

FIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP

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Regular Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES
AMENDED

Thursday, April 28, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Gerianne Street called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Supervisor Street called Roll.

Present: Supervisor Gerianne Street, Clerk Leigh Gifford, Treasurer Cathy Sorrow and Trustees Dawn Zimmerman and Nicole Gibson. A quorum was established.

Absent: None.

Also Present:

Fife Lake Chamber of Commerce President Mr. Stan Patrick
Fife Lake Township Deputy Supervisor Mr. Jeff Berthiaume
Village of Fife Lake President Mr. Dave McGough
Recording Secretary Ms. Kay Held

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Amendments / Additions:

Add to Consent Calendar:
Special Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2022

Add under New Business:
Sparling Road FOIA Request

Add to Old Business:
Road End and Access Budget
Recreational Marihuana
Elections

Add to Other Business:
Fife Lake Chamber of Commerce 4th of July Request
ARPA Purchase for Fire Department
Road Brining Contract
Fife Lake Area Planning Commission Budget
Motorcycle Awareness Resolution
Supervisor's Pep Talk

Remove from Old Business:
Noise Ordinance

Board Action:

Ms. Sorrow made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Ms. Street seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Gifford-Y, Sorrow-Y, Gibson-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Street-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 Regular Minutes of March 24, 2022, Fife Lake Township Special Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2022, Financial Report, Transfers and Bills to be Paid.

Board Action:

Ms. Sorrow made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as amended. Ms. Gifford seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Zimmerman-Y, Gibson-Y, Street-Y, Gifford-Y, Sorrow-Y. 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

The following correction should be made to the April 21, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes:
Page 1, Cemetery Bid Cleanup, Sentence #3.

Change FROM: "He gave her two contacts for bids, and the Cemetery Committee was unable to procure a third party."
Change TO: "He gave her two contacts for bids, and Ms. Sorrow was only able to procure one contractor bid for service."

CORRESPONDENCE:

Ms. Street received a letter from Grand Traverse County Deputy Administrator Chris Forsyth regarding training at the Pugsley Gun Range. She read the correspondence aloud. The training schedule begins May 1, 2022 and will be consistent with 2021's schedule. Ms. Street inquired whether a schedule would be provided; he replied it will not.

A Letter of Intent was received from Mr. Roger Gibson, as required, expressing his interest in volunteering to investigate the prospective development of a Township Police Department. Ms. Street read his letter aloud which outlined his relevant experience and knowledge.

Supervisor Street read aloud an obviously fraudulent email supposedly authored by her to Clerk Gifford requesting the purchase of gift cards. Other Board Members also received it and agreed it was suspect. The email address was odd as was the verbiage. Ms. Street advised Board Members "do not open/do not reply" if a similar email arrives.

A memo was received from Ms. Penny Challender, President of Hayes Manufacturing, which Ms. Street read aloud. The company expressed thanks for Township consideration; however, will decline the offer for tax abatement and extension as their plans going forward have changed dramatically. They may reapply in the future.

Trustee Zimmerman thanked the Township for supporting her in attending the 2022 MTA Annual Educational Conference in Lansing recently. She attended seven educational breakout sessions over the three days including: Directing, Day to Day Administration, Budget, Marihuana, Zoning, Road Ends, Ethics & Leadership.

She brought back numerous handouts for anyone interested as well as a Policy Matters book. Ms. Street also attended and agreed it was well worth the time and membership investment.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Mr. Stan Patrick, President, Fife Lake Chamber of Commerce, 7461 Blue Road, S.W., Fife Lake, MI 49633
Mr. Patrick spoke to the Board representing the Fife Lake Chamber of Commerce asking for support to defray Sheriff/Security costs over the 4th of July holiday. The Township's support in the past has been appreciated. He is asking for \$1,600 of an approximate \$2,000 cost.

He also indicated the South Boat Ramp will again be closed on the 4th of July from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 a.m. on July 5.

Mr. Shane Lewis, 11744 East State Street, Fife Lake, MI 49633
Mr. Lewis stated he attended training that others were at (for clarity of these Minutes; he did not specify the training).

