

FIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP

March 27, 2025, Meeting 6:00PM

134 Morgan St.

Fife Lake, MI 49633

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Supervisor Lisa Leedy, Clerk Annie Allen, Treasurer Cathy Sorrow, Trustee Dawn Zimmerman, Trustee Jayme Werner

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1. Call to order by Supervisor Leedy at 6:00 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Supervisor Leedy, Treasurer Sorrow, Trustee Werner

Absent: Clerk Allen, Trustee Zimmerman

4. Approval of the agenda. Werner made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition under new business F. 4th of July policing and G.T. Road Commission Brining contract and removal of # 5 Special order of Business-Audit Review. Sorrow supported; motion carried.
5. Conflict of Interest: None
6. Citizen Comment: None
7. Consent Calendar Werner made the motion to accept Consent Calendar and remove Transfer and Budget amendments and financial reports pulled by supervisor Lisa Leedy.
 - a. Minutes 02/27/25 & 03/06/25
 - 1) Minutes approved with corrections
 - b. Correspondence
 - c. Transfers & Budget amendments
 - d. Financial Reports
 - e. Written Reports
8. Bills to pay: Discussion by the board about the bills to be paid. Sorrow made the motion to pay the bills Werner second. Roll call: Leedy-yes, Werner-yes, Sorrow-yes. Absent: Clerk Allen, Trustee Zimmerman. Motion carried

9. Any items removed from the consent Calendar: Financials. Leedy and Allen Continue to clean it up. Questions in regards to the bill from H&R block regarding the number of hours that we were billed for corrections. Motion by Werner to not pay the H&R Block bill and to credit the amount for the work that was not completed correctly. Sorrow second. Roll Call: Werner-yes, Sorrow-yes, Leedy-yes. Absent: Clerk Allen, Trustee Zimmerman. Motion carried.
10. Reports besides what reports are written:
 - a. Commissioner Darryl Nelson – Absent
 - b. COP Chris Whetstone-Lisa Leedy reported for him. working on strategy regarding the up take in criminal activity, drug, junk. Increase in Walton Junction, as well as Vans Lane. Looking into cameras at roundabout, off road vehicle.
 - c. Village: Linda Deeren reported that DPW is working on Tree Trimming, The GMC truck with plow and the brush hog is up for bids and is on the website. Looking into a new box for the international. DPW is working on clean up. Special meeting on April 3rd, 2025 to discuss table items from the last council meeting.
 - d. Chamber Library: Deb McCool reported that the library received a \$5,000 from the Scheffler Foundation. Due to congress not passing the stop gap program for the remainder of the year, \$250,000.00 will need to be resubmitted in September. They are continuing grant writing. Continuing their fund-raising events. March is the month of National Reading. In April they will have the total minutes that the children spent reading. Chamber: their focus is now on the fourth of July and fundraising.
 - e. FLAUA: Cathy Sorrow reported that the audit went well, Parking issues with the 6-7 stations in the Township and Village. Need no Parking signs in front so they have access to them. Fire truck needs to be removed. This is the old Brush Truck that is owned by the DNR. Waiting to hear when it can be removed.
 - f. Cemetery: Cathy Sorrow reported on the report that is in the packet. New signage is in for all the entrances. New bulletin boards for both well houses that will be used for postings and ordinances. Waiting for the broken hydrant to be fixed. Aubertin Tree Service will be out April 1st to remove down trees in the Fife Lake Cemetery. Possible use of the chipping for the village playground. Cathy will work with them to coordinate the process.
11. New Business:
 - a. Election Inspectors: List was presented to the board with updates on who is able to work. Lisa Leedy motion to accept the list with the removal of MaryAnn

Hempsted who is now not available to work, and to keep Robin Sue Mackenzie-Martin on until she responds. Sorrow second. No discussion. Motion carried.

- b. Letter of support for broadband grant: Received a request from Brightspeed for Fiber optic cable in the W/NW section of Fife Lake Twp. Lisa Leedy wrote a letter of support. Sorrow motion to approve, Werner second. No further Discussion. Motion carried.
- c. Snowplowing for 2026: Motion by Werner to engage contact with snow removal for contract for 2026, Sorrow seconded. Roll call: Leedy -yes, Werner -yes- Sorrow -yes. Absent: Clerk Allen, Trustee Zimmerman. No further discussion. Motion carried.
- d. Intergovernmental Agreement for Cleanup Day: Discussion held on scrapers. Werner working on scrapers. Leedy stated we need to have a license hauler. Motion by Sorrow to accept the agreement for 3 years and send it to Village for their approval. Werner second. No further discussion. Motion carried.
- e. Policing: discussion held regarding policing during the fourth of July, 2025. Werner motion to approve \$4,000.00 to the chamber from the police fund to support the coverage for Law enforcement During the fourth of July. Sorrow second. Roll Call: Leedy=yes, Werner=yes, Sorrow=yes Absent Clerk Allen and Trustee Zimmerman. No further discussion. Motion carried.
- f. Brining agreement: discussion on the cost of brining for one time cost of \$20,066.85 for brining of the roads. Werner motion to accept the agreement for 1 time brining in the amount of \$20,066.85. Sorrow second. Roll call : Sorrow=yes, Leedy=yes, Werner=yes , absent: Clerk Allen, Trustee Zimmerman. Motion carried

12. Old Business:

- a. Updated Schedule of fees; Leedy discussed the fee changes. Recommend \$500.00 for residents and \$1,000.00 for non-resident. Werner motion to adopt the new fee scales as presented, Sorrow second. No further discussion. Motion carried.
- b. BS&A Proposal update: Meeting with them weekly. No more updates. Training in July.
- b. Strategic Planning (reschedule): Proposed to move to August.

c. Township relocation: no update. Grant for 2 million need more information. Leedy working on this.

13. Citizen comment: none

14. Other business: Supervisor Leedy reported on her meeting on the insurance audit. The meeting went well reported that we are doing well and have fixed the definitizes past. Discussion on cyber security. Leedy going to attend Consumers Energy meeting.

Deputy Clerk Rodriguez reported that all absentee ballots were sent out. The initial testing went great. Will be testing the audio on the express vote when Annie returns.

Direct deposit will be discussed at next meeting.

15. Adjournment: Werner motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm Sorrow second. Motion carried.

Submitted by

Debbie Rodriguez

Deputy Clerk, Fife Lake Twp.