4.

Forwerck made **Motion** to approve the Consent Calendar removing the bills to be paid and placing at New Business 4, Street Seconded.  
Roll call Vote Finds; Forwerck-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Street-Yes, Pearson-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No. **Motion Carried.**

**Correspondence-**

Street read letter from Jean Stiehl concerning the Cemetery Committee the need to keep it in place.

Letter from Shawn McInnis needs extension for finger prints for Medical Marijuana Application. Sickly Mother from Florida closed State due to Covid-19, cannot complete at this time.

**CITIZEN COMMENT-**

Shawn McGinnis Thanked Township Board for diligence and was happy to be a part of Fife Lake's Fourth of July celebration. Will enjoy future events in Fife Lake as a new member.

Gloria Perault thanked Township for donations and continued help with fourth of July and other

Summer events in Fife Lake.

## **REPORTS**

County Commissioner – Rob Henschel no connection.

Fife Lake Village -Dave McGough-Village President-reported on the Spring Clean up being Saturday, August 1, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon.

Sheriff Department- Deputy Eric Meijer reported July Fourth 2020 was very smooth no problems.

**Ambulance/Fire/Emergency Planning** – Reported on the hot water heater and drain.

**FLAUA**- Gifford reported all is on track, Compliance Officer Ravary was able to hire a second part timer. He will be able to focus on bigger items.

**Zoning**-Debbie Rodriguez reported Morganic Farm partner put some raw meat on the property causing a stench.

Complaints on property at Walton Junction where multiple travel trailers and tents are being utilized.

**Planning Commission** – Zimmerman reported the FLAPC had a Public Hearing during the regular scheduled meeting July 14, 2020 regarding Short Term Rental Ordinance. No action was taken as the need for further research will be necessary. The Joint Master Plan is on course with getting Public information via website survey and newsletter. Because of the Covid-19 some information gathering is difficult.

**Civic Center South**- Street Reported meeting July 9, 2020 discussion on donated plaques are being utilized for individuals who supported and since passed away. Looking into benches and bleachers and updated disc golf.

**Cemetery Committee** – No Report

## **New Business**

Milfoil – Fred Joles, Lake Committee member reported via letter, July 8, 2020, Savin will be treating Fife Lake. Chemical used is not being affective with prior weeds. This chemical is not harmful to humans but contact should be avoided. To updated your information to be notified please call 877-728-8253. Savin will bill the Fife Lake Township for \$15,500 to be split 80/20 with Springfield Township.

Budget/Audit included in Board member packets. Available at Fife Lake Township. Audit will be coming , a list of questions has been provided for Treasurer and Clerk getting the account in order for H&R Block. Sorrow has receipts clarifying information for H&R Block. Street tracking receipts for online orders charged to credit card, Annual membership charge for Zoom meetings at \$158.89. Amazon charges \$13.77 monthly,

Sorrow will see if this can be canceled. Forwerck will check on revenue sharing needed to complete the budget.

Hot Water Heater went Bad after several resets. Ricky's Heating verified its very old a new one is needed. The replacement will need to be installed while disposing of the old one. The cost for this was quoted by Ricky for \$865.00. Forwerck made **Motion** to approve Ricky's Heating to install a new hot water heater and dispose of the old one for \$865.00, Street Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds Street-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Forwerck-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No, **Motion Carried**.

Bills to be Paid- \$301.50 added for Fife Lake Townships 75% portion of light bill at the Round About on 131 Highway for four months.

Remove Mike Farrar from Fife Lake Township unemployment report. He worked for EMS.

Cemetery Sign rusted and need of repairs was installed and repaired for \$1200.00

Zimmerman made **Motion** to add bills to paid upon completion, Pearson Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Zimmerman-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Street-Yes, Forwerck-Yes. 5-0, 0-No, **Motion Carried**.

Discussion on second page of New bills to be paid bringing the total to \$38,940.82, a combination of receipts and are the Summer Taxes included on the list. Overall **Motion** to approve the Bills made by Sorrow, Seconded by Pearson. Roll Call Vote Finds; Street-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Pearson-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No, **Motion Carried**.

Lisa Leedy offers assistance to EMS and Fire with Hazard Pay Care Grant. Forwerck made **Motion** to allow Lisa Leedy to help Fire and EMS with the grant paperwork, Sorrow Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Pearson-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Street-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No, **Motion Carried**. Scott Tinker will work with Lisa on the paperwork and that there are actually 2 grants needing information.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Medical Marijuana request from Phillip Settles, Attorney -Represents Sean McInnis. Concerns with letter from June 8, 2020 authorizing establishment for Medical Marijuana facility enacted conditional permit from the Fife Lake Township. Section 6 Duration and extension need to obtain final State permit within 1 year of conditional execution and purpose of established facilities. Limitations in place July of 2019 maybe adopted in October, 442 days ago. Sean McInnis who personally attended the meeting took over as

his lawyer was in Zoom. Extensions are not the same as amendments should not be considered under the original ordinance. Reiterated his Mother is sick and Florida does not have the ability to obtain finger prints. Understands others listed on license are not eligible to use their finger prints. Would like to continue the house under residential zoning. Would like to have lawyers communicate.

Forwerck stated the Planning Commission would be the Board to ask for re zoning. Other State mandates on the application cannot be changed by the Township Board. Attorney Graham sent documents to the Board providing State language. Board consensus was to consult with Attorney.

