

Fife Lake Township Monthly Board Meeting
August 17, 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

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:
 - Mary Ellen Dilley; Sparling Rd.; Fife Lake Township: Made a statement regarding the ballot initiative.
8. Consent Calendar (8a-8e)
 - a. Minutes: see 9.b.
 - b. Correspondence
 - c. Transfers & Budget Amendments
 - d. Financial Reports
 - e. Written Reports
 - f. Bills to pay: see 9. a.

Werner made a motion to approve the consent calendar with keeping the statement of net position as a regular monthly report. 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: Annual bills were called out to the board members. The brining bill will need to be adjusted to reflect in the previous fiscal year. The bill was paid in July 2026, since that was when it was received. The annual insurance premium details were also included for board review.

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

b. Meeting Minutes: July 16, July 20, July 22, and July 27, 2026 Board meeting minutes.

Werner made a motion to approve the four July meeting minutes. Radtke seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously, voice vote.

10. Any items removed from the Consent Calendar: N/A

11. Reports besides what is in the written reports:

- a. Commissioner Darryl Nelson: Absent
- b. CPO Chris Whetstone: Provided a monthly report and a verbal update.
- c. PC- Dawn: Provided an update from August 13, 2026 meeting.
- d. Zoning- Marv Radtke: Provided written report
- e. Others called from partner agencies called on by the board: N/A

12. New Business:

a. Insurance renewal: Supervisor Radtke has questions related to hurricane coverage and foundation of machinery on the annual renewal. She will be meeting with the adjustor during the annual inspection. The annual renewal premium increased by 8% and the blanket property values by 2%.

b. CPO Proposal: Supervisor Radtke was approached by Captain Brinks. He provided a memo regarding Fife Lake Township's interest in cost sharing the cost to keep the CPO at Kingsley's school. The CPO's salary has been granted funded, but the grant funds ran out. About half of Fife Lake Township's properties are in the Kingsley School district. The CPO will also assist CPO Whetstone in Fife Lake Township when not working at the school. The proposal is to support the CPO for one year and cover \$27,000 of the salary. The proposal will be reassessed after year one. Fife Lake Township has a \$300K fund balance for the police fund.

Radtke made a motion to authorize moving forward on the proposed initiative for the cost sharing model for the extra CPO and request that once the other authorities approve, a contract will be received from the Grand Traverse Sheriff's office for review and present to the board. Werner seconded. No discussion. Roll call: Zimmerman- Yes, Werner- Yes, Sorrow- Yes, Allen- Yes, Radtke- Yes. Motion carried. 5-0.

13. Old Business:

- a. Committee Appointments: ZBA – Daina Smith’s application was received and reviewed.

Sorrow made a motion to appoint Daina Smith as a ZBA member. Werner seconded. Motion carried unanimously, voice vote.

- b. SkyFire Progress Update: No update.
- c. Township relocation/Pugsley update: No update.

14. Citizen Comment

- Deb Newell; Wil-Pet Dr.; Fife Lake Township: Has availability to volunteer and clean headstones in August and September.

15. Possible Closed Session (if needed): N/A

16. Other Business: Supervisor Radtke has been exploring natural gas options with DTE along Van’s Lane. They have lines to the sewer plant, and then the lines stop. Supervisor Radtke sent citizen’s along Van’s Lane a letter to see if there is any interest. A message has been left with the DTE Cadillac branch, and she is waiting on a return phone call.

Supervisor Radtke is still working on making contact with the Village of Fife Lake regarding the bills we have submitted to them with no response.

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- a. Any action from closed session: N/A
- b. Building and Grounds update: Black dirt and new grass seeding has been completed around the township hall.
- c. Property fraud reminder: Standing reminder.
- d. HB6241: Current proposal to allow removal of public official if they miss over 50% of the prescribed regular meetings.
- e. GT County Community Development Department update: Supervisor Radtke is on the County EDC board as an appointee. They are in the process of entertaining a draft structure that a consultant created on creating this department. Supervisor Radtke will share the documents with the board and is looking for feedback prior to their Oct 25, 2026 meeting.

18. Board member updates/comments:

- a. Clerk Allen:
 - Clerk Allen will be absent for the September 21, 2026 FL Board meeting.

- The August 2026 election has been canvassed.

b. Adjournment

Werner made a motion to adjourn at 6:55PM. Sorrow seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously, voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Allen

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