

Fife Lake Township Monthly Board Meeting

May 28, 2026 at 6PM

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

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

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

5. Special Order of Business: None.
6. Conflict of Interest: Supervisor Radtke has a conflict with 13.b. Zoning job posting.
7. Citizen Comment:
Anne Vogue; Lakeshore Dr.; Fife Lake: Reconstruction and condition of Lakeshore Dr. from Blevins St and west to 131.
8. Consent Calendar (8a-8e)
 - a. Minutes
 - b. Correspondence
 - c. Transfers & Budget Amendments
 - d. Financial Reports
 - e. Written Reports

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

9. a. Bills to pay: Bills to note aside from regular monthly bills, final payment to Kay Held from the Joint Planning Commission and AD Assessing's final bill.

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

- b. Minutes: 4/29/26 & 5/19/26

Werner made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 4/29 & 5/19. Sorrow 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. Planning Commission: No meeting
- d. Zoning: Radtke provided an update.

12. New Business

- a. July 4th Request by Chamber: Chamber requested Fife Lake Township to cover the policing request going forward. Will be on our April 2027 board agenda. Policing contract for 2026 has not been received.
- b. Historic Society Request: \$1,000 request to the Historic Society was discussed.

Radtke made a motion to approve \$1,000 to the Historic Society. Werner seconded. Discussion: \$1,000 is the annual amount the Fife Lake Township usually contributes, and it is in the budget. Roll call: Zimmerman- Yes, Werner- Yes, Sorrow- Yes, Allen- Yes, Radtke- Yes. Motion carried. 5-0.

- c. MTA Principles of Governance:

Sorrow made a motion to adopt the MTA Principles of Governance. Allen seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously, voice vote.

- d. Election workers: Applications received and names were presented to the board. Additions are Lisa Radtke & Barb Crosley. Election workers are equally divided by party affiliation. All applicants are needed and 4-hour shifts will be granted during early voting.

Radtke made a motion to accept the election workers as presented with the two additions. Zimmerman seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously, voice vote.

- e. Salary Resolution Supervisor/Deputy 2026.05.01:

Werner made a motion to adopt Salary Resolution 2026.05.01. Zimmerman seconded. No discussion. Roll call: Werner- Yes, Sorrow- Yes, Allen- Yes, Radtke- Yes, Zimmerman- Yes. Motion carried. 5-0.

- f. Salary Resolution Treasurer/Deputy 2026.05.02:

Werner made a motion to adopt Salary Resolution 2026.05.02. Zimmerman seconded. No discussion. Roll Call: Sorrow- Yes, Allen- Yes, Radtke- Yes, Zimmerman- Yes, Werner- Yes. Motion carried. 5-0.

g. Salary Resolution Clerk/Deputy 2026.05.03:

Sorrow made a motion to adopt Salary Resolution 2026.05.03. Werner seconded. No discussion. Roll call: Allen- Yes, Radtke- Yes, Zimmerman- Yes, Werner- Yes, Sorrow- Yes. Motion carried. 5-0.

h. Salary Resolution Trustees 2026.05.04:

Allen made a motion to adopt Salary Resolution 2026.05.04. Sorrow seconded. No discussion. Roll call: Radtke- Yes, Zimmerman- Yes, Werner- Yes, Sorrow- Yes, Allen- Yes. Motion carried. 5-0.

i. Salary Resolution Hourly 2026.05.05:

Werner made a motion to adopt Salary Resolution 2026.05.05. Sorrow seconded. No discussion. Roll call: Zimmerman- Yes, Werner- Yes, Sorrow- Yes, Allen- Yes, Radtke- Yes. Motion carried. 5-0.

j. Salary Resolution Appointees 2026.05.06:

Werner made a motion to adopt Salary Resolution 2026.05.06. Zimmerman seconded. Roll call: Werner- Yes, Sorrow- Yes, Allen- Yes, Radtke- Yes, Zimmerman- Yes. Motion carried. 5-0.

k. Closing bank accounts: Police, Budget, & Milfoil: Treasurer Sorrow & Clerk Allen have been working with auditor to clean up the legacy accounts. We need to close 3 accounts at Forest Area Federal Credit Union: Police: 116, Budget: 111, and Milfoil: 117. Resolution 2026.05.07.

