

## FIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP

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### Regular Meeting APPROVED MINUTES

### AMENDED MINUTES

Thursday, August 26, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

MEETING HELD IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM  
VIA VIDEO AND TELEPHONIC CONFERENCE  
PURSUANT TO PUBLIC ACT 228 OF 2020, DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Supervisor Gerianne Street called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL:** Supervisor Street called Roll.

#### **Present:**

Supervisor Gerianne Street  
Clerk Leigh Gifford  
Treasurer Cathy Sorrow  
Trustee Dawn Zimmerman  
Trustee Nicole Gibson

A quorum was established.

**Absent:** None.

#### **Also Present:**

Zoning Administrator, Robert Hall  
Recording Secretary, Kay Held

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

##### Amendments:

Old Business: Cemetery Report (with Sale of Cemetery Equipment)

#### **Board Action:**

Ms. Sorrow made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Ms. Gibson seconded the motion.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Gifford-Y, Sorrow-Y, Street-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Gibson-Y. 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR:** Clerk Gifford read the purpose of the Consent Calendar to include:

Fife Lake Township Amended Minutes of June 24, 2021, Fife Lake Township Minutes of July 22, 2021, Financial Report, Transfers and Bills to be Paid.

#### **Board Action:**

Ms. Gifford made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Ms. Street seconded the motion.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Gibson-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Street-Y, Sorrow-Y, Gifford-Y. 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Supervisor Street read aloud correspondence received from Mr. Russell Padgett regarding any progress that has been made regarding the Walton Junction shanty town, believing things have been at a standstill. He believes it is time fines

should be issued and inquired whether County Commissioner Rob Henschell has been contacted about the matter. Ms. Street indicated she replied to Mr. Padgett that she had not yet heard from Mr. Henschell and has sent photos and information to Mr. Eric Burt of the Department of Public Health. At the time of writing to Mr. Padgett, she had not yet heard back from Mr. Burt; however, she has since received a response from him.

Mr. Hall reported that the deadline for compliance is today (8/23) at 5:00 p.m. Tomorrow citations will be issued. It is his hope they will not only be mailed but also be hand delivered by County Sheriff. There was compliance by Ms. Sandra Chambers; as he understands, tents have been removed from that property although evidently only moved to property adjoining the Chambers property. He indicated they should not be able to get a permit to get electric hook-up there, and the electric company will not do so without a permit.

Supervisor Street also read aloud a complimentary letter she received from resident Ms. Mary Ellen Dilley. She stated how pleased she was with Township's new, secure website and its ease of use. She also paid a compliment to Recording Secretary, Ms. Kay Held, on the content, accuracy and thoroughness of Meeting Minutes. Additionally, she expressed appreciation to Ms. Street and the FLT Board for their work and helpfulness when asked to address problems.

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

**GUESTS:** None.

**REPORTS:**

**County Commissioner – Mr. Rob Henschell:**

Absent - No report.

**Sheriff Department – Deputy Derick Reed:**

Deputy Reed reported the following activity last month:

Continuing Stolen Vehicle report, one OUID Arrest, one Driving While Suspended, two Traffic Accidents, two Traffic Citations issued, nine Traffic Stops, 16 Follow-up Investigations, seven Assists, two Civil Cases, four Suspicious Complaints, one Health & Safety and one Suicide.

He also assisted the Sheriff's Office with two Assaults, six Traffic Accidents, six Assists, two Civil Complaints, four Suspicious Complaints, one 911 Hang Up, one Larceny and one Weapons Offense.

**Ambulance/Fire/Emergency Planning – Ms. Nicole Gibson, Chief Scott Tinker.**

**Ms. Nicole Gibson:**

Ms. Gibson reported Mr. Mike Berendsohn, EMS Director, Kalkaska Emergency Services was not at the meeting last month; however, she received a report from him.

There were 16 calls for service in Fife Lake Township and 10 calls for service in Springfield Township. He reported they have Clinical Ladder Implementation Performance Bonuses for employees. New medication pumps were put into use 8/2/21, and it has been going well. CEU classes are in process with Norman Township Fire Department. On ambulance 40 Alpha 6 the suspension compressor has been replaced. The floors and drains in the fire barn are now fixed and installation of new flooring in the dayroom has been completed.

**Chief Scott Tinker reported:** There were many runs in July:

7-10: four personnel responded to a wild fire; spent one hour on scene. 6601 was in charge.

7-11: fallen tree on power lines, seven personnel responded. 30 minutes on scene. 6601 in command.

7-11: EMS lift assist in Fife Lake Township, four personnel responded. KU in charge.

7-11: MVA with ATV involved in Fife Lake Township; one hour on scene.

7-15: tree on power lines in Union Township, three personnel responded, three hours on scene waiting for power company. 6601 in charge.

7-16: Mutual Aid call in Garfield Township to a fully involved structure fire; six personnel responded. 302 in command.

7-19: EMS lift assist in Springfield Township, three personnel responded. 30 minutes on scene.

7-20: MVA in Union Township, two hours on scene. 6601 in charge.

7-22: responded to a missing person; cancelled enroute. Person located.  
7-23: fire alarm in Fife Lake Township at school. 30 minute investigation.  
7-24: tree down in Fife Lake Township. Five personnel responded. 20 minutes on scene. 6608 in command.  
7-24: MVA assist in Boardman Township; cancelled enroute.  
7-24: dispatched to a controlled burn; farmer burning off crops, logs, trees. Assisted by Station 9. 30 minute investigation to ensure paperwork in order. Has been to this farm last year before individual had procured proper agricultural paperwork; ensured documentation in order.

Additionally, he stated Springfield Township has completed work with attorneys on their Capital Millage. He inquired if Fife Lake Township is ready as well. Clerk Gifford stated yes. He will be preparing pamphlets for Board approval for distribution to the public. As discussed last month, the Capital Plan will be revised to a five-year millage rather than a 10-year plan.

He has applied through Firehouse for new extrication equipment called E-Hydraulics where no pump is necessary. There have been more ATV accidents in the woods requiring extrication (cited examples this year and last year). Pumps are very difficult to use in those instances.

He has also begun writing an application for an additional grant; more information on that will be forthcoming.

As he has brought up at the past two meetings, each Township and County will be receiving federal Rescue Act monies; some funds can be allocated to first responders. He is asking allocation of \$1,000 per firefighter, per Township, as Townships begin considering allocation of the Rescue Act funds. He has made a similar request of Springfield Township and wanted to make this formal request of Fife Lake Township. Supervisor Street stated they have not begun planning allocation of funds but will be taking it under consideration as they do so.