He provided a printout of the 2020 Supreme Court decision stating we could be held personally accountable for discrimination against religious organizations. It was an article from AttorneysforLandUse.com/church-land-use-guide.

He reported he received an email from Supervisor Street about replacing him on the Zoning Board of Appeals with Ms. Dawn Zimmerman; there are now two people from the Township Board on the ZBA, which is a violation. He stated he would like to be considered for reinstatement on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Additionally, he stated the resignation of the Assistant Zoning Administrator is being reviewed this evening. He asked for consideration to serve in that position. If there is no one yet appointed yet as FOIA Resolution Designee, he would also like to be considered for that role.

GUESTS: None.

REPORTS:

County Commissioner – Mr. Rob Henschell:

Absent – No Report.

Sheriff Department:

No Deputy – No Report.

Supervisor Street read aloud letter from Captain Chris Clark, Grand Traverse County Sheriff Department. In summary, his correspondence states Fife Lake Township will not be invoiced for one quarter of the Fife Lake Community Police Officer costs due to the current vacancy. With four new employees starting with the Sheriff's Office, he is optimistic by the end of June, a Deputy will be assigned to the Fife Lake Township CPO position.

He also noted Lt. Chris Oosse will be retiring April 29, with Lt. Brandon Brinks assuming his duties.

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

Ms. Nicole Gibson reported on EMS:

Ms. Gibson received a report from Mr. Mike Berendsohn, EMS Director of Kalkaska Emergency Service.

There were 21 calls for service in Fife Lake Township and 10 calls for service in Springfield Township.

At the last Emergency Services meeting there was a presentation to the EMT and Paramedic staff for lifesaving efforts of our citizen, Mr. Steve Vaughn Van Amburg, who required lifesaving cardiac care. Steve, his wife, family and friends were there for this moving service. Certificates were also presented to the Fire Department for their integral help with the emergency call.

Zoll and a hospital representative were on hand for the event. Zoll provides defibrillators to the hospital system.

A new EMT has been hired for 5th truck staffing, new ventilators are on order, ACLS/PALS refresher classes are scheduled for April 20, 40 Alpha 6 is up to date with maintenance, and the disassembly process has begun for 40 Alpha (estimated to take 90 days). Standbys are in the Township; the 2022 schedule is posted.

Chief Scott Tinker reported:

There were seven runs in the Village:

3/5/22: MVA Rollover accident; 9 personnel on-scene 3 hours & 35 minutes.

3/10/22: MVA Rollover accident with injuries; 4 personnel on-scene, 45 minutes.

3/12/22: Structure fire, seven personnel on-scene; 4 hours & 30 minutes. Eight departments on mutual aid call.

3/15/22: MVA down embankment; 6 personnel on-scene, 1 hour & 30 minutes.

3/20/22: MVA rollover with entrapment; 9 personnel on-scene, 1 hour & 30 minutes. Mutual aid with Paradise Emergency Services.

3/26/22: PDA (Public Damage Accident); five personnel on-scene, 1 hour & 15 minutes.

3/31/22: Fire Alarm – accidental trip; 3 personnel on-scene, 15 minutes. He cancelled staff. Department is in the process of creating an Ordinance with the Authority to begin billing for nuisance alarms. This is the sixth one through Summit in the last four months. He will need to present the Ordinance for approval with each Township.

They were approved for the new pumper tanker; delivery is expected in August. Mr. Roger Gibson lent his expertise at the pre-build meeting due to his expertise.

Chief Tinker will be presenting a capital request for Marine II; he located a very good bid for a motor through DeWitt Marine and will present it at the next Township Board meeting.

He will also present the new 5-year Capital Plan at the next FLT Board meeting.

Chamber of Commerce Stan Patrick inquired when fire boat will be ready; Chief Tinker replied "Quickly, if the Board approves."

Clerk Gifford noted a new line item needs to be added to the Budget for police funding reimbursement (she has a line item number). The expenditure amount is \$566 and she believes it was a legal expense for the Sheriff's Department. She will clarify exactly what the expense was. Ms. Street tabled the subject to next month's meeting.

