

FIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP

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Regular Meeting
Approved AMENDED MINUTES
Thursday, July 28, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Gerianne Street called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Supervisor Street called Roll.

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

Absent: Treasurer Cathy Sorrow.

Also Present:

Fife Lake Township Deputy Supervisor Mr. Jeff Berthiaume
Recording Secretary Ms. Kay Held

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Amendments - Additions:

New Business:

Salaries
Special Assessment
Bank Card Signers Update
2022-23 Meeting Calendar
Township Governance Academy Scholarship Application

Consent Calendar:

Amend May 26, 2022 Minutes (previously approved at June 23 meeting)

Old Business:

Noise Ordinance Committee
Fire-Ambulance Rental Agreement

Board Action:

Ms. Gifford made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Ms. Gibson seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Street-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Gibson-Y, Gifford-Y. 4-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None. Supervisor Street stated she will recuse self from Noise Ordinance portion of the meeting based on prior Conflict of Interest determination.

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

Fife Lake Township Regular Minutes of June 23, 2022, Amended Regular Minutes of May 26, 2022, Financial Report, Transfers and Bills to be Paid.

Financial Report:

Corrections:

Ms. Street asked for the MTA invoice to be pulled from the Financial Report for \$120 as a payment was already made that was not necessary. Therefore, this invoice is not applicable.

Regarding the Perfect Fence invoice amount; it was entered under the Boat Launch Project line item. It should go to the ARPA Funds. Amount: \$3,139.12.

Ms. Street would like an amendment made to the May 26, 2022 Minutes (previously approved at the June 23 meeting). Also remove the Financial Report from the Consent Calendar.

Board Action:

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Zimmerman-Y, Street-Y, Gifford-Y, Gibson-Y. 4-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Change to May 26, 2022 Minutes:

Page 8, "Other Business" heading, "Board Ethics" item, Sentence 3:

It originally read: "She attempted to resolve the issue directly with the resident but felt compelled to also address it this evening." It should be changed to: "She attempted to resolve the issue prior to the meeting but felt compelled"

Board Action:

Ms. Gifford made a motion to accept the Amended Minutes of May 26, 2022, Regular Meeting as corrected. Ms. Street seconded the motion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Street reported a complimentary letter was written to the Board by Ms. Mary Ellen Dilley.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Lisa Leedy, 125 Morgan Street, Fife Lake, MI 49633:

Re: Special Assessment District. Ms. Leedy reiterated some of the points she made at the October, 2021 meeting. She would like to know that all of the parcel numbers have been corrected, including parcels around the lake and municipally-owned parcels as the other list did not include parcels owned by the Village or either of the Townships. Language and consideration for a partial benefit for those that have shared lake access on Pierce Street can be done. The FLT attorney can get language from another community that has done it. A lot of communities with shared access have the benefit be 1/10th of what the normal benefit would be so that everyone has skin in the game to do their best on the Milfoil.

It was pointed out that no map or updates have been received yet from the provider on where the treatment is. She hopes before the next Public Hearing on Milfoil new maps are available as well as an update stating the condition of the lake and the results of the last treatment over the years.

She is not opposed to the Special Assessment District; she is opposed to the way it was presented at the last meeting. She wrote a letter so that she has the right to go to the tax tribunal if she chose to last time and she would do the same if all of these changes have not been made. Her comment is to specify that her intent is not to oppose Special District Assessment for Milfoil; she believes everyone who has the benefit should be paying it equitably.

She suggested the Township could also include maintenance fees for the new boat wash stations in the Special Assessment.

GUESTS: None.

REPORTS:

County Commissioner, Mr. Rob Henschell:

Absent – No Report.

Sheriff Department: Grand Traverse County Deputies Wallace and Wolbers attended. Deputy Wallace, Kingsley Community Police Officer (CPO), spoke and provided a report. He reported the Sheriff's Department is experiencing a staff shortage and hopes to be able to provide a Community Police Officer within the next couple of months. They currently have new hires in training.

He reported for March the Township had 23 calls for service; the Village had 8 calls for service. These included calls for a Suicide, Suspicious Activity and Traffic Complaints. He explained the nature of Suspicious Activity complaints.

In April the Township had nine calls for service; the Village had five calls for service. These included calls for a number of Suspicious Activity complaints and a Fraud investigation. He noted they worked on one the largest Wire Fraud investigations in the amount of \$350,000. This had also been reported the media. He warned that frauds are very rampant at this time.

In May the Township had 17 calls for service; the Village had eight calls for service. These included calls for Disorderly, numerous Accidents, and two Assaults.

In June the Township had 19 calls for service; the Village had 13 calls for service. These included calls for Suspicious Activity and numerous Personal Injury Accidents.

