

FIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP

Summer 2025 Newsletter

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Office Hours by Appointment



Meeting Schedules:

Township Board

4th Thursday Jan-Oct, 6pm
Nov & Dec are the 3rd Thursday

Joint Planning Commission
Second Tuesday, 6:30pm

Village of Fife Lake
Third Monday, 6:30pm

Fife Lake Area Emergency
Services
Second Monday, 6pm

Fife Lake Area Utility Authority
Third, Wednesday, 6pm

Board of Review
July 22, 10am
December 9, 10am

Fife Lake Township railroad bridge over the Manistee River is being reconstructed. The estimated completion is for fall of 2025. Kiewit Infrastructure Company is the project manager.

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Supervisor's Spotlight

Fife Lake Township has decided to withdraw its commitment to Civic Center South and will instead redirect funds originally allocated for the Kingsley Park toward a partnership to support Village parks. This summer, Lakeshore Drive will undergo improvements including wedging and chip sealing, with construction expected to begin soon. Ramsey Bridge design work is complete and tentative funding is in place, though we are still awaiting a confirmed construction date. The State of Michigan recently conducted a condition assessment of Headquarters Dam, and we are currently working to obtain a copy of the report to review their findings and recommendations. We are still working on a plan to redevelop the former Pugsley prison in an effort to create economic development for our community. We also need to hold an election this November for renewal of all of our township millages, such as our operating funds, fire, police and ambulance, as the expiration was set for 2025. Thanks for all the congratulations on my marriage (note the name change.) Please reach out if you have questions.

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Clerk's Corner:

I am honored to introduce myself as your newly appointed Township Clerk. It is a privilege to serve our community in this important role, and I look forward to working on your behalf to ensure transparency, accessibility, and efficiency in local government.

I am fortunate to have Debbie Rodriguez on our team as Deputy Clerk. As your Clerk and Deputy Clerk, we are responsible for maintaining official records, managing elections, and keeping our ledger up to date. Our goal is to make our office approachable and responsive, from seeking information to preparing to vote.

We invite you to stay engaged in our township news, meetings, and local events by visiting our township website at (www.fifelaketwp.com) or by contacting the Clerk's office directly. We are here to serve you.

I look forward to meeting you in person and working together to support a vibrant and growing community.

Warm regards,
Clerk Annie Allen

**Deputy Clerk
Debbie Rodriguez**



Special Election, November 4, 2025 7am-8pm

A special election will be held for the following millages which are up for renewal: Township Operations, Fire Protection (operations), Fire Equipment, Ambulance Service, Police Service

Software Upgrade News:

The township officers have begun the process to upgrade our financial accounting software to BS&A from Quickbooks. Our staggered cutovers begin in July and will carry out for the month. Training will be ongoing. Thank you for your patience while we work through the transition.



**Treasurer
Cathy
Sorrow
231.879.3963
x304**

Treasurer's Tax Collection Hours

Office hours for the summer tax collection on:

July 19th, 26th, August 9th, 16th, 23rd,
12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

September 15th from 9:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Appointments can be made by
contacting the treasurer.
treasurer@fifelaketwp.com

Any changes to this schedule will be
posted on the township website and on
the physical building.

Please see new tax payment link on our
website that offers additional payment
options for paying online.

Pay your taxes online at the link on the
township website.

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Parcel info can be obtained through the
County tax parcel viewer.

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Zoning, Planning and Ordinance Enforcement

Our township and village joint Master Plan is now available for final public input and will move toward approval in the coming months. Please review and provide feedback to this document that guides future zoning ordinance changes. You can review the full plan on our website at www.fifelaketwp.com. Additionally, the Township Board recently adopted a Short Term Rental Ordinance requiring all property owners who offer short term rentals to register their properties. The ordinance and application are available on the website. Recent zoning updates also include changes to minimum dwelling size requirements and new provisions allowing the construction of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). Full details are included in the ordinance, which can be found online or requested by emailing the zoning administrator. Ordinance enforcement staff continue to work with residents to encourage compliance and avoid the need for formal enforcement action. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the zoning department. The Supervisor is filling the role as Interim Zoning Administrator. Thanks for your patience while we work through transitions.

Zoning Email: zoningadmin@fifelaketwp.com 231.879.3963 x301

Fife Lake ALS Ambulance Service:

Welcome, the new leadership team at Kalkaska EMS! Dr. Smith is a double boarded physician, both in emergency medicine and emergency medical services. He comes to Kalkaska EMS as the medical director while continuing to work as an emergency room physician. He was also the Northwest Regional medical control authority (NRMCA) medical director for 12 years.

Bill Brodin is a paramedic instructor that has worked as a paramedic for Kalkaska EMS for 10 years and was the NRMCA coordinator for the past 5 years and will serve as the new EMS Director.

Kalkaska EMS provides ALS service to Fife Lake Township in partnership for approximately 20% or less than what it would cost to run ALS ourselves.

Cemetery Updates

You may notice some improved signage when visiting the cemeteries, as the ordinance and information boards have been installed at both locations.

The township will be taking the next step for the expansion at the Fife Lake Cemetery to allow for more graves. Contact our team if you are interested in purchasing a grave.

If you own burial spaces or have family members interred at Fife Lake or Walton Cemetery and have not updated your contact information in the past 5 years, please reach out so that we have accurate records for notification purposes.

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Fife Lake Area Emergency Services

NWRTC Class of 2025 — CONGRATULATIONS to our very own, Angelique Estelle and Benjamin Estelle for passing Firefighter 1 & 2! In addition to the NWRTC graduates, both Tim “TJ” Eves and Michael Eves both passed the Kalkaska Training Class for Firefighter 1 & 2. We are proud of you all! This isn’t just a graduation. It is a testament to grit, heart, and the kind of dedication that defines the fire service. Now go light up the world, rock those new helmets and keep making us proud.



Our team took part in a 2-hour webinar with the Northwest Peer Support Team for Mental Health Awareness Month, building skills to better support each other and promote mental wellness in the fire service. Mental health awareness is important for our team.

Join us for our Pig Roast Fundraiser on **July 26, 2025**, at noon at Carly's Hill in Fife Lake! 50% of the proceeds go to the Fife Lake Springfield Fire Department. Enjoy great food, live music, engaging games, and plenty of fun with friends and family!



The Fire Prevention (Operations) millage and the Fire Equipment millage both expire at the end of this year. Watch for the Special Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 from 7am-8pm for the ability to vote on these issues, as well as Ambulance and Police Services

Chief, Scott Tinker, at 231-570-2509.
Call 911 for an actual emergency