Chief Tinker also reported that Captain Randy Tinker was subpoenaed to appear in court over a case regarding a lost control fire burn on Creighton Road. The fire department is to receive restitution.

**Fife Lake Village – Mr. David McGough:**

Absent – No Report.

**Fife Lake Area Utility Authority (FLAUA) – Ms. Leigh Gifford:**

Ms. Leigh Gifford (FLAUA Secretary) reported:

The most recent meeting was held August 18. The Treasurer reported everything is in line financially. Part-time employee reviews are coming up; they are doing a very good job assisting the Compliance Officer and becoming capable of being his backup in his absence.

The Vans Lane tie-in case is still in court proceedings. FLAUA does not have the authority to offer or make any financial concessions based on the USDA loan and grant funding requirements that were put in place many years ago when the system was revamped. FLAUA had offered financial assistance program suggestions and resources to the resident and gave her more than ample time to comply. The court case was a necessary requirement but a last resort. A trial date is set for October 19, with pre-trial hearings in the interim as settlement offers may be put forth.

**Zoning Administrator – Mr. Robert Hall:**

Mr. Hall reported on the Walton Junction situation. He is working with the attorney on citations and the theory for land use municipal civil infraction violations. They will be issuing as many citations as possible; under the statute the maximum amount in fines a court can award is \$500 per municipal civil infraction for land use violations. Collection is not always successful. Compliance is the ultimate goal; however, if we go to court, orders will be written outlining specific compliance requested. He will need to get final photographs. The Township does not issue fines. We have requested a formal hearing. He reported in one instance, the land owner sold on a land contract; however, it was not recorded. Multiple citations may be issued in that case.

Ms. Amanda Scott from the Joint Planning Commission, also Fife Lake Township Assistant Zoning Administrator, has done a tremendous job organizing parcels and parcel numbers with 90% of the records organized in that fashion rather than by names and addresses as those change whereas parcel numbers do not.

There has not been much permit activity. It is important to remember that permits are not automatic; there is an application process. The importance of this is evidenced in the Walton Junction situation. He continues to work closely with the Township Supervisor on any permit issues.

He has received an application through the Zoning Board of Appeals appealing a decision he made. He has requested a site plan; however, has had no response in two weeks. He will follow-up again with the individual next week.

**Fife Lake Area Joint Planning Commission (FLAJPC) – Ms. Dawn Zimmerman:**

Ms. Zimmerman reported their last meeting was held on July 27.

The Recreational Marihuana Ordinance was on the Agenda. Planners were given a draft Zoning Ordinance on Recreational Marihuana as well as a copy of the adopted Township Recreational Marihuana Ordinance to review.

Mr. Shane Lewis replaced Mr. Charlie Jones on the Board. Ms. Chrissy Ingersoll has resigned and has not yet been replaced.

A wage increase was discussed for Planners with consideration of a \$15 increase from \$45 to \$60 per meeting.

There was ongoing discussion on the Master Rec Plan. They would like to complete this within the next couple months for the community to review, and there will be a future public hearing on the matter.

A Special Meeting was held August 10, 2021 after receiving the draft Zoning Ordinance Amendment which included Marihuana Ordinance Amendments. Planners returned with discussion and questions which were given to the Township Zoning Administrator to discuss with the Township attorney.

Their next meeting is August 31.

**Civic Center South – Ms. Gerianne Street**

Ms. Street reported Heritage Days will be held this weekend at Civic Center South. There will be an Arts & Craft show, cornhole tournament, beer tent, and entertainment. She encouraged guests at the meeting to attend.

They are working on ridding of the old bleachers. Scrap metal needs to be disposed of; if anyone knows of someone with a heavy duty trailer, please contact Supervisor Street.

On Monday nights the United Methodist Church is holding Fun Nights from 4-7 p.m. at Civic Center South.

**Lake Shore Drive – Messrs. Mike Kattreh and Greg Sova**

Absent – No Report; both gentlemen are attending the Grand Traverse County Road Commission meeting this evening.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Public Hearing - Short-term Rental Ordinance: Supervisor Street opened the Public Hearing portion of the meeting to guests in attendance.

Supervisor Street read aloud an email correspondence from Ms. Kelly Brault who was unable to attend the meeting in person. In summary, she reported she owns a home in Fife Lake that she has been renting for five years with many renters who return year after year. She states these individuals spend money in town, tell their friends, and are a positive for the community. She has never had a negative experience. She is very concerned with the Township limiting the number of allowable short-term rentals to 20 (she counted nearly 40 current rentals) as it would eliminate opportunity for those currently renting or risk violating this Ordinance by continuing to rent. She asked the Board to not pass such an Ordinance.

Supervisor Street read aloud an email correspondence from Kevin and Cindy Mannor who could not attend the meeting. Mr. Mannor writes that while he respects property owners' rights, he hopes the Board does something to control on some level the amount of units allowed as well as have someone assigned to intercede problems when an owner does not. He believes these properties have every right to be an Airbnb; however, the activities of the renters become the responsibility

of the property owners. He believes that many of these properties could have a negative impact on property values in the community. He asked the Board to consider enacting something which could balance and control this issue.

Supervisor Street read aloud an email correspondence from Joseph and Pamela Lawrence who could not attend the meeting in person. They stated they reviewed and support the proposed Short-term Rental Ordinance. Online platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO have popularized short-term rentals across the country including Northern Michigan. Surrounding communities have enacted regulations to balance short-term landlords and their surrounding neighbors. They believe Fife Lake Township is behind the curve on this issue. One point of concern is short-term rentals raising prices and shrinking availability of housing for sale in communities with already inadequate housing inventory. They state vacation renters do not care about the local schools, roads, pollution, local land development, etc., that homeowners and long-term renters are concerned about. They urged Township Trustees to advance this Ordinance and support its intent to preserve and protect the community and neighborhoods.

There were numerous guests in attendance regarding this Public Hearing. Those who spoke were:

Mr. Gordon Smith, 630 Pierce, Fife Lake, MI 49633 (Village of Fife Lake)

Mr. Smith inquired "what has brought us here?" He stated that is the resounding questions. If this is a handful of complaints they should be addressed with property owners not legislation.

He owns an Airbnb 200 yards from the business he owns; he has operated it for three years and had zero complaints. Prior to that there were many; the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Department knew the way to his property.

