

FIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

September 26, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6pm by Supervisor Forwerck with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Rognlie, Ogur, Forwerck, Sorrow, Houts

Absent: None

Guests: John Koch, FLAUA Mgr.

Danielle & Brittany, Kingsley School Civics Class

Motion by Sorrow, 2nd by Rognlie to approve the Agenda – Passed

Motion by Sorrow, 2nd by Rognlie to approve Bills, Minutes and Financial Statements. - Passed

Citizen Comments: None

Larry Inman did not appear.

John Koch, FLAUA Mgr. introduced himself, gave credentials and background. Welcome.

Reports:

County Commissioner Renny gave report including information on the Boardman/Cass Bridge project, Hazardous waste drop off in Kingsley among other items.

Deputy Hornacek was in a training class. Will report next month.

Fire Chief/Emer. Plng. Dir. R. Gibson reported few fire calls. Meetings with FEMA contained much information including our plan needs to be updated. The plan is in the process of being rewritten. We will have a local Emergency Planning meeting in November. There will be a Presentation to the family of Marie Dean commemorating her contribution to Rural Fire at Paradise Township Fire Department. The MTA meeting was very informative. A grant for a generator will be resubmitted after the Resolution is approved and published by Fife Lake Township. A meeting with Green Lake Township Board will be held at the Paradise Township Hall regarding changes at Rural Fire, October 1, 2013

EMS: N. Gibson reported 35 calls this month so far – very busy. Fire Prevention week 10/7 – 10/11. We will be participating as EMS/FD. Three new EMT's are in training.

FLAUA: Sorrow reported a new operator and part time personnel. They are also looking for a new recording secretary. There have been backups and law suits are likely. The truck has been replaced. Funding is being searched for as several updates are needed. Paperwork is being uncovered at the FLAUA building. There need to be new alarms installed as soon as possible.

Planning/Zoning: Erickson on vacation, Forwerck gave report including Erickson and the Planning Commission will be doing a Site Plan Review on a new Family Dollar store coming into our community.

Planning Commission Rognlie gave report on the September meeting including, the County is finishing their Master Plan; new member Catherine Simons; a Capital Improvement Plan is in the works.

NEW BUSINESS:

Milfoil: F. Joles and A. TerHaar presented maps indicating treatment this past summer with invoices indicating a credit of \$5,400.00 toward further treatment. A Recital (copy attached), recommending the rate for the next tax year to be \$185.00 per single unit. Motion by Ogur, 2nd by Rognlie to accept proposal.

Roll Call: Ayes: Rognlie, Ogur, Forwerck, Sorrow, Houts

Nays: None

Passed.

Evergreen Street: Forwerck gave overview including many complaints from property owners. Board members gave their opinions; Forwerck gave options which have been debated before. Motion by Houts, 2nd by Sorrow to get bids on having the roadway surveyed.

Roll Call: Aye: Forwerck, Sorrow, Houts

Nay: Ogur

Abstain: Rognlie.

Motion passed.

Motion by Ogur, 2nd by Sorrow to instruct Roger's Excavating to try another temporary fix, after confirming with Sorrow on components to be used, not to exceed \$500.00.

Roll Call: Aye: Rognlie, Ogur, Forwerck, Sorrow, Houts

Nay: None

Passed.

ZBA & BOR: Forwerck announced Ken McGowan has resigned from the BOR. We have received an application from Terry Street to set on the BOR & ZBA. Recommendation by Forwerck to accept McGowan's resignation and Street's application. Motion by Ogur, 2nd by Sorrow to do so. Passed.

Contributions: Requests were received by Tawni Dieke for 2013 Swim Lessons, (\$150.00), Public Library for programs (\$1000.00), Civic Center South for operations (\$1500.00) Motion by Sorrow, 2nd by Houts to approve. Passed.

Houts read a letter of thanks from the Historical Society for our \$500.00 contribution.

Bid Policy: Forwerck presented an outline. She and Ogur will present an option at the November meeting.

Audit: Baird, Cotter & Bishop will meet with L. Gifford & M. Gibson to complete the audit the end of October.

Letter from Concerned Citizen: Fife Lake Township received an unsigned letter regarding a township representative on the Fife Lake Sewer Authority Board.

Motion by Houts, 2nd by Rognlie that the township board hereby acknowledges receipt of an unsigned letter dated August 23, 2013 that asserts various issues related to the Fife Lake Area Utility Authority. The board finds that because the letter is unsigned, it cannot evaluate the credibility of the letter. However, to the extent that some of the issues raised in the letter can be evaluated in the context of public meeting minutes and/or tapes of the Authority, the board finds there can be some merit to a review of those minutes and/or tapes. Therefore, the board hereby directs that Sorrow and Forwerck, review the public meeting minutes and tapes of the Authority concerning the issues raised in the letter and report back to the township board the findings of that review. Finally, the board finds that if the author of the letter reveals his or her identity, the board would be in a position to evaluate the credibility of any remaining issues raised in the letter.

Roll Call: Ayes: Rognlie, Ogur, Forwerck, Sorrow, Houts

 Nay: None

Passed.

Snow Plow Bids: Motion by Ogur, 2nd by Sorrow to instruct the clerk to advertise for bids to be opened at the October meeting. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Storm Water ordinance is again tabled.

Citizen Comments: None

Board Comments: Forwerck presented her representation to the various committees.

Houts presented her candidates for Election Officials to the Election Commission. Motion by Sorrow, 2nd by Forwerck to approve. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Houts, Clerk

