

Fife Lake Township Monthly Board Meeting

July 20, 2026

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

Allen made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of three June 25, 2026 meeting minutes, and 11.e., Menards tax exempt form, and 12.b. and assessor update. Sorrow seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously, voice vote.

5. Special Order of Business: None.
6. Conflict of Interest: None.
7. Citizen Comment:
Mary Ellen Dilley: Fife Lake Township: Stated comments regarding the Citizen's Ballot Initiative.
8. Consent Calendar (8a-8e)
 - a. Minutes: 6/25/26 regular meeting, 6/25/206 Election commission & 6/25/2026 Public Hearing
 - b. Correspondence
 - c. Transfers & Budget Amendments
 - d. Financial Reports
 - e. Written Reports

Werner made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, removing bills to pay (moved to 11.d.). Zimmerman seconded. No discussion. Roll Call: Allen- Yes, Radtke- Yes, Zimmerman- Yes, Werner- Yes, Sorrow- Yes. Motion carried. 5-0.

9. Items removed from Consent Calendar: Bills moved to 11.d.
10. Reports besides what is in written report:
 - Commissioner Darryl Nelson: Absent

- CPO Chris Whetstone: Provided a verbal statement of recent events in Fife Lake Township
- FLAUA Update: Cathy- No update.
- Cemetery Update: Cathy- New section that was recently seeded is looking nice.
- PC: Dawn- No meeting last month. Next meeting is August 13, 2026.
- Zoning: Marv Radtke- Provided a written report.
- Other called

11. New Business:

- a. RFP for webhosting upgrading to ADA compliance: Revisit in January 2027, compliance been postponed until April 2028.
- b. Fire recovery ordinance update: We are not recovering our cost for stand-by work for Utility companies, even though we are paying payroll for this service. We need to update the Fire Recovery Ordinance and have a schedule A, so when updates are needed the Schedule A can be updated without updating the whole ordinance, along with other wording in the contract. Fire Recovery does all billings, per ordinance. Lisa to work to update the ordinance. Lisa to also look into how we are billing Union Township.
- c. Planning commission email account:

Sorrow made a motion to issue planning commission email address to the planning commissioners, one for each PC, a total of 4 email addresses. Werner seconded.

Discussion: Lisa to contact Anavon. Roll Call: Radtke- Yes, Zimmerman- Yes, Werner- Yes, Sorrow- Yes, Allen- Yes. Motion carried. 5-0.

- d. Village invoices/Bills to pay: February – June 2026 round about lights were received by Clerk Allen, from the Fife Lake Village Clerk. Discussion was had regarding the invoice.

Radtke made a motion to postpone paying the Fife Lake Village, ask them about the January 2026 bill, obtain the original agreement of the roundabout lights, and inquire about the past due Liquor Inspections. Zimmerman seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously, voice vote.

Werner made a motion to pay the bills except for the Fife Lake Village. Sorrow seconded. No discussion. Roll Call: Zimmerman- Yes, Werner- Yes, Sorrow- Yes, Allen- Yes, Radtke- Yes. Motion carried. 5-0.

- e. Menards- Renew tax exempt form:

Sorrow made a motion to approve signing of the Menards tax exempt form. Werner seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously, voice vote.

12. Old Business:

- a. Adopt millage rates (L-4029) updated version:

Sorrow made a motion to adopt the updated L-4029. Werner seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously, voice vote.

- b. Assessor update: Interviews will be scheduled for August 17, 2026 at 5PM.
- c. Committee appointments: None.
- d. SkyFire Progress Update: None.
- e. Township relocation/Pugsley Update: Supervisor Radtke has a scheduled meeting with the County after the August Election. The Brown Field Redevelopment coordinator wants to hear more about what our plans are with Pugsley to see if there is a way they can assist. Tribal leadership changed hands due to a recent election, so Supervisor Radtke will be reaching back out to them. No updates from the State of Michigan on the funding we applied for.

13. Citizen Comments:

- a. Ed Short: M-113; Fife Lake Township: Asked a question, what is the board trying to accomplish with Pugsley?

14. Possible Closed Session: N/A

15. Other business:

- a. Any action from closed session: N/A
- b. Building and Grounds update: Orkin has been called to address bug/insect control.
- c. Property fraud reminder: Standing reminder to citizens.
- d. CodeRed Reminder to update your information: Standing reminder to citizens.

16. Board meeting updates/comments:

- a. Provided a summary of potential plans and what the board would like to do with Pugsley, meeting with the Tribal leadership to form a partnership and hired SkyFire to assist with grant funding.
- b. Clerk Allen: Provided an election update, 138 of 314 absentee ballots received.

17. Adjournment

Sorrow made a motion to adjourn at 7:09. Werner seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously, voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Allen

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Fife Lake Township Clerk