Fife Lake Village – Mr. David McGough:

Village President McGough reported:

At the March meeting of the Village, they re-approved the Parks & Recreation Plan. The Fife Lake Area Planning Commission budget was adopted. They discussed roads and updated Elmer's bids from a couple years ago.

There has been discussion about a dog park at the park; their Commissioners mentioned some grant monies may be available. There was approval for the purchase of four more pots for planting. Spring Cleanup will be held May 14 from 8-12 by the recycle area at the Village office parking lot.

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

Ms. Leigh Gifford reported:

The FLAUA is awaiting the 2021 Audit for review and approval; it is completed. The Compliance Officer is looking for a 14' (approx.) flat bottom boat for use on the sewer pond. He is seeking a part-time employee. Financial accounts are in good standing with the budget YTD.

Zoning Administrator – Mr. Robert Hall:

Absent –Report Provided

Ms. Street read his report aloud. In his opinion and short-time with Fife Lake Township, he questions if the Fife Lake Area Planning Commission (FLAPC) has a clear objective in mind, including Township and Village objectives and whether the appointed Commission Members have a thorough knowledge of planning goals and community objectives.

In his memo, he stated the FLAPC seems to lack much organization and much of what should be decided internally appears to be delegated to each municipality. While the Ordinance and Agreement splits costs evenly, it is evident the greatest burden of work has been on behalf of Fife Lake Township. His suggestion to the FLT Board is to seriously consider FLAPC expectations. He would like to assist Fife Lake Township in any way possible.

He attended the 2022 MTA Educational Conference and met with Mr. Andy Moore, Community Planner with Williams and Works where they discussed what makes a planning commission successful. He also enjoyed seeing Township, FLAPC, and Village representatives as well as Mr. Shane Lewis from FLAPC at a Wexford Joint Planning Commission sponsored training.

Ms. Street stated Mr. Hall is working on blight at the corner of Hodge and Sparling Road; she asked all Board Members to make a visit to the location.

Fife Lake Area Planning Commission (FLAPC) – Ms. Dawn Zimmerman:

Ms. Zimmerman reported:

Their meeting of April 19, 2022, included a Public Hearing on the proposed Village Zoning Ordinance for Recreational Marijuana. A Motion was made and seconded. The Planning Commissioners recommended increasing the distance from 300' to 500' from where a pre-existing public or private K-12 school, church, beach or park is to match what the Township's Recreational Ordinance states. She reported there was an excessively lengthy discussion.

The FLAPC tabled the Master Plan. They reviewed By-Laws; however, will revisit this. They are waiting on Township Board approval of their 2022 proposed Budget (on tonight's Agenda); the Village has approved it. The Board is seeking to hire an attorney to represent the FLAPC when needed. Their next meeting is May 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Civic Center South – Ms. Gerianne Street

Ms. Gerianne Street reported:

The group is still working on ideas to fund the walking path; it is very costly. They are exploring grant opportunities. They continue to discuss the dog park project; a public survey will be put out on social media. She has a membership to Survey Monkey if anyone should have a need to utilize it for gathering input on projects and topics.

Lake Shore Drive – Messrs. Mike Kattreh and/or Greg Sova

Mr. Mike Kattreh reported:

Supervisor Street arranged a meeting with the Grand Traverse County Road Commission. This was a 2.5 hour meeting with five members of the Road Commission.

Mr. Kattreh stated the only local road in Fife Lake Township that is paved is Lake Shore Drive. The Road Commission indicated they may offer to look at it early next fiscal year and alluded if townships are willing to put forth funds, it might be moved up on the list. Lake Shore Drive was in their brochure as one of their projects.

He stated, generally speaking, it appears the County would cover the cost. FLT is one of the lowest recipients of funding. He and Ms. Street are hopeful.

It was recommended there be contact between Fife Lake and Springfield Townships with the Village of Fife Lake as there is road cross-over between Fife Lake Township/Grand Traverse County and Kalkaska County. Mr. Tom Gonyer of Kalkaska County indicated they have no funds and no millage. He will be talking with the Kalkaska County Road Commission.