His home is 100 yards from an Airbnb operated by a couple sitting in this room. The property was very run down when they purchased it; if the wrong people had bought it, he would be looking at cars on blocks and refrigerators on porches. Instead it is a well-manicured lawn with great neighbors, and no problems with the tenants.

How did the Township arrive at the number 20? There may be more than that now; some are not on the web, some are operated privately by individuals for years with the same people returning. Are you going to cut someone's income off? Are you going to legislate those people out or just bypass them?

A future Airbnb he owns is part of his retirement plan. "Don't legislate my retirement." As real estate prices have soared, some people need to rent their place out a week out of the month or year to supplement their income. There was a recent death in his neighborhood with five surviving adult children taking over the house that will no longer have homestead property tax exemption. The only way they can keep it in the family is to rent it out once a month.

These places bring business to town. He has done business here for 22 years; there are only seven places left on Fife Lake's Main Street. This legislation will be another nail in our coffin. Our Zoning Administrator just told us moments ago it's an arduous practice to stop someone from misusing the land, with a \$500 fine. If this Ordinance gets legislated, he'll pay the \$500 fine once a year and let you haul him into court.

He keeps a guest log at his Airbnb. Under "Places I Would Recommend" he gets the same comments and places from guests (Gordy's Place, the Loon's Nest, Quilter's Clinic) and wonderful comments. These guests are from all over the country and state: Detroit, Ann Arbor, East Lansing, Howard City, MI, Perrysburg, OH, Green Bay, WI.

Ms. Karen Fall, 616 Pierce St., Fife Lake, MI 49633

Ms. Fall stated she is not a short-term renter and believes this Ordinance for short-term renters is disastrous for this community. There are two places to stay in the Village of Fife Lake, totaling 18 units. Now you want to add only 20 rentals? That only makes 38 rental units. This is a vacation destination. Vacationers bring their money, they want to enjoy the area, use the trails and spread the word. It's all good for the community. This Ordinance would be unwelcoming; permit fees will not make up for the loss of revenue.

The way the ordinance reads, it's all negative. Of course, there are some negative situations; i.e., parking places. Handle them on a case by case basis but don't cut the whole thing off! This would be bad for revenue for Fife Lake and businesses. She has always considered Fife Lake a resort town. She has lived here for 10+ years, relocating from Grand Rapids and working in Grand Traverse County. She has considered renting her home as a short-term rental. She has never seen a trashy short-term rental but lots of full-time ones that are. In a resort town, short-term rentals raise the market value of homes, not decrease them.

Mr. Dave Sexton, 11751 Lake Shore Drive, Fife Lake, MI 49633

Mr. Sexton believes this Ordinance is a bad idea--bad for business and property values. He has no plans to rent his place; however, he believes this should not be litigated or zoned.

Ms. Stephanie Smith, 630 Pierce St., Fife Lake, MI 49633

Ms. Smith questioned why other townships in Grand Traverse County have been permitted 50 short-term rentals. Who allotted 20 here? Where in the community would the permit monies be put?

Since she has owned her Airbnb, she and guests are rated (as well as on VRBO). You do not get the same people as when she was renting month-to-month. Her place is located next to the bar; it is a bonus for her short-term guests as they can walk there. She does not agree with this Ordinance and would like answers to her questions.

Ms. Lisa Leedy, 125 Morgan Street, Fife Lake, MI 49633

Ms. Leedy stated she lives 100 feet from a short-term rental owned by people here tonight and it is the best it has ever been compared to the long-term rentals. The place behind her house used to be a long-term rental; there was also a full-time resident there. Now it is a second home. By far, the worst tenants were the homeowners.

She owns rental homes in the Township; none of them short-term rental properties. It is much more difficult to manage long-term tenants. Complaints can be handled through law enforcement as common complaints; i.e., trespassing, noise, fireworks are all under a current Ordinance that is a police power.

She asked the Township who plans to handle issues at 11:00 p.m. – the Zoning Administrator? No, you would call law enforcement. She believes a lot more thought should go into this as we already have difficulty regulating current Ordinances. This should be given more consideration.

Ms. Tawni Deike, 605 East State Street, Fife Lake, MI 49633

Ms. Deike stated she is a Village resident and Village Council Member. She echoes the same sentiments as the others. She isn't sure where the problem exists. Every short-term rental of which she is aware in our community has been positive. As Lisa Leedy stated, when we address this at the Village level, we recognize there are laws and Ordinances that address the issues we would see in a short-term rental (fireworks, noise, dogs barking, bon fire too large). She is confused as to why you wouldn't address complaints of short-term residents in the same way you would address long-term residents?

Another concern she has is that we have a Joint Planning Commission. How would this Ordinance affect Village residents? The number of 20 rentals seems to be arbitrary. Would the Village create their own Ordinance? Certainly, want to be a joint planning, collaborative community. If Fife Lake Township does an Ordinance, the Village could create an Ordinance that could be contradictory and create a lot of problems. Why not work together in a joint effort as a community, as a Joint Planning organization affecting our community in a positive way, hearing their voice, representing them as our constituents and doing what's best for our community as a whole?

She understands there will be instances and the occasional problem few and far between. They should be addressed individually; not as a whole, for the entire Township.

Mr. Tom Rookus, 10995 West Drive, Fife Lake, MI 49633

Mr. Rookus indicated he drove up from downstate for this meeting. He presented his comments and questions in bullet point format:

-What prompted this? If it is truly to get more rentals in the community for residents, we targeting the wrong thing. On the lake in the wintertime, he sees approximately 10 homes with lights on, and they are full-time residents. The rest of them are either short-term rentals or families who have a place here.

-He looked at Airbnb; there are 10 properties listed here. Airbnb or other rental services are helpful to augment income for homeowners. Some people also invest in properties as rentals. People looking for short-term rentals will go to Traverse City if there are not opportunities here.

-What does first come/first serve mean in the Ordinance?

- He vacationed here 25 years ago and moved here full-time 20 years ago because it was a great community
- Can there be any controls to implement; i.e., reduce the 30 days to seven days (weekly rental).
- Make it easier to apply. It looks as complicated as getting a permit to build a house.
- Renters spend money in the community.