In July the Township had 16 calls for service; the Village had 16 calls for service. These calls included Larcenies of Automobiles, Grounds and Retail, Unlawful Driving of an Automobile (stolen trailer), Ordinance Violations (numerous calls to 414 Merritt Street for excessive junk) and two OWIs.

He also reported this summer there have been numerous extremely large parties, primarily on State land near Grand Kal at the corners of Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Wexford Counties. County Sheriff Departments, Michigan State Police (MSP) and the DNR responded. These parties are comprised of several hundred people.

The Grand Traverse County K9 Deputy had to remove himself and his vehicle from harm as people were jumping on the vehicle. There has been a death investigation at the site as well as numerous assault complaints. They have requested the DNR and State fell some trees on the two-tracks to make access more difficult. He visited the site recently, and the road is not completely blocked, but they did demolish the large areas where vehicles had been parking.

Law enforcement is continuing to monitor the area as once one site is shut down, the people find another spot. The people attending these parties are from outside of the area; i.e., Flint, Detroit and other places throughout the state.

Trustee Zimmerman remarked there have been two sites, Grand Kal Road and Headquarters Lake near the rustic DNR Park, where campers have been staying much longer than permitted. She was asked about this recently by multiple people, who were too frightened to visit the park on arrival. Officer Wallace will forward this information to the DNR and request patrol.

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 16 calls for service in Fife Lake Township and 9 calls for service in Springfield Township. They are hiring two more paramedics to staff trucks. A new truck was ordered (due for delivery two weeks ago). There will be an ITLS Provider class on the 29th. Three more Lucas automatic CPR machines continue to be on back order. New Hamilton T1 transport ventilators have been ordered.

Chief Scott Tinker was not in attendance; Ms. Gibson reported in his absence:

There were 10 calls for the month. They will be receiving the pumper tanker Aug 8. They have been extremely busy with wildfires recently.

Fife Lake Village – Village President Mr. David McGough:

President Dave McGough reported they submitted a Road Grant Application. The Board approved the Recreational Marijuana Ordinance as presented by the Fife Lake Area Planning Commission (FLAPC). They are working on surveying the alley by the post office. He referenced a report on the Boat Station. As a reminder, the Fire Department pig roast will be this Saturday, July 30, from Noon-6pm in Springfield Township.

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

Ms. Gifford reported the last meeting was July 20. They chose a new Attorney of Record. They are still looking for a boat for the pond with certain specifications. A couple more part-time employees have been hired for assistance to the Compliance Officer on outdoor projects. The budget report showed everything is financially on track.

Zoning Administrator – Mr. Robert Hall:

Absent – No Report.

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

Ms. Zimmerman reported the FLAPC met on July 12.

They met their new attorney via Zoom – Mr. Chris Patterson of Fahey, Schultz, Burzych & Rhodes out of Okemos. Their new Recording Secretary, Kay Held, introduced herself.

The FLAPC is working on the Master Plan for the Village and Township. A Fife Lake Master Plan Notice to Plan was distributed to all the required entities and the public. It was posted with dates and times of FLAPC meetings as well as where and how to view the Draft electronically. People were also informed how they may contact the Village or Township with input.

Their next Regular Meeting will be on August 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Civic Center South – Ms. Gerianne Street:

Ms. Street reported there has been a lot of interest and fundraising ideas on the Dog Park prospect. She met with numerous individuals to form a Dog Park Committee. They plan to participate in the Heritage Days Parade with a banner to promote a dog park. Heritage Days will be held in Kingsley August 26-28. They are looking at grant opportunities. Civic Center South is still working on making improvements to the walking path and the tennis courts. She was not present for the last meeting; however, there was no quorum so no meeting was held.

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

Absent – No Report.

Ms. Street stated she is still in contact with Grand Traverse County Road Commission and trying to verify if Lake Shore Drive is still on the list for next year.

Police Feasibility – Mr. Roger Gibson:

Absent – No Report. In his absence, Mr. Jeff Berthiaume offered that they had a very good discussion with the Police Chief of Gerrish Township in Roscommon and came away with a wealth of information.

NEW BUSINESS:

Risk Assessment:

Ms. Street met with our PAR Plan Administrator who did a Risk Assessment. He asked for contracts of all the people with whom Fife Lake Township does business.

He pointed out things that needed to be fixed on the building; i.e., emergency lights. She asked Ms. Gibson whether she knew if this would be the Township's or Fire Department's responsibility; Ms. Gibson believes it falls to the Township. Ms. Street will contact Safety First.

M-113 Property Forest Management:

Ms. Street called Lutke about harvesting pine trees there. She will also contact Grand Traverse County Conservation District to ensure best practices are followed. Harvesting was last done 15-20 years ago. The trees are now tall but are very close together and thin.

