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

OCTOBER 22, 2020

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

Approval of Agenda

Street made **Motion** to approve the Agenda with the addition of October 1, 2020 Minutes, Zimmerman Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Forwerck-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Street-Yes. 3-Yes, 0-No, 2-Absent, **Motion Carried.**

Conflict of Interest – None

Consent Calendar

Street read purpose of Consent Calendar; Fife Lake Township Minutes September 24, 2020 and October 1, 2020, Financial Report and Bills to be paid with updated list totaling \$34,981.81. Street made **Motion** to approve the Consent Calendar, Zimmerman Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Zimmerman-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Street-Yes. 3-Yes, 0-No, 2-Absent. **Motion Carried.**

Correspondence

Attorney Bryan Graham offered his services drafting a Covid-19 policy.

As the Fife Lake Township approved the Covid-19 procedures through MTA, we won't need the services offered by Attorney Graham.

Also present- Gerianne Street

REPORTS

County Commissioner – Rob Henschel - Absent

Fife Lake Village -Dave McGough-Village President-reported Sand ordered side walk underway. Scarecrow Festival when over very well.

Sheriff Department- Deputy Eric Meiers had to leave but reminder the Drug take back will happen from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm Saturday, October 22, 2020 at the Fife Lake Township Hall.

Ambulance/Fire/Emergency Planning – Chief Tinker was not able to attend but reported we got the AAA Grant that will help with safety signage. Co- existing very well with Kalkaska EMS

Mike Berendsohn reported on the Kalkaska Memorial Hospital when everything goes through the Hospital Board it will be official Kalkaska EMS working for Fife Lake Township. Looking at Local employees to fill Fife Lake EMS positions.

Deb Rodriguez added Drivers Training courses for Ems underway as well.

FLAUA- Gifford reported all is on track, Compliance Officer Ravary has hired a second part timer. Adding a fast-growing grass to alf alfa next season. Most people from updated lines are hooked up those who are not have already received a letter stating the legalities pertaining to hook up requirements.

Zoning-Debbie Rodriguez reported working with Attorney Wendling on Walton Junction property. Sending property owner a violation letter.

General Dollar is now open, people using the wrong , now better marked for proper use.

Village Market has not closed the road by gas pumps this is in violation.

American Legion has received a complaint on noise, maybe have to have the Planning Commission create a noise pollution ordinance.

Planning Commission- Zimmerman reported The October 13, 2020 meeting was rescheduled for October 27, 2020. FLAPC working on Williams & Works to help with Joint Master Plan, updated Fife Lake Zoning Ordinance to include Medical Marijuana and any other updates including recent Site Plans.

Civic Center South-Street reported the group is wrapping up the memorial, disc golf updates and winterizing. If you have not been to the Civic Center South, Street Highly recommends as a must see.

New Business

Lake Shore Drive Requests

Lake shore Drive chip sealed in 2002, patched since deteriorating. Hoping Grand Traverse County Will help with the cost for repairs. The cost assessed is approximately \$1,300,000, or \$800,000 may be a possibility. State of Michigan is does not help with the expenses. The road is in bad shape and considered hazardous to walkers. Since it is not listed as a main road it is not a priority for the County. Forwerck requested the Township pursue saving money for road repairs by looking at the year-end budget and/or fund balance to see if there's anything left to reserve. Street suggest maybe utilizing the Tribe for a grant. A meeting with the Road Commission and Lake Shore committee. Zimmerman suggested maybe good faith monies depending on the budget.

Forwerck made **Motion** the Fife Lake Township shall look into setting money aside, depending on

what the budget allows, to help residents of Lake Shore Drive cover the reconstruction costs which will be determined at a later date. Street Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Forwerck-Yes, Street-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Sorrow-Absent. Pearson-Absent. 3-Yes, 0-No, 2-Absent, **Motion Carried.**

Request to formalize a committee for Lake Shore already started with the Gregg, Mike, John, Lyle Spalding, Chuck Slack and Denise, establish a liaison member from the Fife Lake Township Board. Flooding at Evergreen and Lake Shore intersection.