Ms. Cora Wilson, 404 East State Street, Fife Lake, MI 49633 (Fife Lake Village)

Ms. Wilson asked "Who introduced this Ordinance and why?" She believes it is stupid and chases people out of town. She is leaving next month. She believes the Board needs to do something to embrace bringing people into this Township. Businesses need the revenue to survive as they struggle. It would also bring in sales tax monies. She would like to know what negative incidents have occurred to bring on this Ordinance.

**BOARD DISCUSSION / RESPONSE** - Supervisor Street responded to some concerns:

Regarding the question of who came up with this Ordinance:

She referenced our former Assistant Zoning Administrator who previously worked with East Bay Township where they have an Ordinance that seems to be working well. She reviewed it with Zoning Administrator Bob Hall. She often gets calls asking if Fife Lake Township allow short-term rentals; the answer is no. However, there are short-term rentals. Currently, the zoning does not allow for it. Every time a house goes up for sale, people want to buy it for short-term rentals.

There aren't that many in the Township; she printed some maps. An online check this week showed Airbnb with three and VRBO with two. On Tuesday of this week, there were a total of seven. Earlier this summer there were a total of 14 in the Township and Village. That was taken into consideration when determining a limit of 20.

We do not need to put a limit; East Bay Township did not and wishes they would have put a limit on theirs because there are so many now.

She has only received one complaint call; this Ordinance did not come about because of a lot of complaints.

Looking at shorter terms could be an option.

She wants houses to be kept in families; the only way some people can do that is to rent it out from time to time.

Re: Where is the permit money going? To the General Fund. More people equals more wear and tear on infrastructure. Lake Shore Drive is already a problem; if all 20 rentals were on that road, perhaps some of the funding would go to that. The Milfoil on the lake always needs to be taken care of. Renters are using the lake and homeowners are paying the special assessment for the Milfoil.

As far as who will respond to complaints – the Ordinance allows for a caretaker within 45 minutes. They would be the first point of contact as many short-term rental owners live downstate. They would provide an affidavit with contact information to neighboring property owners.

She personally uses Airbnb and VRBO and loves it. She agrees with the guests that they are usually very nice.

Just recently on Airbnb someone was renting a tent on a deck, charging \$19 per night. It was lovely. Unfortunately, what if they wanted to put up 10 more tents? How can you control that?

She stated this is a Police Power Ordinance, not a Zoning Ordinance; it does not go through the Planning Commission.

Zoning Administrator Bob Hall contributed to the discussion. He told guests he appreciated the valuable and constructive comments and their valid concerns. While he is relatively new to Fife Lake Township, he has been in Zoning for 20 years.

Short-term rentals fall under a General Regulation Ordinance; it is not a Zoning issue. It was never meant to stifle economics. He pointed out that it stems from a safety concern. He gave an example of a fire scene with a two bedroom, one bath house with 23 residents in it. While this has not been an issue in Fife Lake, it is a concern, and he has dealt with it on Lake Mitchell in Cadillac. You cannot rent a home on a long-term basis in Cadillac without an inspection for ingress/egress, fire alarms and smoke detectors. He was running into overcrowded bed/sleeping arrangements. This Ordinance was certainly not created to stifle economic activity; it needs it.

From a Planning and Zoning perspective, he states yes, we do have a Joint Planning Commission. Anything done in the Township would not cross over into the jurisdictional lines of the Village and vice versa. Ms. Deike is also correct in that a Joint Planning Commission should work together for the greater community. His takeaway from this discussion is there is a need for further discussion on the matter and between the Township and the Village. He has only received two complaint calls.

Supervisor Street stated this Ordinance was never meant to squash short-term rentals; it was to provide guidelines and encourage them.

Zoning Administrator Hall interjected that since 2017, there has been State of Michigan legislation basically stating local authority would have no say or control at all on short-term rentals. Communities responded, wanting some type of control through zoning, police power or some type of Ordinance because some communities are suffering. As well, some are thriving. He, too, has stayed at short-term rental properties.

The Michigan Township Association this past spring became involved under full committee as this same legislation came out to the House & Senate floors this winter. The State was trying to overturn a Michigan State Supreme Court decision that said short-term rentals are a commercial use of property. The only way you can change a Supreme Court decision is to change the law at the State level. They wanted to say that no, short-term rentals are a residential use of property.

However, he believes more than anything it is more of a safety and community standards issue. How many units are too many? There must be balance between short-term rentals and long-term, year-round lived in residential properties. It is true that the infrastructures of many communities are strained. While the Fife Lake area doesn't have that issue presently, but there are other communities where their DPW and water systems are strained. He works in communities where they are on sewer and septic. Septic may be designed for an occupancy of eight, not 18. Bottom line, numerous ancillary issues and factors must be taken under consideration.

Supervisor Street referenced the results of a Planning Commission survey that was put out into the community on the subject of short-term rentals. There were 120 respondents. She shared the results of the survey:

“Do you believe short-term rentals should be regulated in the community? Responses:  
52.4% Yes for a Short-term Rental Ordinance and 47.6% No.

“How would you like the Village and Township to address short-term rentals?” Responses:  
58.8% require registration.  
51 % limit the number allowed.  
45% create zoning standards for approval.  
33% prohibit in certain areas.  
17.7% require a minimum distance between rentals (this is not is the proposed Ordinance at this time).

Other responses included:

Have a local manager contact.

Prohibit in the Village limits.

No opinion, I don't know, I don't care.

Rules for compliance complaints with the different level for the number of offenses:

1<sup>st</sup> offense – warning, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense – fine, 3<sup>rd</sup> offense – license revoked.

Trustee Zimmerman added that this is a unique situation in that our community's lake properties comprise Fife Lake Township, Fife Lake Village and Springfield Township. She does have some suggestions for change and questions regarding language issues, fee justification, and the proposed limit of 20 units, but she does not view the Ordinance as negative. Short-term rentals have been here for years. However, she believes we do need some type of guidelines. This Ordinance is a start.

Clerk Gifford thinks short-term rentals are great and expressed the phrase “protect thy neighbor.” Ms. Street also thinks they are great and would like to tell callers we do have short-term rentals.

Trustee Gibson spoke, indicating when she first saw the proposed Ordinance she viewed it entirely negatively for the community and shared the feelings and responses of our audience this evening. Her list of questions is the same as our guests': Where did this come from? How many complaints have we had? How many do we actually have in our Township? Is this Ordinance really warranted? Aren't these issues what our Ordinances and police officer are for? She agrees with Ms. Deike that we can't just adopt this without researching how this will affect the Village. Have we talked to Fife Lake Village and Springfield Township? This will affect them. This issue needs much more research, community input and discussion. She believes as written it would be a detriment to the Township, community and businesses. Another regulation is not the answer.

