

Fife Lake Township Monthly Board Meeting

April 29, 2026 at 6:00PM

134 Morgan St.; Fife Lake, MI 49633

231-879-3963

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

Meetings have audio/video recorded & available on YouTube@FifeLake Township

1. Call to order by Supervisor Radtke at 6PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll Call: Zimmerman, Werner, Sorrow, Allen, Radtke, all present.
4. Approval of the agenda:

Werner made a motion to approve the agenda. Zimmerman seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously, voice vote.

5. Special Order of Business: None.
6. Conflict of Interest: None.
7. Citizen Comment: None.
8. Consent Calendar (8a-8e)
 - a. Correspondence
 - b. Transfers & Budget Amendments
 - c. Financial Reports
 - d. Written Reports

Werner made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Sorrow seconded. No discussion. Roll call: Sorrow- Yes, Allen- Yes, Radtke- Yes, Zimmerman- Yes, Werner- Yes. Motion carried. 5-0.

9. a. Bills to pay

Werner made a motion to pay the bills. Sorrow seconded. No discussion. Roll call: Allen- Yes, Radtke- Yes, Zimmerman- Yes, Werner- Yes, Sorrow- Yes. Motion carried. 5-0.

- b. Minutes: April 2, 2026 & February 26, 2026

Radtke made a motion to approve the April 2 and February 26 meeting minutes. Werner seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously, voice vote.

10. Any items removed from the Consent Calendar: None.
11. Reports besides what is in written reports
 - a. Commissioner Darryl Nelson: Absent
 - b. CPO Chris Whetstone: Absent
 - c. PC: No meeting
 - d. Zoning- Lisa Radtke: Provided a verbal update.
 - e. Called on by the board
 - i. MTA District 8 Representative- Marvin Radtke: Provided a verbal update.

12. New Business

- a. Jefferson St.: Members of the Hayes Family on Jefferson St portion located south of Blevins are petitioning to abandon and discontinue the dead-end portion of Jefferson St. This section of Jefferson St. is no longer used as public thoroughfare and is currently a mature hardwood forest. All parcels that touch this section of Jefferson St. are all serviced from another main road. The board discussed their petition to vacate this section of Jefferson St. and reviewed the correspondence that was provided.

Radtke made a motion to authorize the no contest position for the Hayes family's petition to abandon and discontinue Jefferson St. Werner seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously, voice vote.

- b. Draft budget for review: Will be emailed to the board. Budget workshop has been scheduled for Monday, May 18th at 6PM. Clerk Allen to post.
- c. Milfoil drone evaluation/Lake Management: The board reviewed the documentation that was provided in the packet. Supervisor Radtke to schedule a Lake Meeting for May 2026 and get in touch with ZeroGravity.

Sorrow made a motion to hire ZeroGravity to complete a lake assessment. Werner seconded. No discussion. Roll call: Radtke- Yes, Zimmerman- Yes, Werner- Yes, Sorrow- Yes, Allen- Yes. Motion carried. 5-0.

- d. Flood update: Supervisor Radtke provided a verbal update of the flooding still occurring in the community.
- e. Zoning Job Post: Supervisor Radtke will be posting the position for zoning administrator.
- f. EGLE grant application: Supervisor Radtke and Treasurer Sorrow are working together on the grant application for energy upgrades. Will provide an update at the special meeting.
- g. Clerk Computer needs: Clerk Allen purchased a new computer from Anavon for the use of the E-Poll Book for elections. The bill was in the bills to pay and approved under bills to pay.
- h. Village Petition: A citizen's petition to disincorporate the Fife Lake Village was submitted to the Fife Lake Township Clerk's office. The petition moved forward to the Grand Traverse County Clerk, and the petition will be on the August 4, 2026 Primary Election Ballot. It was discussed hiring an attorney to have a public Q & A session pertaining to the petition because the Fife Lake Township Board and the Fife Lake Citizens have more questions than answers regarding the petition. The knowledgeable and local attorney firm on this matter is Bauckham, Thall, Seeber, Kaufman, & Koches, P.C.

Sorrow made a motion to move forward and hire Bauckham, Thall, Seeber, Kaufman, & Koches, P.C. Werner seconded. No discussion. Roll call: Zimmerman- Yes, Werner- Yes, Sorrow- Yes, Allen- Yes, Radtke- Yes. Motion carried. 5-0.

Radtke to reach out to Bauckham, Thall, Seeber, Kaufman, & Koches, P.C. and a public meeting will be scheduled.

13. Old Business

- a.

- i. Committee appointments: PC Dawn Zimmerman (2 yr- 2028), Shane Lewis (3 yr- 2029), Dan Wilson (1 yr- 2027), Joe Austin (2 yr- 2028), Haven Leask (3 yr- 2029).
- ii. FLESA Alternate #2: Cathy Sorrow

Radtke made a motion to appoint Treasurer Sorrow as the second alternate on the FLEASA board.

Zimmerman seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously, voice vote.

- b. Assessor Contract/Resignation: Resignation was received. Jessi agreed to stay on and assist with July Board of Review. Lisa to post the position for Assessor.
- c. Road name change request: No update.
- d. SkyFire Progress Update: Supervisor Radtke provided an update.
- e. Township relocation/Pugsley Update: No update.
- f. PC Ordinance/Moratorium for PC requests/Master Plan: Missing details were updated and presented to the board.

Werner made a motion to accept the changes to the Planning Commission Ordinance, with the added number of members. Allen seconded. Roll call: Werner- Yes, Sorrow- Yes, Allen- Yes, Radtke- Yes, Zimmerman- Yes. No discussion. Motion carried. 5-0.

Allen made a motion to approve the Planning Commission Moratorium. Sorrow seconded. No discussion. Roll call: Sorrow- Y, Allen- Yes, Radtke- Yes, Zimmerman- Yes, Werner- Yes. Motion carried. 5-0.

14. Citizen Comment: None.

15. Possible Closed Session: None.

16. Other business

- a. Any action items from closed session: None.
- b. Headquarters Dam Study Update: Supervisor Radtke provided updated earlier in meeting.
- c. ARPA report filed: Supervisor Radtke filed ARPA report.
- d. Property Fraud Reminder: Standing item.
- e. CODE RED UPDATE: Standing item.
- f. Building and Grounds Update: Treasurer Sorrow provided a verbal report.
- g. Clean up day reminder: May 9, 2026

17. Board member updates/comments

Next board meeting is Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 6PM.

18. Adjournment

Sorrow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:59PM. Werner seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously, voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Allen

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Fife Lake Township Clerk