Pearson made **Motion** to utilize Lawyers for clarity on language, Sorrow Seconded...Mr. McInnis asked to speak raised hand =

At this time Mr. McInnis demanded to speak as he raised his hand prior to second of the motion not noticed by Supervisor also maintaining a Zoom status with other Board Members.

Let it be noted Sean McInnis raised hand before Motion was made, during Board discussion.

Leedy and Hayes clarified Open meeting Act once Motion in action no other comments at this time.

The motion to utilize Lawyers clarity on language was made by Pearson and Seconded by Sorrow. Roll Call Vote Finds; Pearson-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Street-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No, **Motion Carried**,

Medical Marijuana request from Joseph Nafsu, Attorney-Nader Saco. Requesting Township does not add by amendment to the Medical Marijuana Facility Ordinance required to meet the pre qualifications from the State of Michigan. Suggests an amendment he will offer in memo.

Mr. McGinnis spiraled the room making sure every one noticed him getting ignored by the Supervisor who was the only Board member physically present, conducting the Zoom.

He then added the Lottery Original he is first in line then Cindy then himself 4th not sure who's third his mom is the lead applicant, leading to an out of control atmosphere, would also like to see more grow licenses.

Attorney Nafsu on agenda agrees prequalification's of the State Of Michigan should be discussed. Would like to work with Township Attorney with Medical Marijuana Facility

Ordinance.

Zimmerman made **Motion** to for future Applicants, adding to Ordinance with other amendments per Attorney discussion. Street added there should be no harm to previous applicants, Forwerck Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Forwerck-Yes, Street-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Pearson-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No. **Motion Carried.**

Susan Chastney request to be on Agenda to discuss the dissolving of Fife Lake Cemetery Committee- This was put together in 1979 by Jack Rawlings for our tax payers. It is a volunteer Committee not costing anything while helping the Clerk to assess possible issues on the Cemetery level. As a past Clerk we need their input. Please do not dissolve the Cemetery Committee as this would be a disservice to our community. Do not turn down volunteerism. She would like to add her service to the Committee. The Board thanked Susan.

Street added he is not against utilizing a Cemetery Committee. We need a go to person not sure is should be the Clerk but definitely a point person. Sorrow and Pearson agreed. Zimmerman would like to see people go to Cemetery meetings communicate with the members who will then report to the Board. At this time there is approximately a six member committee representing Fife Lake and Walton Cemetery. They are volunteers, many improvements have been made and the Cemeteries have come a long way. We need more communication to go to the right place. According to MTA the Clerks office is where this communication is supposed to start.

Street reported on Election dates August 4, 2020 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. State Primary. We have almost doubled our normal intake of Absentee Ballots keeping the Clerks office very busy. We are also having to utilize Covid-19 supplies to move forward. State and County have donated many of the supplies necessary. Voters are not mandated to wear a mask when coming in to vote, however election workers will be promoting masks and social distancing. Set up will start on Friday before Election, Pearson volunteered to help.

Forwerck suggested sanitizing the bathrooms as they will need to be cleaned for public use. Pearson and Scott Tinker will help with that. Scott Tinker also suggested using the Fire Station bays for social distancing or additional space if needed. Debbie Rodriguez asked if parking off site would be possible for Fire and Ems workers. Scott will have Fire and EMS park around back.

Gail Burdzy discussed the \$1600.00 Police bill from the Fourth of July events. Chamber contribution of \$500, DDA contribution was paid direct. The balance due for \$1100.00 is requested from Townships contribution. Pearson made **Motion** to approve the \$1100.00 contribution, Sorrow Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Zimmerman-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Street-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Pearson-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No, **Motion Carried.**

Spring clean up that is scheduled for August 1, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. until Noon. Township contribution is for one half of the costs. Last year costs approximately \$1100.00. Make a motion to split the costs when the invoice comes in. Lisa Leedy asked if there was a log of addresses being utilized, reassuring these are Fife Lake Residents only. McGough said Tessa collects the fees, cost for tires is extra.

Street made **Motion** for Fife Lake Township to pay one half of Clean up invoice, Sorrow Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Forwerck-Yes, Street-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No, **Motion Carried**.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Forwerck asked for any other business at this time.

Fire Chief Scott Tinker asked Traverse City Hazmat Invoice for \$195.00 be put on next month agenda. Also water tower at the Camp Pugsley site has been cleansed and filled, ready for fire use.

## **Second CITIZEN COMMENT**

Sean McInnis wants to acknowledge contribution of Terry Street dedication to the Township. McInnis offers Street his help for Cemetery, Clean up, Elections. Thank You.

Lisa Leedy offers parking in her back driveway for EMS and Fire Fighters during the Election.

Dan Ellis Looks forward to working with Township on required permits needed for gas station production process.

Dave McGough added Census information will be gathered all day Friday downtown Fife Lake, Friday July 24, 2020.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Sorrow made **Motion** to Adjourn, Street Seconded. Roll Call Finds; Forwerck-Yes, Street-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No, **Motion Carried**. Fife Lake Township meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Fife Lake Township July 23, 2020 Draft Minutes Prepared by Recording Secretary, Leigh Gifford  
Fife Lake Township June 25, 2020 Minutes Approved as presented by the Fife Lake Township Board

July 23, 2020.