Ms. Street opened the floor up again to Public Comment. She reiterated that the Township needs some formal guidelines in order to be able to tell people definitively we do or do not have short-term rentals whether someone is purchasing a home or inquiring about vacationing in the area. However, she believes we must have instruments in place for safety with fire detectors, proper egress windows and doorways, and rules to ensure there are not 20 people staying in one bedroom. Right now this is not happening; however, we are planning for the future.

Trustee Zimmerman agrees it is not appropriate to respond to callers "no we don't allow, yes we do have them." We need to implement something formal for short-term rentals.

Trustee Sorrow expressed that she agrees with this discussion and is not ready to vote on this matter, believing it needs some work.

Mr. Shane Lewis, 11744 East State Street, Fife Lake, MI 49633

Mr. Lewis asked about those property owners who only offer two weeks for rent - do they hold one of the 20 spots while preventing the remaining 50 weeks of the year to be rented out by someone else? He agrees the properties should be safe. Have someone certify them as such.

Mr. Dave Sexton: (2<sup>nd</sup> comment)

Mr. Sexton reiterated the question that has been asked multiple times tonight of "How did this Ordinance come about?" He doesn't believe that has been answered yet. How many incidents have there been? Our deputy is here tonight to respond. No one has talked about "Is there a problem? Where's the data?" He is a business owner; when he makes decisions they are based on data. He has heard nothing today that has factual data other than comments such as "we think," "we feel," "there could be," "there might be 15 people in a bedroom," "we could have a problem with a fire," but emphatically asked where is the data?

He moved here because it's a great place. The decisions you are making sound like they are about money; i.e., fix the roads, work on infrastructure. You say it's not about money, but talk about how you are going to use the funds already. He stated he was very confused on the Board's answers. This is his first meeting and it is scaring him. He told the Board if they are going to make decisions, have specific data.

Over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, he saw the worst behavior by residents lighting off fireworks (not short-term renters), and they were out of control. He also stated when he first moved here, he met both of his neighbors and exchanged phone numbers in order to call each other if there were problems with any of their renters to resolve it themselves. He doesn't think everything should just be thrown at law enforcement.

Ms. Lisa Leedy: (2<sup>nd</sup> comment)

Ms. Leedy indicated she would like to respond to comments made by the Board during the meeting:

-How many parcels total are there in the Township?

-In the Village, they try not to regulate a minor number when there are other Ordinances in place to address issues.

-Re: wear & tear on infrastructure; she believes there is not necessarily more demand with a short-term vs. a full-time resident.

Re: scatter camping; people currently scatter camp on State land and there is a permit process for this. Additionally, she believes this is already addressed and covered in the Zoning Ordinance.

Re: Michigan Township Association - to clarify what Mr. Hall said, they spoke about local control. They were not in favor or against short-term rental Ordinances in any community. They spoke in favor of local control, wanting each unit of government to control their own entity.

-In her experience, when realtors call, they want to know about all of the land uses and for what they are approved.

Re: ingress and egress – this is already heavily regulated through building codes and the life safety process.

Re: permits – theoretically she could get a permit for a short-term rental and sit on it in order to not be left out on the Board's premise of a first come, first served basis. How would this impact effect local business? It is not fair to anyone then.

Mr. Scott Gwizdala, 228 East State Street, Fife Lake, MI 49633

He stated he is not a proponent of government intervention in private property but he has a take on taking a private property and turning it into a business aspect. In his business, they are inspected and monitored properly through the fire department and insurance company. They have to abide by regulations and ensure all fire extinguishers are monitored, checked and verified. The only thing he would ask in moving forward is that it be a safe place for people to rent, that it is inspected appropriately and passes inspection, and that it is then monitored periodically by those who do the inspections. He doesn't want to inhibit anyone from earning a living; it's all about making sure people are safe. He would hate to see a fire and learn there was an issue with how it was rented.

Mr. Tom Rookus: (2<sup>nd</sup> comment)

Mr. Rookus asked if East Bay Township had any information regarding inspections. Ms. Street stated parts of our draft were designed from East Bay's and Onekama's. He noted some owners just want to rent their property a couple of weeks or less than a month a year to pay their taxes.

Mr. Gordon Smith: (2<sup>nd</sup> comment)

Why are short-term rentals being discriminated against vs. long-term rentals? If short-terms must be inspected to comply with your Ordinance then he demands every long-term rentals also be inspected. There are families living in squalor in long-term rental properties hooked from one to another with extension cords and multiple people using the same septic system. He does not want to feel discriminated against.

He has every intention of operating two short-term rentals in the Village. If the Board legislates him out, he heard tonight there is a \$500 fine; he reiterated he will pay the fines, go to court and utilize the Township's legal resources and be fined. He believes this is preposterous. It is not unreasonable to create an Ordinance; it is totally unreasonable to limit it to 20 units.

A friend of his purchased all of Downs Lake; 300 acres (Fife Lake/Union Townships). The man owns three homes on that lake; one is a short-term rental, one is his cottage and the third will likely operate as a short-term rental. The Union and Fife Lake Township line goes down his driveway; the Hagar place he purchased is in Fife Lake Township, and he is in Union Township. Mr. Smith advised his friend of this proposed Ordinance. His friend stated he bought a home on 300 acres of property with no neighbors but himself; requiring a permit is unacceptable to him.

Ms. Street reiterates the Township is not doing this because there have been problems. If it is passed, it would not affect the those who live in the Village; the Village can do what it wants.

Ms. Cora Wilson: (2<sup>nd</sup> comment)

Ms. Wilson stressed that we are not East Bay Township. Do what's best for Fife Lake Township. Consider Fife Lake Township.

When she was renting out a short-term unit, those people ended up buying property up here. Board Member Zimmerman has done the same. A guest in audience did as well. Regarding regulations and safety, Airbnb and VRBO are all rated. There are surveys. If properties aren't up to par, they will know and people will not book them.

Should there be some regulation? Maybe, but no limit on the number of units. This Ordinance needs to be re-thought. There needs to be public input; when doing a survey, it should be sent to more than 120 people. No one in the audience here has stated they received one.

