

FIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

November 21, 2013

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

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

Absent: None

Also present: Sheriff Bensley, D & D Zimmerman, Rob Melacon, Lee Jensen, Ken Fritz, Theo Weber, Terry Street, Lynn Lyons, Mack Erickson and students Brittany & Danielle from Kingsley School.

Supervisor Forwerck requested the following additions to the Agenda: Road report, Terry Street, Sheriff Bensley. Motion by Sorrow, 2nd by Ogur to amend the Agenda as above. Passed.

Motion by Ogur, 2nd by Sorrow to approve Bills, Financial Statements & minutes with identification of RDMA. *Resource* Passed.

Citizens Comments: None

Guest Speakers:

Sheriff Bensley presented us with an update on the Budget. The proposed increase for the CPO for Fife Lake is 5%, but nothing is final at this time. There will be a Public Hearing of the Budget Committee on December 4, 2013. Fife Lake Township Board supported keeping all staff.

Terry Street introduced himself. He is a new member for the Board of Review and Zoning Board of Review. He is retired Kingsley School Principal and lives on Hodge Road.

Chief Theo Weber new Fire Chief/CEO of Grand Traverse Rural Fire also introduced himself. He replaces Chief Sedlacek who retired. Ken Fritz has been named temporary Lt. Commander Officer at Station 6.

Reports:

County Commissioner Renny was absent.

Sheriff Deputy Hornacek gave report.

Fire: Lt. Fritz introduced himself and reported 2 structure fires. EMS: EMT Bonter reported 24 calls, 17 which were transported.

FLAUA: Sorrow reported new members Superintendent John Koch and Joe Burfield and settling into their new roles and making progress. The Zimmerman's and Harts have been denied compensation for damages.

Building/Zoning: Erickson reported activity regarding final inspections, variance request and zoning drawings.

Planning Commission: Rognlie gave an overview of the meeting with the Planning Commission. Township Board and Attorney Bryan Graham regarding Medical Marijuana and Gun Sales. (Minutes attached.) She also indicated there will be two (2) positions up for renewal or new appointments. There will also be a joint meeting between the Village and Township Planning Commissions at a later date.

Road Report: Forwerck reported from the County Road Commission. Gravel roads are a mess; Fife Lake Road and Supply Road are on the 2014 proposed list of projects, subject to final approval by the Road Commission in December. Hopefully, Townline Road will be done with cost sharing of Fife Lake and Paradise Townships and the County Road Commission.

New Business:

SAW Grant Resolution: Motion by Ogur, 2nd by Rognlie to authorize the FLAUA to act as Agent for the MDEQ SAW Grant.

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

 Nays: None

Passed. (Copy Attached)

The Assessor Contract should be updated to include the Assessors name change and be signed by Supervisor Forwerck. It expires in 2015. Motion by Ogur, 2nd by Sorrow to approve. Passed.

Office telephones, computers, lights and safety equipment: We are in need of upgrading and adding new equipment. Motion by Forwerck, 2nd by Ogur to investigate costs, etc. Passed. Ogur & Forwerck will work on personnel and building projects.

Old Business:

Storm Water Ordinance: The document has been signed by Supervisor Forwerck and we are awaiting the signature of the County Board Chairman.

Evergreen Street Survey: Has been completed. It appears the washout is on the road and not on private property. County Drain Commissioner Mc Elyea will advise us on the drainage issue.

Bid Policy: Motion by Rognlie, 2nd by Sorrow to rescind any old bid policies and approve as presented. Passed (Copy attached of new policy).

Audit: Baird, Cotter and Bishop have completed the audit. They recommended we change to software specifically designed for government. The clerk and treasurer will look into costs.

MTA Conference: All of Fife Lake Township board members are attending.

Citizens Comments: Mr. Zimmerman commented on remarks made.

Board Comments:

Ogur: We should also look into other policies. Subsidiary boards and contract/service employees could possibly start writing/presenting progress reports.

Houts: Election turnout was typical of a one item ballot.

Sorrow: Tax bills are going out, looking into credit card for township.

Rognlie: The Planning Commission will be presenting its annual report and agrees with Ogur regarding other boards also reporting.

Forwerck: We are also looking into making larger principal payments on the USDA Loan.

Meeting adjourned at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Houts, Clerk

Attachments