On another note, the Road Commission purchased City Works software which allows Township Supervisors to access it to view roads, their conditions and project status. Supervisor Street will receive training on City Works.

They also discussed the east side of Sparling Road a bit. He and Ms. Street commended each other for their efforts in this matter.

Police Committee – Mr. Roger Gibson

Mr. Roger Gibson reported:

From the initial suggestion of developing a Township Police Department, Mr. Gibson had an immediate desire to become involved with what started as an idea and has grown in significance. The FLT Police Committee is currently comprised of Mr. Gibson, Mr. Jeff Berthiaume, Ms. Gerianne Street, and Mr. Dave McGough. While this is still in a developmental stage, it would be a great thing for our community, and we would be able to better control and manage our policing.

He stated Clearwater Township in Kalkaska County is in the process of developing a police department; their millage proposal is on the election next week. He is contact with their Township Supervisor and invited to talk with their Police Commissioner on May 10. He looks forward to the discussion and exchange of information to bring to the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

FOIA Resolution and Designee:

Ms. Street stated there are some questions about our charges for FOIA requests. In the meeting packet is the Policy for Freedom of Information Act Requests used by East Bay Township. This document can be used as a template to customize FLT's. Our attorney will review the document. Ms. Street asked the Board to review the East Bay template for future Board discussion.

The former FLT Board had named a FOIA Designee; however, the current Board did not update it. Clerk Leigh Gifford had been named as Designee. The subject of Fees was also discussed by the Board.

Regarding procedure, when there is a FOIA request, there will be a shared file so that each Board Member can access and is aware of real time activity.

Board Action:

Ms. Street made a motion to change the Policy & Procedures verbiage to "the current FOIA Coordinator is the Township Clerk" versus listing someone by name as personnel change periodically. Ms. Gibson seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Sorrow-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Street-Y, Gibson-Y, Gifford-Y. 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

EGLE Watershed Grant (EGLE: Michigan Dept. of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy, formerly DEQ):

Supervisor Street read aloud EGLE correspondence from Ms. Teresa Seidel, Director of Water Resources Division, stating the Fife Lake Township application will be awarded \$40,000 for Boat Cleaning Stations for Fife Lake. The funds are not provided up front; the Township is required to pay and be reimbursed the funds.

She spoke with our Auditor Mr. Ryan Howell, who supported this financial procedure. A separate account will need to be set up for this, much like the Boat Launch account.

The project will go over \$40k by approximately \$1,500 for electric installation. With Village Board approval, Mr. McGough stated the Village has agreed to pay for this charge.

Assistant Deputy Supervisor Berthiaume will liaise with Supervisor Street on this project.

Board Action:

Ms. Street made a motion that as soon as we receive the signed contract from EGLE, we submit a P.O. for equipment as stated in the EGLE grant for the Boat Cleaning Stations. Ms. Sorrow seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Gifford-Y, Street-Y, Gibson-Y, Sorrow-Y, Zimmerman-Y. 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

ARPA Reporting:

Supervisor Street stated the ARPA report is due 4/30/22. The Auditor has completed it; Ms. Street needs to sign it. Items have been previously approved by the Board.

Van's Lane:

At the County Road Commission meeting, Ms. Street was asked about the worst road location in the Township. She replied Lake Shore Drive as well as Vans Lane. Vans Lane is in very bad shape; it is a County road on each end, but the middle is Seasonal. It is heavily traveled, often in speeds too high for safety and is in dangerous condition. The Road Commission grades it a couple times a year at no charge; fees will be \$1,000 for each additional grade after that. If there is a catastrophic incident (fallen tree, drainage issue), they will respond. Vans Lane is not maintained in the winter; residents are on their own for plowing.

Ms. Street will investigate complaints about any other roads. There was extensive Board discussion about this situation; the Board believes it is a County issue. The Board reported Fife Lake Township receives annual funds through the County Asset Management Plan; with \$33k a year for the next three years. Some of these funds are used on road brining. Funds need to be used or they will be lost.