Sorrow made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026.05.07. Werner seconded. No discussion. Roll call: Allen- Yes, Radtke- Yes, Zimmerman- Yes Werner- Yes, Sorrow- Yes. Motion carried. 5-0.

13. Old Business

- a. Committee Appointments: Planning commission: Haven Leask has not turned in application. On hold.
- b. Zoning posting job: Supervisor Radtke turned the meeting over to Clerk Allen and stepped out of room. Board members discussed the Zoning application and asked MR Consulting additional questions, as they were present in the room.

Zimmerman made a motion to accept MR Consulting's proposal with the addition of adding "written monthly report" under 2.c for the Zoning Administrator position. Werner seconded. No discussion. Roll call: Zimmerman- Yes, Werner- Yes, Sorrow- Yes, Allen- Yes. Motion carried. 4-0.

Supervisor Radtke stepped back into the room.

- c. Clean up day: Final numbers received late on May 28, 2026, and the clerk was unable to get the final report to the board in time of the meeting. Supervisor Radtke to provide a list of names of citizens who participated in cleanup day. To discuss at future board meetings.
 - d. EGLE grant application: First come, first serve. Money has been exhausted. Looking for a different source for the boiler project.
 - e. Assessing Job Update: Supervisor Radtke has heard from two assessor candidates. They both have questions. They have not provided an application or submitted a proposal. Supervisor Radtke to meet with applicants and answer general questions. Special meeting to interview assessor candidates to be held on June 10, 2026 at 5PM, prior to already scheduled 6PM special meeting.
 - f. DRAFT Budget: No comment.
 - g. SkyFire Progress Update: Moving forward to next step on the \$2M request.
 - h. Township Relocation/Pugsley Update: No update.
14. Citizen Comment
- Deb Newell; Wil-Pet Dr; Fife Lake: Lot 82: storage of personal property, dock placement, liability insurance.
- Tawni Deike; Fife Lake Village President: Provided a village update: Parks and streets. Yet to be confirmed ballot initiative.
- Mary Anne Hempsted; State St; Fife Lake: Heard about a potential Data Center coming to Fife Lake. Next lake committee on Milfoil and dam.
15. Possible Closed Session: N/A
16. Other business:
- a. Any action from closed session: N/A
 - b. Building and grounds update: Treasurer Sorrow provided an update
 - c. Property Fraud Reminder
 - d. Special Meeting Q & A session with Attorney on 6/10/2026 at 6PM
 - e. CPO Whetstone's last day is June 15. Will plan an open social gathering to celebrate.
17. Any action items from closed session: N/A
18. Board member updates/comments
- Supervisor Radtke:

- The updated Red Books have not been ordered yet.
- Lakeshore Dr.: Road committee has communicated with the Road Commission. Also asked them to look into the culvert side because they are not large enough for the recent flooding. Supervisor Radtke will follow up with Dan.
- Lot 82: Supervisor Radtke met with land owner's and they have other documentation. Their paperwork differs from Fife Lake Township's documentation. Supervisor Radtke to complete a complete written report to the board.
- Proposed data center is in Garfield Township in Kalkaska County on State Land.
- Lake Committee Meeting: Meeting will be scheduled and posted in near future.
- Newsletter deadline: June 1, 2026.

Clerk Allen:

- AV Drop Box: Working on securing an official AV Drop Box from the state.
- Citizen Petition: It was shared during the April 29, 2026 board meeting that a Citizen Petition was received. Clerk worked closely with County Clerk to complete the proper steps and confirmation was received that the disincorporation of the village will be on the August 4, 2026 ballot.

Trustee Zimmerman:

- Clarification: When is MR Consulting's first day? Motion was made and first day will be effective May 28, 2026.

19. Adjournment

Werner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:46PM. Sorrow seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously, voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Allen

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Fife Lake Township Clerk