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**FIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP  
ZOOM BOARD MEETING  
APPROVED MINUTES**

**JUNE 25, 2020**

**ROLL CALL:** Supervisor Linda Forwerck,-X Treasurer Cathy Sorrow-X, Clerk Terry Street-X, Trustee Elizabeth Pearson-X, Dawn Zimmerman-X. Quorum Established.

Budget Hearing for fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 begins at 5:00 pm.

Public Comment-None

Forwerck went through the budget including Budget year 2019-2020 changes.

Street made Motion to close the budget Hearing, Sorrow Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Pearson-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Street-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Forwerck-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No, All in Favor, Motion Carried.

**Also Present** Via Zoom

Anna Love, Sean McGinnis, Phillips Settles, Susan Chastney, Pam Lawrence, Joseph Nafsu, Nader Saco.

**Approval of Agenda**

Street made **Motion** to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business 5. Covid-19 preparedness plan and Old Business 6. Cemetery issues, Sorrow Seconded. Roll Call Finds; Forwerck-Yes, Street-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes. 5-Yes. 0-No, **Motion Carried.**

**Conflict of Interest** – None

**Consent Calendar**

Forwerck read purpose of Consent Calendar; Fife Lake Township Minutes May 28, 2020 Financial Report and Bills to be paid for March, April and May 2020.

Sorrow made **Motion** to approve the Consent Calendar with the addition of Invoice from E&L Forest Products for \$475.00, Street Seconded.

Roll call Vote Finds; Sorrow-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Street-Yes, Forwerck-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No. **Motion Carried.**

## **Correspondence-**

Michigan Underwriters provided an Insurance dividend payment of \$761.67.

## **Citizen comment**

Sean McGinnis hopes everyone is doing well.

Susan Chastney sent a letter for correspondence, will resend.

## **REPORTS**

**County Commissioner** – Rob Henschel no connection.

**Fife Lake Village** -Dave McGough-Village President-Present Reminder Spring Cleanup date August 1, 2020, will need help with funding from the Fife Lake Township.

**Sheriff Department**- Deputy Eric Meijer Back in the area on the bike getting to see more people via bike.

**Ambulance/Fire/Emergency Planning**- Absent

**FLAUA**- Absent

**Zoning**-Debbie Rodriguez reported Dollar General will be starting construction. Morganic Farms still having issues with asbestos, which Debbie has not been involved with. Still needs to be cleaned up as complaints continue. Debbie is working with the Health Department and Attorney on this problem.

**Planning Commission** – Lawrence reported -Workshop meeting June 30, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Working on rewrite of the Fife Lake Township/Village Master Plan. Motion by FLAPC to call Williams & Works for Zoning Ordinance review and assembly. Lawrence asked the Township for guidance on this matter. Pearson suggested approving up to a certain amount. Forwerck recommends contacting Williams & Works for a quote on annual contract.

July 14, 2020 meeting will hold a Public Hearing on Short Term Rentals. Posted ad on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June in Record Eagle. As 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> were unavailable. Also contact MTA, Lawrence will work further on this with Forwerck.

**Civic Center South**- No Report

**Cemetery Committee** –

Anna Love asked about the burial cost of \$475.00. Thought it might have been higher.

EMS Report by Interim Director Danny as Rob Melancon has resigned. Statistics show 31 runs 92% transports. Many Fire Call, the Fire truck will be back next week.

Rodriguez reported Kalkaska EMS merge proposal will take place at a Townhall meeting 6:00 pm. at American Legion on July 23, 2020. This will involve both the Fife Lake Township Board and Springfield Township Boards

## **New Business**

2020/2021 Budget Hearing Action- Zimmerman made **Motion** to adopt the proposed 2020-2021 Budget, Sorrow Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Street-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No. **Motion Carried.**

General Appropriations Budget- **Motion** to approve by Sorrow, Seconded by Zimmerman. Roll Call Vote Finds; Forwerck-Yes, Street-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No, **Motion Carried**

2019/2020 Budget Transfers not all available final year end bills but **Motion** by Pearson to approve Budget adjustments, Seconded by Sorrow. Zimmerman-Yes, Pearson-Yes. Sorrow-Yes, Street-Yes, Forwerck-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No, **Motion Carried.**

Chamber of Commerce Contribution Request- Up to 20 hours of police protection, Pearson stated they may be overwhelmed and may need the full 20 hours. Forwerck suggested the Village give the Township the actual bill for police hours. Sorrow feels the Township needs to give the Village support.