Assistant Zoning Administrator Resignation:

Supervisor Street read aloud Ms. Amanda Scott's resignation as FLT Assistant Zoning Administrator due to her many professional and personal commitments. Ms. Street announced the opening for a Marihuana Administrator, formerly titled Assistant Zoning Administrator. The same search committee will head this personnel search.

In the interim, she asked the Board to increase Deputy Clerk Tom Hempsted's hours to help out. She and Clerk Gifford have spoken with him and he is agreeable to it. Ms. Gifford complimented Ms. Scott's and ZA Hall's efforts in reviewing Marihuana applications. She stated the thorough review by multiple people is both helpful and necessary.

Board Action:

Ms. Zimmerman made a motion, with regret, to accept the resignation of Assistant Zoning Administrator Amanda Scott. Ms. Street seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Gifford-Y, Street-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Gibson-Y, Sorrow-Y. 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Board Action:

Ms. Street made a motion to fill the position of Marihuana Administrator (formerly Assistant Zoning Administrator) on an interim basis with Deputy Clerk Tom Hempsted until such time we can advertise and select a candidate. Ms. Sorrow seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Street-Y, Gibson-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Sorrow-Y, Gifford-Y. 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Lake Accesses and Road Ends:

There was Board Consensus to remove this topic as they will be covered separately under the Old Business section.

Board Action:

Ms. Street made a motion to strike "Lake Accesses and Road Ends" above from New Business. Ms. Gifford seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Sorrow-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Gibson-Y, Street-Y, Gifford-Y. 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Sparling Road FOIA Request:

Clerk Gifford read aloud correspondence from Attorney-at-Law Mr. Brace Kern requesting a FOIA request related to the seasonal segment of Sparling Road. His request outlined 10 items. Both Clerk Gifford and Supervisor Street will review materials to comply with this request.

Mr. Shane Lewis stated the Kingsley school bus picks up at M-186 and M-113, turning right at Sparling Road; however, cannot get through there.

OLD BUSINESS:

Blight:

Supervisor Street reported the blight situation at Walton Junction has been resolved. However, there are additional locations in poor, blighted conditions, and she has received complaints. These areas are on Vans Lane and Sparling/Hodge Road. She requested each Board Member visit these sites to view the conditions.

Cemetery Ordinance & Cemetery Updates:

Ms. Sorrow reported there was a cemetery walk-through Special Meeting. We are waiting for the electrical inspection for hook-up for the well. We are also waiting for dangerous downed tree removal and related cleanup of the heavy damage debris. Jake of The Mitten will follow with his scheduled cleanup. No date is scheduled yet for the logging work of the expansion.

Trustee Zimmerman inquired about some of the verbiage in the Ordinance and items that have been revised or updated. There was Board discussion. Approval of the Cemetery Ordinance is being tabled until the Township attorney reviews the final version/clean copy.

Document Retention Meeting:

Deputy Supervisor Jeff Berthiaume suggested a Special Meeting for Board Members to meet to discuss what types of documents will be retained electronically then subsequently break-out in smaller groups. Policies, procedures and work instructions will also need to be developed for ongoing applications and consistency as personnel changes over time.

He asked each Board Member to email him at deputysupervisor@fifelaketwp.com their availability for a Board meeting to conduct a work session to be scheduled after May 16, at which time he will schedule it. Of most importance is for individuals to come to the meeting with specific ideas and information for document retention relevant to their area of expertise on the Township Board and functions. He will facilitate the meeting and Ms. Amanda Scott will assist.

Office Cleaning:

Clerk Gifford spoke with a couple of contacts she knows who provide commercial property/office cleaning services; one party is interested, and the other is not available. Clerk Gifford will also post the position availability on the FLT website and office door.

Noise Ordinance:

This was removed from the Agenda as an Amendment at the start of the meeting.

Road End and Access Ordinance:

This Ordinance was approved September, 23, 2021; however, was not properly published in the newspaper.