Mr. Dave DeVree, 324 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Fife Lake, MI 48633. Stated he also owns 320 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

He owns a place directly across from the park on Mirror Lake. His driveway shares the turnaround where the kids do donuts all the time. People who visit here have a mindset vacation; they aren't here to harm anyone. They are here to enjoy themselves and spend money in the bars, and have breakfast and dinner in the restaurants. You are crazy if you want to take monies out of this town.

If you want to talk to him about the nuisance, talk to the man who lives near him and what he has to listen to every Saturday; i.e., the foul language, the fights and the garbage he has to put up with. How many people really cause problems on vacation? If they get drunk and are shooting off fireworks, call someone. Take care of it. Call him-he'll fix it. This is a very social business. Everything we do seems like "review, review, review." If we don't do this right, no one will be coming. Businesses, including his, will shut down.

He built his building from shambles, and it is beautiful. People return time after time. You don't have the right to tell him how to run his business. The people who come to rent from him tell him if he is doing it right. If you think there is a problem, fix the turnaround where they block his driveway every Saturday. Come and sit on his patio and listen to what he has to put up with. He appreciates our new officer; who has been to his place and is aware of the situation.

He has been confronted by a dozen dogs across the road; he has chased people out of his back yard preparing to urinate there. If you want to regulate stuff, come to his place. The problem is not with short-term renters.

Ms. Ann Williams, 8896 Cedar Ridge Lane, Fife Lake, MI 49633

Ms. Williams asked if Airbnb has occupancy regulations. It sounds like occupancy is a problem; i.e., 20 people in a two bedroom place. She doesn't agree with the 20 unit limit. She just moved back here and is taking care of her parents' property up here now as they are aging and she is considering renting out the cabin behind hers.

Supervisor Street reiterated there haven't been problems to date. We don't want problems or an accident to happen.

Fire Chief Scott Tinker, Fife Lake Township/Springfield Township, 134 Morgan Street, Fife Lake, MI 49633

Chief Tinker reported that short-term rental Ordinances originated downstate in cities and metropolitan areas due to things like frat houses, colleges and places of that nature. Metro areas had to do something because when a frat house has an occupancy of five and they have 30 people in it, that is where the problem lies.

For small Townships like Fife Lake, Springfield, Boardman, Kalkaska and rural areas, we are seasonal areas and must look at different venues and renters (summer and winter). This is what makes Fife Lake strive. He's been around here all his life; his grandparents lived on the lake. He knows where the revenue comes from; this area strives off its tourists. East Bay Township strives off its metro policy and venue; they have big motels, venues and college there.

On the Fire side, when you are talking about a safety Ordinance, that puts a burden on the Department. If an Ordinance is put in place, the Department must do an inspection per home. They are not a big fire department. Metro fire departments charge for inspections and issuing citations; he does not want to do have to do that. Metro departments have paid staff specifically charged with doing inspections. His department is volunteer/part-paid per run.

Ordinances should be in place to protect both property owners and Fife Lake Township; however, he does not think it needs to be limited. He believes it should be collaborative on the Authority Board and Fire side with the Townships.

He suggested short-term rental property owners create a group to see what is in their best interest and what is best to protect their investments as well as the Township's.

Ms. Karen Fall: (2<sup>nd</sup> comment)

Ms. Fall stated "If it's not broke, don't fix it. We don't need this ordinance." She states that Supervisor Street has reiterated there haven't been complaints. Ms. Fall stated she doesn't care what East Bay did. She did review the Ordinance as well as others; i.e., Long Lake, East Bay, and believes the Fife Lake Township is asking for a lot of information that is unnecessary. The Township doesn't need a copy of my deed just to apply for this permit. Payment is due with the application; if I am denied, do I get my application fee back? If someone owns four units does he/she take up four permits? There are too many grey areas and the Township needs to do away with this Ordinance. There is nothing broken to fix. As a former daycare provider, we had to have inspections for licensure, safety, etc. I was not required to

provide my deed, etc. You are making it too difficult. You have stated it may not be a limit of 20 but presently that is what is stated on the current draft.

Ms. Tawni Deike: (2<sup>nd</sup> comment)

Regarding the statement Board member Dawn Zimmerman made regarding responses given to inquiries about whether short-term rentals are allowed here. She believes there is some confusion and it needs clarification. Her understanding based on statements is that the Township currently has no zoning allowing or disallowing short-term rentals. Therefore, that doesn't mean it is or isn't allowed. Additionally, there is nothing that enforces it at all. She agrees with Ms. Zimmerman that the answer relayed to inquiries may not be accurate. Generally, if there is nothing that says you cannot do something, it generally means you can.

She is also concerned from a community standpoint and collaborative Township-Village standpoint, Planning is a Zoning entity, but this issue is a police power. Yet she is very confused that the survey was issued by the Planning Commission. Clearly, this topic has been addressed by the Planning Commission in some way, shape or form. As someone who has previously served on the Fife Lake Area Joint Planning Commission and in her mind, the idea is "What do we want Fife Lake to be? What is our vision of Fife Lake in 5, 10, 15 years? What as a community do we want? What is our goal, and how do we get there?" "Do we want short-term rentals, what do we want them to look like, what are the positives and what are the negatives?"

She, like many others in this room, has lived here her entire life. Fife Lake is her home and she is very passionate about it. She helps educate the children in our community and is active on committees in the community. She believes this Ordinance puts the cart before the horse in that the questions she poses have not been answered. She stated that guests at the meeting tonight have provided great input and questions in voicing their concerns, and she appreciates that. The bigger picture is how to gather data, communicate together, conduct a data-driven analysis, and do what our community wants.

Mr. Shane Lewis: (2<sup>nd</sup> comment)

Mr. Lewis believes Ms. Deike raises a great question. He also understands in the absence of an Ordinance for regulation, there is no regulation. Supervisor Street stated she needs to locate the document provided by Zoning Administrator Hall in response to this very question, which she also had. Mr. Hall essentially stated "if it's not in your Zoning/Ordinances, it's not allowed." Mr. Lewis would be interested to see this document. He stated he has a large family of 10 children; if he were a short-term renter, you would have a problem with him.

Mr. Tom Rookus: (3<sup>rd</sup> comment)

Mr. Rookus asked what the policy is on long-term rentals. Ms. Street is unaware of that information and would defer to the Zoning Administrator. He stated he was livid with the 10-page Ordinance document; he didn't even get to the pictures or application pages. He is driving a total of four hours to/from this meeting because of the proposed short-term rental Ordinance. He expressed his experiences renting Airbnbs himself and his daughter's while hiking the Appalachian Trail, and how we will have part-of a 4,400-mile trail going right through our town. Money comes down that trail with people. Let's not just let them go and stay in Kingsley, Lake City, Traverse City, etc. We want to be welcoming, have people come and stay in our town, and spend money in our town.

