

Fife Lake Township Board Meeting Minutes Thursday October 24, 2013

Fife Lake Township Board meeting called to order 6.00 pm. Roll call found Houts, Sorrow, Forwerck, Ogur and Rognlie all present. Gifford sat in as Recording secretary. Leedy videoed the meeting.

Also present: Roger and Nicole Gibson, K. and Ellen Hart, D. Zimmermans, Mr. & Mrs.Saba, Betty Heid, Betty Ingersoll, K&R Hulwick. J.Koch, Charles Rennie, Mike Hornacek, Lisa Leedy and daughter, Kevin McElyea and Deb Hunt.

Houts moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Ogur second. Carried.

Houts moved to approve Bills and Financial Statement, the Minutes with the deletion of wording “regarding changes at the end of Fire Chief/Emer.Plng.Dir. R. Gibson Report. Sorrow Second. Carried

Public Comment- None

Deb Hunt spoke on behalf the County Road Commission. November 5, 2013 Ballot 3 year 1 mil increase will provide \$4.4 million annually, a portion going to Fife Lake Village.

Charlie Rennie, GT County Commissioner. 2014 Budget will be delayed. They need more information on Wage, Benefits, Medical Cost and Public Safety.

Health Dept scored as well as County Commission. 250 appointments filled. Blue Cross up 50% Residential and Business look for Higher Co Pay and less Benefits.

Deputy Mike Hornacek reported on Stats. A guest asked for more patrol on State Street. Gibson suggested lowering speed limit from 55 to 25MPH with signage in placed from Maple to 131.

Fire/Amb/Emergency Plng Report by Gibson: one house fire on Main Street. End of November there will be a meeting on Emergency preparedness. Public Ed is going very well at South Boardman Elementary. Smoke Trailer for the Scarecrow Festival.

Houts suggested updating the website for SMART 911.

Sorrow reported on FLAUA. Assessment Report Improvements since assessment in 2013 and Improvements since 2005.

Attorney approved letter to people connected to sewer. Records are at the Fife Lake Township Hall. Public Act 222 of 2001 provides a 5 criteria list that must be met for Insurance coverage on sewer backups.

Ellen Hart spoke on the flooding problem due to Sewer.

Planning/Zoning. Lori Ann and Leigh Ann Gifford gave planning report. We are looking forward to working with Family Dollar Corporation.

Our next meeting November 14, 2013. We will work on Ordinances on the buying and selling of firearms and Medical Marijuana.

New Business:

Leedy Reported on behalf of village. We may be Candidates for Grant upgrade for Sewer System.

FLAUA Rate increase would cover operational expenses. Houts moved to increase the FLAUA Rate of \$1/month. Sorrow second. Roll Call Vote: Houts-yes, Sorrow-yes, Forwerck-yes, Ogur-yes, Rognlie-yes. Carried.

Bid Policy-Ogur and Forwerck will go over the information to report at Nov. Board Meet.

MTA 2014 Conference will be held at the Grand Traverse Resort in January. Being held locally is a great opportunity for the whole Board to go. Forwerck would like to solicit Board contributions for three gift baskets.

Kevin McElyea reported on the Storm water Intergovernmental Agreement.

Forwerck and Leedy attended the RMDA meeting with Traverse City. When contracting with the County with managing affairs or enforcement a 90 day out clause needs to be in place in case we are not happy. Keep Soil Erosion : Storm Water separate. Ogur moved to adopt the Storm water Intergovernmental agreement. Sorrow seconded. Roll Call: Houts-yes, Sorrow-yes, Forwerck-yes, Ogur-yes, Rognlie-yes. Carried.

Three bids were solicited for Evergreen Street Survey Bids,

Farrier- Declined to bid

Bob Mitchell- \$1,340.00

Boardman Area- \$1,285.00

Ogur moved to accept the lower bid Rognlie seconded. Roll Call Vote: Houts-yes, Sorrow-yes, Forwerck-yes, Ogur-yes, Rognlie-yes. Motion Carried.

Snow Plow Bids as follows:

Gibson- \$50-55.00

Happy Harry- \$40-45.00

The amounts are very close, we are not required to go with lowest bid. Being local and proven to do the job as needed. Houts moved to accept Gibsons bid. Ogur seconded. Roll Call Vote. Houts-yes, Sorrow yes, Forwerck-yes, Ogur-yes, Rognlie-yes. Carried.

Kimberly Hulwick, a concerned citizen, asked for the review results of her concerns.

As directed by a unanimous motion of the Fife Lake Township Board at their September 26, 2013 meeting, and per legal advice, board members Sorrow and Forwerck reviewed the Fife Lake Area Utility Authority, July 30, 2013 tape and minutes.

Synopsis: After the letters were re-read and the above reviews were made, the Township Board members assigned to do the review task concluded: 1. There are no issues pertinent to consideration for removal of Rognlie as a Fife Lake Township representative to the Fife Lake Area Utility Authority. 2. The February 26, 2013, USDA meeting (as requested by Blake Smith, USDA representative) was for information only, where no decisions were made, and the meeting was posted as a public meeting. 3. Since the author of the letter has revealed herself as Kimberly Hulwick, and in that event, per legal advice, an evaluation of the credibility of any remaining issues raised in the letter were to taken under consideration, we concluded they are not pertinent to the above issues.

Houts moved "This information does not constitute grounds for removal from office of Lori Ann Rognlie as a Fife Lake Township representative to the Fife Lake Area Utility Authority". Rognlie seconded. Roll call Vote finds- Houts-yes, Sorrow-yes, Forwerck-yes Ogur-no, Rognlie-yes. Majority vote rules 4-yes, 1-no. Motion Passed.

Leedy reported on Work Shop for Zoning to be held in Grand Rapids Free of Charge, Gifford will car pool with Leedy.

Two Kingsley Students were in attendance. Good Job Students!!!!

Meeting adjourned .