Since the money will come out of next year's budget, we can wait for the actual invoice at the July meeting. Stan Patrick will contact the Police.

Boat Ramp Closure for fireworks preparation (barge loading)- Forwerck made **Motion** to close the Boat Ramp from 7:00 am until midnight with the possibility of rain, reschedule July 5<sup>th</sup>, Sorrow Seconded. Roll call Vote Finds; Street-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No, **Motion Carried.** Chamber to provide Township with copy of liability coverage.

Covid-19 Preparedness Plan- Street recommends via **Motion** to adopt MTA's Covid-19 Preparedness Plan, Sorrow Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Forwerck-Yes, Street-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Sorrow-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No. **Motion Carried.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

American Legion Settlement

The Lawsuit against the Township has been dismissed. A fence will be erected by the American Legion.

Kalkaska Memorial Health Center – Michael Berendsohn reported on the EMS for Fife

Lake and Springfield Townships. Oversee staffing and services, costs not to exceed what is already in place. Will expand from basic life support to advanced paramedic 24/7. Extra vehicle available. Plan for current employees to apply for positions and will provide health insurance benefits, etc.

Medical Marijuana request from Joseph Nafsu, Attorney

Attorney Nafsu stated the Township seemed to be ok with additional grow licenses Forwerck pointed out 4 instead of 2 licenses could risk another lottery requirement Pearson referred to the original Planning Commission proposal, asking for Board feedback. Pearson made **Motion** to add one more Grow License to Ordinance, Street Seconded.

Sorrow asked about the status of Steve Ezells property. Roll Call Vote Finds; Forwerck -No, Street-Yes, Sorrow-No, Pearson-Yes, Zimmerman-No. 3-No, 2-Yes, **Motion Failed.**

Forwerck made **Motion** to allow 2 more Grower Licenses to Ordinance, Zimmerman Seconded, Roll Call Vote Finds; Street-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Pearson-No, Zimmerman-Yes. 4-Yes, 1-No, **Motion Carried.**

Attorney Nafsu asked about deadlines and distance. Forwerck referred to Attorney Grahams recommendation for grow facility and the various options prepared.

Street commented on be cautiously optimistic and the concern for smell.

Forwerck made Motion to change 500 feet to 200 feet with no Second.

Forwerck made Motion to amend ordinance changing Grow Facility only from 500 feet to 200 feet, Zimmerman Seconded, Zimmerman-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Street-yes, Pearson-Absent. Motion Carried.

We need to get a message to Mr. McGuinnis for possible request in change of distance.

Medical Marijuana request from Phillip Settles, Attorney-Concerns with Licenses timing 442 days average.

Objective of Ordinance having rationality on how licenses are obtained and 6-month time line.

McGuinnis concerned about State guidelines, cannot erect facility for 6 months since Covid situation.

Medical Marijuana Ordinance-Special meeting July 9, 2020 at 6:00 regarding Medical Marijuana Facility Ordinance amendments.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Street read bullet point concerns

## **CITIZEN COMMENT**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Sorrow made **Motion** to Adjourn, Street Seconded. Roll Call Finds; Forwerck-Yes, Street-Yes, Pearson-Absent, Sorrow-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No, **Motion Carried.**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Fife Lake Township June 25, 2020 Draft Minutes Prepared by Recording Secretary, Leigh Gifford, Approved as presented July 23, 2020 by Fife Lake Township Board.