Ms. Deborah Newell, 8927 Wil-Pet Drive, Fife Lake, MI 49633

Ms. Newell questioned Section N under "Taxes" in the proposed Ordinance re: "the person who runs a short-term rental shall pay any applicable sales tax and/or required Michigan Use Tax for any stay of 30 nights or less". She wonders why this is a requirement in the Ordinance anyone's business whether the owner pays their sales/use tax. Ms. Street referenced it is listed in Airbnb you have to pay taxes. Ms. Newell stated she knows the rules. *(Note: The rest is indeterminable as there were numerous voices talking over one another.)*

Ms. Lisa Leedy: (3<sup>rd</sup> comment)

Ms. Leedy believes there is some confusion between Police Power Ordinances and Zoning. A Police Power regulates activity; Zoning regulates land use. If it's viewed as a Zoning Ordinance, then we can't do it. If it's under a Police Power Ordinance, then it doesn't address it at all, and it's not prohibited. There needs to be clarification on this so people understand it better.

Mr. Gordon Smith: (3<sup>rd</sup> comment)

He reported the accommodations of his existing Airbnb (sleeps 4-5). It is not in his interest to put 25 people in his rental. He is rated on Airbnb 4.8 of 5 stars; it is in the owner's interest to run a tight ship to maintain good reviews and get more business. There are eight businesses in town on Main Street (including the grocery store). He can hit five vacant buildings from his business with a rock. That is a sad editorial. What drives business in this town is people, largely people who do not live here. Businesses provide jobs. Take the revenue out of this town, drive businesses out, and tell people why they have no place to work.

Ms. Cora Wilson: (3<sup>rd</sup> comment)

Ms. Wilson asked "What prompted this Ordinance?" Supervisor Street reiterated her earlier response of her work with former part-time Zoning Administrator Jake Myers and his work with East Bay Township on short-term rentals and the benefits to developing an Ordinance to manage rentals and avoid issues. She then spoke with current Fife Lake Township Zoning Administrator Bob Hall on the ambiguity of the response given to callers inquiring whether the Township allows short-term rentals. Based on his experience and expertise, he advised her to respond with "We do not allow them in our Township, but yes, there are some." In response, some people considering buying a house as a rental would reconsider. This is what prompted the Ordinance.

Supervisor Street reiterated to the room she wants to tell people "Yes, we allow short-term rentals!"

The Public Hearing ended at this time; Supervisor Street thanked guests for attending the meeting and for their input. There was Board discussion about the direction to go with short-term rentals. The following Board Action took place:

**Board Action:**

Ms. Street made a motion to form a Short-term Rental Committee to further address this issue and be comprised of an FLT Board member, a short-term rental owner, a business owner and a resident. Ms. Sorrow seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Gibson-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Street-Y, Sorrow-Y, Gifford-Y. 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

This committee will be headed by Ms. Gerianne Street and Ms. Amanda Scott.

**Laser Gun for Speed Control:**

Deputy Reed would like a radar gun for use in the Township and Village. Currently, the officer does not have one; but rather only forward running radar. He is only requesting the unit, not the accessories. It would be the property of the Township. A quote for \$2,150 was presented from Kustom Signals, Inc. There is a three-year warranty. Monies come out of the Police fund.

**Board Action:**

Ms. Sorrow made a motion to authorize purchase of a ProLaser4 Traffic Safety LIDAR gun in the amount of \$2,150 from Kustom Signals, Inc. Ms. Gifford seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Street-Y, Gifford-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Sorrow-Y, Gibson-Y. 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

**Milfoil Special Assessment Resolution:**

Ms. Gifford reported that, as in the past, every four years this Resolution needs to be renewed. This treatment would be for 10 years for Fife Lake Township and Springfield Township.

Fife Lake Township is 80% of the cost at \$22,360; Springfield Township is 20% of the cost at \$5,590, for a total of \$27,950. The process entails Fife Lake Township and Springfield Township adopting a Resolution, holding a Joint Public Hearing, Board Meetings, and public postings. It needs to be finalized in time to be put on the tax bill.

Savin Lake Services will again be the vendor. We have used Savin for past 20 years and receive discounts from them. No other bids were procured, however, options were explored. This was previously shopped and we accepted a lower bid from a different company who did not follow-through with their service. Savin has consistently provided quality service.

**Board Action:**

Ms. Gifford made a motion to approve the Amended Resolution Creating the Fife Lake Special Assessment District, Ordering Creation of Special Assessment Roll, and Scheduling Hearing on Assessment Roll. Ms. Sorrow seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Street-Y, Sorrow-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Gifford-Y, Gibson-Y. 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

**Parking Lot Repair and Resurfacing:**

Ms. Street procured two bids; one included some repair services.

Done Right Sealers: \$1,308 to seal coat, \$200 for rubber crack filler, and \$599 for striping. No repair services were listed. Total: \$2,008.

Molon Asphalt, Inc.: \$1,521 to seal coat, \$391 for hot rubber crack filler, \$968 for asphalt repair and \$600 for striping. Total: \$3,480.

This needs to be completed before the weather turns cold. There was Board consensus two bids were adequate, and Done Right Sealers was a less complete bid. The costs on services each vendor submitted were comparable.

**Board Action:**

Ms. Sorrow made a motion to accept the Molon Asphalt bid in the amount of \$3,480 for Parking Lot Repair and Resurfacing. Ms. Gifford seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Gibson-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Street-Y, Sorrow-Y, Gifford-Y. 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

**Generator Hook-up for Township Hall/Emergency Services:**

Ms. Street reported there is no generator at the Township Hall, and we are considered a Safe Haven.

Fife Lake Area Utility Authority Compliance Officer Ray Ravary and Mr. Charlie Browne are each providing bids. She will procure one more bid.

Rescue Act monies will be considered for purchase of a generator. The Board suggested a temporary solution in the interim. This would entail a line wired to the fuse box, across the ceiling to the parking lot to hook up to a generator from the Sewer Authority. Funds spent on the temporary fix would not be wasted as this line can be used for the on-site generator purchased in the future that will sit outside of the building.

