

FIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2014
APPROVED MINUTES

Fife Lake Township Board Meeting came to Order a 6 pm starting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Houts - Here, Sorrow – Here, Forwerck – Here, Ogur – Here, Rognlie – here.

Approval of Agenda; Houts made a Motion to Approve the Agenda Sorrow seconded, All in Favor, Motion Carried.

Approval of Bills, Minutes & Financial Statement; Add to Bills \$300 for Township Cleaning, \$13.71.for County Dues, Change amount already listed to \$510.00 for Roger Gibson Snow/Salt and \$20.89 for Streets name tag.

Rognlie added to November Minutes; “SORROW MADE MOTION TO APPROVE, BILLS, FINANCIALS AND MINUTES WITH ADDING VISA RECEIPTS NEEDED ON BILLS, REPORT AND CORRECTION OF OCTOBER MINUTES.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Bob Myer commented on the Historical Collage. He approves!

Jody, from the Forest Area Credit Union, presented a donation check of \$800.00 towards the Historical Collage on the back wall of meeting room at the Fife Lake Township Hall.
Beautifully Done!!!!

See County Commissioners Renny’s written report. Renny arrived later to see Houts off.

Mike Hornacek gave report then left meeting for the Deputy Contract meeting.

Ambulance/Fire/Emergency Planning report by Steve Marth and Rob.

The new donated equipment is working out very well especially with member shortage. While off the clock devoted members stay over to improve their response time, giving Fife Lake the atta boy for having the fastest response time.

Forwerck reported on FLAUA Resolution .

Zoning Administrator reported Family Dollar being very near completion.

Come Spring the old gas station located on M-186 & M113 will be demolished.

Forwerck asked about the cabin getting boarded up. Maybe Street could assist on this.

Complaint received about Grandmas Garden, needs attention.

Planning Commission: Chairperson Gifford asked the Board to Adopt the Medical Marijuana Zoning Ordinance.

Civic Center South: Street and Forwerck reported. Street looking into more advertising.

Cemetery: Sorrow and Forwerck hung wreaths at both Walton and Fife Lake Cemeteries. Very Festive! Thank you girls.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation by Chuck Korn, Garfield Charter Township Supervisor, on the Hartman - Hammond River Crossing.

Houts made a motion to adopt the Hammond Hartman Bridge Resolution. Sorrow seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Rognlie – Yes, Ogur – Yes, Forwerck – Yes, Sorrow – Yes and Houts – Yes. All in Favor, Motion Carried.

Houts was presented with a certificate of honor and appreciation for her years of service at the Township level. Not going to be easy filling her shoes. She will be sadly missed.

Ogur made a Motion to accept Houts resignation effective 12/31/2014, and appoint Terry Street as clerk effective as of 1/1/2015. Sorrow seconded, All in Favor, Motion Carried.

Houts made a Motion to spend \$50 gift cards on 9 Fire and Ambulance Members. Ogur seconded, Roll Call Vote Finds; Ogur – Yes, Forwerck - Yes, Sorrow – Yes, Houts – Yes and Rognlie – Yes. All in Favor, Motion Carried.

Steve Marth asked if EMS/Fire could have an account at Fife Lake Village Market for simple supplies, cleaning ect....Ogur suggested Marth go to Village Market and see what setting up an account would entail.

Accounting contract up in December. Sorrow made a Motion to post and invite bids for the accounting services. Ogur seconded. All in Favor, Motion Carried.

MTA Conferences will be held in Grand Rapids. If anyone is interested in attending let Linda know. Houts suggested Street and/or Gifford checkout Clerks Association Meetings.

Sorrow made a Motion to purchase a Salt Spreader @ \$400.00 for the parking lot. Houts seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Forwerck – Yes, Sorrow – Yes, Houts – Yes, Rognlie – Yes and Ogur Yes. All in Favor, Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ogur made a Motion to adopt the Medical Marijuana Zoning Ordinance as presented by Planning Commission, Sorrow seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Houts – Yes, Sorrow – Yes, Forwerck – Yes, Ogur – Yes, Rognlie – Yes. All in Favor, Motion Carried. Gifford will publish a synopsis in newspaper and website with advice from the attorney.

Ogur made Motion to contribute \$500.00, taken out of education fund to support Civic Center South. Sorrow seconded. Discussion; Houts wants to make sure the amount donated does not become an annual expectation. Roll Call Vote Finds; Sorrow – Yes, Houts – Yes, Rognlie – Yes, Ogur – Yes, Forwerck – Yes. All in Favor, Motion Carried.

Fire Code Ordinance will be tabled. Forwerck report Julie from Rural Fire will be retiring. Julie's replacement has good experience for the job.

Investment Policy - Tabled.

FLAUA Resolutions

First Resolution based on rate increase; Ogur made the Motion to support FLAUA on rate increase of \$35.00 per unit starting January 2015. Rognlie seconded, Roll Call Vote Finds; Forwerck – Yes, Ogur – Yes, Rognlie – Yes, Houts – Yes and Sorrow – Yes. All in Favor, Motion Carried.

Second Resolution based on Article of Incorporation; Ogur made Motion to change two reps per unit of government to 3 reps per unit of government, Rognlie seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Houts – Yes, Sorrow – Yes, Forwerck – Yes, Ogur – Yes and Rognlie – Yes. All in Favor, Motion Carried.

FLAUA member Term expiration for Brandon ~~Qwizdala~~. **GWIZDALA** Ogur made Motion to reappoint Brandon ~~Qwizdala~~ **GWIZDALA** to the FLAUA Board four year term. **SECOND BY SORROW. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

Parking lot lighting looked into by Ogur and Browne Electric. Suggests using soffits already in place just needs adjusting to light up other areas costing approximately \$1000.00. Rognlie made Motion to spend up to \$1000.00 for outside lighting and parking lot, Ogur seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Rognlie – Yes, Ogur – Yes, Forwerck – Yes, Sorrow – Yes and Houts – Yes. All in Favor, Motion Carried.

Roof Run Off needs a little more research – Tabled

Accounting Software, Sorrow & Forwerck will research more after Accounting Bids take place. -
Tabled

Citizen Comment

Bob Myers talked about everything good about Judy and that she will be sadly missed.

Board Comment

Houts corralled Marth long ago for tech support on various computer equipment. Houts strongly suggest Marth officially become a part of our election team.

Houts Thanked everyone for their team work efforts on the past election. She also thanked us for being a sincere part of her family and taking such good care of her especially the boys!!

Forwerck, prompted by Marth, Grant monies donated by the tribe for the Lucas machine. Fife Lake personally presented the tribe with a plaque of Thank you.

Other Board Comments giving Thanks to Judith Houts for being an amazing part of Fife Lake.

And a very Merry Christmas to all.

Meeting Adjourned 7:25pm.