Street made **Motion** to formalize a committee for Lake Shore Drive upgrades, Zimmerman Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Zimmerman-Yes, Street-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Sorrow-Absent, Pearson-Absent. 3-Yes, 0-No, 2-Absent, **Motion Carried.**

Once new Board members take place a liaison can be looked at.

Medical Marijuana Committee Recommendation

Lawrence reported the Medical Marijuana has become more complex than any one could have imagined.

Denny Corrado with Kalkaska can help with the language required for \$600 retainer fee and \$75.00 per hour. His company already works closely with other Townships, State and LARA.

The September 29th meeting with the Attorney referred to Michigan law and the need for a professional in this matter. Inspection enforcement along with State language makes us not qualified to handle these types of issues. Since the first Lottery we have a need for a second one to be in place soon. Money will come out of Medical Marijuana Fund.

Zimmerman made **Motion** to hire Consultant, Denny Corrado from Regal Security consultants to assist the Fife Lake Township with Medical Marijuana processes, Street Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Forwerck-Yes, Street-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Sorrow-Absent, Pearson-Absent. 3-Yes, 0-No, 2-Absent, **Motion Carried.**

H&R Block – Accountant Emily Escajeda of H&R Block for approximately 2-3 years has worked with Fife Lake Township and our Auditors, Baird & Cotter. This year was much better with communication and members keeping up with productive organization. Saved the Fife Lake Township approximately \$3000. Goal for next year to be done with audit within 48 hours, time is money. H&R Block will need updated paperwork by December payroll.

They need copies of contracts from whoever Fife Lake Township has contract with. We need to get rid of Amazon since Debbie set it up, she will have to cancel it.

Audit- Forwerck notice page 7 under Government Funds- Fund Balance unassigned available for spending at government body discretion, maybe where Lake Shore Drive money can be found.

Under Revenue Sharing, COVID-19 may have input on money given to Townships.

Page 3 -unassigned fund balance may be looked at for road repairs.

Audit does not reflect anything about the loss of Revenue Sharing due to Camp Pugsley closing.

We have no debt at this time, all loans have been paid off including USDA.

An additional bank account needs to be opened for transparency purposes; the treasurer would be the one to do this.

Forwerck made **Motion** to open another bank account making funds more transparent and for budgeting purposes, Street Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Zimmerman-Yes, Street-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Sorrow-Absent, Pearson-Absent. 3-Yes, 0-No, 2-Absent, **Motion Carried**.

OLD BUSINESS

None

Other Business

No cemetery complaints on upkeep of grounds. Cemetery traditionally closes on November 1st. Street reported Sexton Plamondon has winterized both cemeteries.

Forwerck made **Motion** to put off fall clean up until spring 2021, Zimmerman Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Street-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Sorrow-Absent, Pearson-Absent. 3-Yes, 0-No, 2-Absent, **Motion Carried**.

Forwerck supplied a Supervisors report for what's been happening in Fife Lake Township and a future need to do list.

Citizen Comment

Jim Gary of Sparling Road ask if an Agenda could be posted on website for future meetings

Question on if EMS millage does not pass will we still get service? Mike answered whether it passes or not services will still need to be paid for.

Dave McGough sat in on meeting with Denny Corrado. McGough does not feel Regal Services would be beneficial to Fife Lake as most of the language comes from the State of Michigan mandates. Seems like a waste of money. We should listen to the people opening the facilities.

Adjournment

Forwerck made **Motion** to Adjourn, Street Seconded. All in Favor, **Motion Carried**. Fife Lake Township meeting Adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Fife Lake Township October 22, 2020 Draft Minutes Prepared by Recording Secretary, Leigh Gifford
Fife Lake Township September 24, 2020 and October 1, 2020 Minutes Approved as presented by the Fife Lake Township Board.

Fife Lake Township October 22, 2020 Minutes Approved as presented November 19, 2020 by The Fife Lake Township Board.