Fire Chief Scott Tinker provided examples of past power outage examples and issues with the fire department unable to open overhead doors, freezing issues, etc. He suggested an automatic system and to discuss specific needs and capabilities of the Township and Fire Department. Ms. Street indicated there may be a Special Meeting to address this.

**Appoint Shane Lewis to Board of Appeals:**

**Board Action:**

Ms. Street made a motion to appoint Mr. Shane Lewis to the Fife Lake Zoning Board of Appeals. Ms. Zimmerman seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Sorrow-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Gifford-Y, Gibson-Y, Street-Y. 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Sale of Township Equipment:**

Ms. Sorrow submitted a detailed report which Supervisor Street read aloud to address the building, grounds and maintenance at the cemetery.

-FLAUA offered to remove the concrete building at the cemetery entrance in exchange for the two zero turn mowers.

-She located someone who would remove the shed, take scrap from back of the cemetery and remove the roof from the block building.

-American Waste will charge \$560 for dumpster to remove debris.

-The new shed would be relocated to the old well house and house well equipment and other items. There is a \$500 bid for this; she is awaiting the bid to prepare the land for this relocation.

-Great Lakes would need two days' notice to disconnect service at no costs; in the spring there will be a reconnect fee. Mr. Charlie Browne looked at buildings and would need electric in the new barn. Could mount signage on building.

-The plan would be to turn off water after Labor Day. In the spring use the existing hydrant and another until we can fund an irrigation system. The current system is old and constantly failing with excessive tree root involvement causing problems with underground pipes and gravesites.

-Mr. Dave Crowley offered to take all equipment to his shop and help us sell it.

-If we choose to retain the concrete block building, the second plan to trade work for the mowers with FLAUA will follow.

-Mr. Roger Gibson offered to open the old road to the back of the cemetery with his bulldozer at a cost of fuel only.

-Jamie from the Village picked up and dumped garbage cans; they are turned over now. We were having household garbage dumped there. FLAUA would trade by helping cut and clear stumps.

-Jake from Mitten has been cleaning up storm damage. Many tree branches and trees need to be addressed. She suggested we request him to do spring cleanup and mowing soon so we are prepared for next season.

There was extensive Board discussion.

To relocate the shed, Mr. Alan Strause provided a new bid of \$200 instead of \$500. The foundation to put the building on a 4x4 perimeter with gravel pad would be \$1,000.

She has been meeting and speaking with people to sell and trade for services/items. Fife Lake Village would like the trailer and leaf blower. FLAUA agreed to swap work for the zero turn mowers.

Mr. Dave Crowley has offered to pick up and repair mowers. We should negotiate a percentage of the sale for his services.

Mr. Sean McInnis is interested in purchasing some equipment. The Board agreed to first attempt to sell/trade equipment within the municipalities before offering it to the public in the event it could still be used in the community; i.e., FLAUA, Fife Lake Village, Springfield Township.

Discussion continued regarding the historic concrete building at the cemetery and Board Member interests in preserving it over demolition. Ms. Street has a mason who is going to look at it. Ms. Amanda Scott knows of a youth group that does preservation work. There was Board consensus to try to preserve this building and taking this off the table for demolition at this time.

Regarding the well house, it may need some fill and a retaining wall. It would cost \$1,200 to move the building and provide fill. A retaining wall will be considered later if necessary as the cost is \$3,500.

**Board Action:**

Ms. Street made a motion move forward with the proposed cemetery project presented by Trustee Sorrow with the stipulation she speak with Mr. Ryan Howell, Auditor and Ms. Emily Escajeda, H&R Block Accountant to include:

Moving the new shed, preparing the foundation for it, the sale of equipment, opening the inaccessible road, disconnecting water service and preservation of the cement building. Ms. Zimmerman seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Street-Y, Sorrow-Y, Gibson-Y, Zimmerman-Y. 4-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.  
Ms. Gibson abstained due to any concerns for a conflict of interest.

**Signage for Boat Launch:**

Ms. Street informed the Board the cost went up a little bit in price. The green signs didn't work with colors. Ms. Street presented a photo mock-up. There is a \$150 cost each for the posts they slip into.

**American Rescue Funds:**

Supervisor Street requested each Board member review the information on American Rescue Funds enclosed in the meeting packet and to put serious thought into areas of the Township which could benefit from funds. If they can provide

cost projections, that would be helpful. She also asked them to put together a list, by priority, for the Board to consider. All information will be carefully reviewed in planning for allocation of these funds.

**Update on Recreational Marijuana Progress:**

Supervisor Street reported we are waiting for the Joint Planning Commission to hold a Public Hearing on the Marijuana Zoning to vote on where they may put those businesses. Once determined, FLT will hold a Special Meeting to continue the process. Ms. Zimmerman has not received responses to questions the Planning Commission gave Zoning Administrator Bob Hall to ask the attorney. However, Ms. Amanda Scott stated she has the list, will get questions answered and get them to Ms. Zimmerman for the Joint Planning Commission so she has it for their meeting.

**July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 Budget Adjustments:**

Ms. Street reported there were 16 line items over budget; the biggest item being Medical Marijuana for \$11,353 as there was previously no budget for it. In making adjustments to balance the budget, funds were moved from five separate line items. Another line item that was high was Assessor's Supplies. To complete balancing the budget, \$27 was moved into Road Maintenance.

**Board Action:**

Ms. Street made a motion to approve the July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 fiscal year Budget Adjustments as presented. Ms. Gibson seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Zimmerman-Y, Street-Y, Gifford-Y, Sorrow-Y, Gibson-Y. 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Ms. Gifford stated we need to replace building fobs; she will provide Board Members with new ones.

Ms. Gifford reported True North Law has filed a very large FOIA request; this will consume an exorbitant amount of time. True North Law represents Michigan citizens; the FOIA regards the 2016, 2018 and 2020 General and Primary Elections.

**Outstanding Task List:**

The Outstanding Task List was reviewed. New tasks were added throughout the meeting and completed items removed.

Ms. Zimmerman of the Noise Ordinance Committee reported they met two or three times this past month and submitted a draft Noise Nuisance Ordinance to the Township Supervisor who will forward it to the Township attorney for review.

Ms. Zimmerman of the Road End Public Access Improvement Committee reported the group went into the community, took photos and made notes. They will be having a meeting shortly. This is an ongoing project.

**CITIZEN COMMENT:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ms. Sorrow made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Gibson seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Gifford-Y, Sorrow-Y, Street-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Gibson-Y. 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

**Submitted by: Kay Z. Held, Recording Secretary**