Board Action:

Ms. Street made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 09-23-2021 to amend Article 300, Chapter 304 of the Code of Ordinances for Fife Lake Township currently entitled "The Fife Lake Township Lake Access and Mooring Ordinance." Ms. Zimmerman seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Gifford-Y, Sorrow-Y, Street-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Gibson-Y. 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Clerk Gifford will publish the Ordinance in the Traverse City Record Eagle within 30 days.

Road End and Access Budget:

Trustee Zimmerman reported the Committee met on 4/20/22. She reviewed the Boat Access and Road Ends Improvement List, reading aloud projected costs:

\$ 2,100	Signs to mark Accesses and Road Ends; 7 signs @ \$300 each
300	Shipping
350	7 Rule Signs
10,000	Fencing for Birch Street Access: est. based on 2021 bid of \$8,000
	Dock and Pad for Pickerel Lake (Maxine St.) Access
	Clean-up of Pickerel Lake (Maxine St.) Access:
1,000	with EGLE/DNR approval
2,500	Aluminum Floating Dock for Pickerel Lake (Maxine St.)
800	Survey of Clark Street Road End
<u>\$17,050</u>	TOTAL

ARPA Funds may be available for this because it is park improvement. Some of the expense may also be covered through grants. Supervisor Street displayed one of the Access/Road End signs; there will be smaller ones with the rules.

Board Action:

Ms. Street made a motion to approve a maximum amount of \$17,050 for improvements to accesses and road ends, to be covered by ARPA funds and/or grants. Ms. Sorrow seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Gibson-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Street-Y, Gifford-Y, Sorrow-Y. 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Recreational Marihuana:

At the MTA Conference, Supervisor Street learned of ways to promote and bring more marihuana businesses into the township. She spoke with Mr. Andrew Brisbro of Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) (formerly MRA) to verify we were on the Adult Use Website. He replied in writing, indicating FLT was on the "Opt Out" list. We need to send our adopted Ordinance for Recreational Marihuana to "opt in" to the State of Michigan Adult Use (Recreational) Marihuana website. The Supervisor and Clerk will ensure a signed copy is forwarded to Mr. Brisbo.

Elections:

Clerk Gibson attended the Clerk's Meeting last week and Townships were advised if they will be putting millage language on the November ballot, it needs to be on the August ballot. Their deadline for content is May 10. Fife Lake Township will have election millages for Operating, Police, Fire and Ambulance. The Township will need to approve these through a Special Meeting due to the County deadline.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Budget Adjustments:

Supervisor Street needs to distribute this information and suggested this item be tabled to next month's meeting, and there was Board consensus.

Motorcycle Awareness Resolution:

Ms. Karen Robinson was in attendance and provided an update on her efforts to coordinate the signage portion of this campaign. She got permit approval from the Grand Traverse County Road Commission, has staked out locations, and has posts ready to install. Signs will be installed the day of the ride. She will notify Grand Traverse County Sheriff Department of their ride and stops so they are aware of the activity. The ride is May 21.

Ms. Gibson reported one of the locations across from the church is actually in the Village of Fife Lake, and Ms. Robinson will need their approval; the Village's next meeting is May 16. Village President McGough was in attendance of tonight's FLT meeting, and is aware of the situation. He will put it on their Agenda.

Ms. Robinson will email Supervisor Street a copy of the ride promotion for publication in the Township website.

Board Action:

Ms. Gibson made a motion to adopt Resolution #0428-2022 to Support Motorcycle Awareness Signs in Fife Lake Township. Ms. Zimmerman seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Sorrow-Y, Gifford-Y, Gibson-Y, Street-Y, Zimmerman-Y. 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Fife Lake Chamber of Commerce 4TH of July Request:

The Fife Lake Chamber of Commerce requested \$1,600 for Grand Traverse County Sheriff added patrols during the 4th of July activities. Ms. Street stated this is an approved expenditure for Federal holidays. Monies would come out of our Police Fund.

