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**FIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
Approved Minutes
JULY 26, 2018**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Supervisor Linda Forwerck_X_, Clerk Terry Street_X_, Treasurer Cathy Sorrow_X_, Trustee Elizabeth Pearson-X Trustee Dawn Zimmerman-X.
Quorum Established.

Sorrow made **Motion** to accept Agenda with addition of Other Business Nicole Precord, Pearson Second, All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

Street read purpose of Consent Calendar. Street made **Motion** to approve the consent calendar as presented. Zimmerman Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds: Forweck-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Street-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No. **Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Schools asking for donation of supplies with Stuff the Bus also known as the Bus Campaign.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Thomas Wertz introduced himself as running for County Commissioner.

GUESTS

No Special Presentation

REPORTS

County Commissioner Bob Johnson – Absent.
Report available via www.county.gov

Village President, Dave McGough reported the Scarecrow Festival would like Township to contribute \$100 for operations. September first Carol Saylor will need volunteers to help hang ribbons on light posts for Ovarian Cancer Awareness.
Village President will be out of office from August 8 through Labor Day.

Sheriff Deputy Eric Meyer – On Call

Rob Melancon reported on EMS – Read statistics.

Chief Scott Tinker reported on the progress of Fire Station 6. We have surpassed the amount of calls and volunteers from last year and we started in April not January.

Forwerck inquired about the Union Township meeting. Chief Tinker said they enjoyed being able to see the trucks and getting updates and reports.

Chief Tinker also reported the staff went to Ranch Rudolph and performed a walk through safety practice. Updating Ranch Rudolph has made them a water fill point.

FLAUA

Gifford reported Personnel Committee met and were able to hire two part time people who are working out very well.

A punch list for F&V follow up will be utilized with F&V making sure FLAUA gets the proper completion on areas needing attention.

Zoning Administrator –Deb Rodriguez reported on the Morganic Farm’s compost pile is actually raw /open garbage creating a bad odor in that location. The owners are cooperatively working with Deb to clean up the area and fixing broken equipment needed to keep this from happening. The Grand Traverse Area Health Department has visited the site.

Also see written report.

Planning Commission-Zimmerman reported on the Public Hearings held at the Planning Commission meeting July 12, 2018. Smaller Housing recommended being 768 square feet minimum house size instead of 1000. New language for Solar Energy Systems and adding Kennels to the special uses permitted in Commercial District, passed on to the Fife Lake Township Board for approval. Discussion of Medical Marijuana on the agenda for August 9, 2018 meeting.

Civic Center South- Street reported Civic Center has one of the best disc golf facilities in the area. The Center has been flourishing all summer. Street suggested a work day to grade the trails for Randy Weber. They are still looking for caretakers at the facility.

Forwerck added the pavilion and restrooms were very nice and clean at the facility great for family/friend outside gatherings.

Cemetery Committee- Sorrow reported no new meeting at this time. John Kelley may have found some stones to mark unmarked graves for no cost.

NEW BUSINESS

Historical Society has asked for five hundred dollars for operating funds. Joyce Freiwald reported they have been doing a lot of cleaning and need new wood flooring at the school house. They had four scholar students working this year and received a \$3,500.00 grant from Forest Area Federal Credit Union. They appreciate any donations given. Sorrow made **Motion** to approve the \$500 donation, Pearson Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Sorrow-Yes, Street-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Forwerck-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No, **Motion Carried.**

Brownie Newman could not be here for the Riverside Solar Energy Presentation.

Real Estate Agent, Pat Dunlap was waiting to hear from the Consumers Power and hoping for the adoption of the Solar Energy Panel ordinance.

Headlee Amendment language needs to be turned into County by August 14, 2018. The Township would like to have the language on the November Ballot. Forwerck explained how it started off as 1 mil then rolled back to .83, Per Fred Joles the language is called the Headlee override . Street made **Motion** to put the Headlee override language on the November 2018 Ballot, Sorrow Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Pearson-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Street-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No, **Motion Carried.**

Fred Joles reported on the Savin Lake status. The Township has a credit with Savin for around \$20,700.

There is a new species of weed in the lake called wild celery that looks like grass. Savin survey should be done at a joint meeting with Springfield Township and may be posted in the newspaper or website.

Fife Lake Township has an opening for an IT person. Fred Joles suggested we call the college for some possible talent in this subject. Street will follow up.

OLD BUSINESS

Economic Development-Joint Planning Commission Elise Craft proposed a six month contract. Negotiations will need subcommittee formed from both Planning Commissions from Fife Lake Village and Township. Sorrow made **Motion** to form a negotiations subcommittee with Linda Forwerck, Joe Jones, Pam Lawrence representing the Township. Forwerck Seconded. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

Kalkaska has short and clean language for Medical Marijuana Ordinance Forwerck would like the Planning Commission to review it at the August 9, 2018 meeting.

The Opt out resolution would need to be lifted. Street commented on this being contradictive to the past decision and would not like to see this in our community. Pearson would like to see what the new language is since it was not available during past discussions.

Forwerck made **Motion** to pursue other ordinance language, Pearson Seconded. 4-Yes, Street Opposed, **Motion Carried.**

Zoning language approval needed for Solar Energy Panels, Smaller Housing, Kennels need to be approved. Sorrow made **Motion** to approve of the Zoning Amendments/Additions, Zimmerman Seconded. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

All language needs to be posted in newspaper including Section 4.4 Farm Animals.

Lot -82 –Letter from Attorney to Steins has been sent

Boat access update –some time in the fall a ceremony with all involved will be held.

Election August 7, 2018 we are ready with new equipment.

Accounting update still accepting bids.

Township Attorney-Tabled

Nicole Precord of the volunteer Fire Fighters agency for Narcan Kits. The kits have been in use for twenty years has become an epidemic. Statistically 116 use daily, second phase is Hep c Aids and HIV. Offering clean needle exchange in our area already approved in Grand Traverse County. Walks in high traffic areas of abuse clean up needles.

Tom Wertz added fentanyl, street drug substance abuse epidemic medical issue disease.
Nicole would like the Townships approval to volunteer her time to exchange needles. Pearson made **Motion** to support the needle exchange program in the Fife Lake area, Street Seconded. All in Favor **Motion Carried.**

OTHER BUSINESS

Forwerck said the UP group for the US 131 will be holding a session August 16, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:30. RSVP by August 10, 2018.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Next meeting will be August 23, 2018 6:00 pm at the Fife Lake Township Hall 134 Morgan Street, Fife Lake, MI 49633

ADJOURNMENT

Sorrow made **Motion** to Adjourn, Pearson Seconded. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**
Meeting Adjourned 7:50 p.m.

Draft Minutes prepared by Leigh Gifford
Approved By: Board on 7/26/18 TS