Board Action:

Ms. Sorrow made a motion to approve \$1,600 in support of added police patrol from the Grand Traverse County Sheriff during the 4th of July holiday. Ms. Gifford seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Street-Y, Gifford-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Gibson-Y, Sorrow-Y. 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Board Action:

Ms. Street made a motion to announce the South Boat Launch closure on 7/4/22 at 7:00 a.m. until 7/5/22 at 1:00 a.m. Ms. Zimmerman seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Sorrow-Y, Street-Y, Gifford-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Gibson-Y. 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

ARPA Purchase for Fire Department:

Our Fire Department has requested \$1,000 in ARPA Funds from each Township. Springfield Township chose to buy something for the Department that would benefit the community; they are considering purchase of the fire boat motor. Ms. Street suggested that Fife Lake Township contribute half the cost of that boat motor.

Board Action:

Ms. Street made a motion that Fife Lake Township pay 50% of a boat motor (\$3,250) for the fire boat. Ms. Gibson seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Zimmerman-Y, Street-Y, Sorrow-Y, Gibson-Y, Gifford-Y. 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Road Brining Contract:

The Board reviewed the Grand Traverse County Road Improvement Agreement for road brining. Due to new materials, last year we only had one application, which was successful. The County provides a 50% cost match.

Board Action:

Ms. Street made a motion to schedule Grand County Road Commission to provide one brining application of our county maintained dirt roads and non-county seasonal roads for the amount of \$14,922.60. This is 50% of the cost. The Township will pay 100% for all seasonal, public access roads requested and for any additional applications after two. Ms. Sorrow seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Sorrow-Y, Gifford-Y, Street-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Gibson-Y. 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

The deadline for response is tomorrow; the Supervisor will submit our request tomorrow.

Fife Lake Area Planning Commission Budget:

Ms. Zimmerman presented the Proposed 2022 Budget with the Board, and there was Board discussion.

Board Action:

Ms. Sorrow made a motion to approve the 2022 Fife Lake Area Planning Commission Annual Budget (January 1 – December 30, 2022) as presented. Ms. Gibson seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Gifford-Y, Sorrow-Y, Street-N, Zimmerman-Y, Gibson-Y. 4-Yes, 1-No. Motion carried.

Supervisor's Pep Talk:

Supervisor Street thanked participants for attending the MTA Educational Conference in Grand Rapids. Mr. Berthiaume will be cataloging information he brought back. Next year the MTA Educational Conference will be at Grand Traverse Resort. She reiterated the conference was well worth the time and investment.

Ms. Street referenced the blight at Walton Junction; stating that 80% of the Board never visited or saw the sight. We owe it to the taxpayers that every Board member take time to make site visits in these types of situations. This will facilitate improved discussion and action when the Board is meeting and determining resolutions for the problems. She requested in the future that Board Members take a more active role in these situations.

She thanked Ms. Mary Ellen Dilley for information and recognized Clerk Leigh Gifford, also owner of Little Caesars of Cadillac, who participated with the Love Kitchen event in Cadillac, serving pizza to people in need. They donated supplies to The Love Kitchen to make pizzas, serving 250 slices. Many thanks to Ms. Gifford, Little Caesars and her staff for their community service! The Love Kitchen operates every day of the year, and has served more than three million people.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

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

Ms. Newell stated her son and daughter-in-law provided CPR to Mr. Steve Vaughn Van Amburg until EMS could arrive. Gratefully, he survived the event thanks to the efforts of these residents and medical personnel. When Kalkaska Memorial asked for the merger with Fife Lake, many residents were against it. Without the 24-hour Paramedic availability and their response time of less than seven minutes, it is unlikely Mr. Van Amburg would have survived.

Ms. Mary Ellen Dilley, 8611 East Sparling Road, Fife Lake, MI 49633

Ms. Dilley also referenced a time when she required emergency Paramedic response prior to the merger and had to wait for a Blair Township response. She is grateful for the merger as well.

Additionally, she expressed how wonderful the new Township logo and signage looks.

OUTSTANDING TASK LIST:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

VOTE: YEAS: All. NAYES: None. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Submitted by: Kay Z. Held, Recording Secretary