Boat Launch Parking and Sinkle Dock:

Supervisor Street reported that she spoke with the Boat Access and Street Committees that Mr. Sinkle asked for something permanent, in writing, stating he is able to have a dock so that he can go back and forth to his island. This would be on the west side of the boat launch. He has parking and a dock on a neighbor's property; however, that could be an issue in the future if that property is sold. She will see if there is already documentation on this and will be speaking about it at the Access meeting. She wanted to give the Township Board a heads up.

Copy Machine:

Ms. Street stated the lease on the copier expires this month. The rate is \$79/month (\$948/year). She does not believe the rate would change.

She asked the Board whether they would want to consider purchasing one. It would be approximately \$3,000, and we would be responsible for repairs. There was Board discussion and consideration that the existing contract includes maintenance, which can be costly.

Board Action:

Ms. Gifford made a motion to continue leasing the existing copy machine through LCA Bank Corp. Ms. Street seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Zimmerman-Y, Gibson-Y, Street-Y, Gifford-Y. 4-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

QuickBooks Users:

Ms. Street stated Ms. Linda Forwerck is still listed as a user on the QuickBooks account, which is no longer necessary. Deputy Clerk Hempsted would like to be added as a user. The license allows for four users. They would be Supervisor Street, Treasurer Sorrow, Deputy Clerk Hempsted and Ms. Emily Escajeda of H&R Block. Mr. Hempsted would need to be bonded.

Board Action:

Ms. Street made motion to remove Ms. Linda Forwerck and add Mr. Tom Hempsted to the QuickBooks account. Ms. Gibson seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Street-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Gifford-Y, Gibson-Y. 4-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Grants:

Supervisor Street informed the Board that many grant applications need to be approved before application is made. This may at times require Special Meetings due to Regular Meeting timing and grant deadlines.

Township Governance Academy Scholarship Application

Ms. Street needs Board approval to apply to the Township Governance Academy Scholarship. This Scholarship allows for additional training opportunities.

Board Action:

Ms. Gibson made a motion to allow Supervisor Street to apply to the Township Governance Academy Scholarship. Ms. Gifford seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Zimmerman-Y, Gifford-Y, Gibson-Y. 3-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried. Ms. Street abstained from voting.

Bank Card Signers Update:

Clerk Gifford stated the bank needs a formal motion made and carried to authorize changes to approved Bank Card Signers by authorizing the removal of past representatives and addition/replacement with present representatives. Ms. Linda Forwerck would need to be removed as well as Mr. Terry Street (if he is still listed). Township Supervisor Gerianne Street and Deputy Clerk Tom Hempsted need to be added. Current signers are Treasurer Cathy Sorrow, Deputy Treasure (Char) and Clerk Leigh Gifford.

Board Action:

Ms. Gibson made a motion to remove Ms. Linda Forwerck and Mr. Terry Street from the Forest Area Federal Credit Union Fife Lake Township bank accounts and credit cards and add Mr. Tom Hempsted and Ms. Gerianne Street to the list of authorized users of Forest Area Federal Credit Union Fife Lake Township bank accounts and credit cards. Ms. Zimmerman seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Street-Y, Gifford-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Gibson-Y. 4-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

2022-23 Meeting Calendar:

Clerk Gifford distributed the Fife Lake Township Board Meeting Calendar for the 2022-23 meeting schedule.

Board Action:

Ms. Street made a motion to adopt the 2022-23 Fife Lake Township Board Meeting Calendar as presented. Ms. Gibson seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Gifford-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Street-Y, Gibson-Y. 4-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Salaries: Resolution to Establish Township Officers Salary

Supervisor Street stated when the budget was approved, the Supervisor's salary was increased to match the Clerk and Treasurer. It was also discussed during the budgeting process to raise the Deputies, Sexton, Election Workers, Board of Review and Board of Appeals, etc. to \$15/hour; however, this was not discussed at the last Board meeting when the budget was approved. Clerk Gifford stated to increase the Supervisor's salary a Resolution needs to be prepared. The approval of the budget does not constitute a Salary Resolution. There are drafts of a Resolution to Establish Township Officers Salary in the meeting packet for each Board position.

Trustee Zimmerman inquired about the Resolutions and referred to the MTA Handbook where it states "A Salary Resolution should be restricted to stating only the salary of the office and not include other compensation to the person holding office for additional duties, expenses or other meeting pay." It also states "...because current office holder is legally entitled to receive the stated salary of the office."

There was discussion to delete additional verbiage in the drafts referencing other pay written as: "In addition to the above base wage up to 15 additional meetings outside regularly scheduled board meetings, paid on a per diem basis, shall be set at \$45 for (POSITION TITLE) attendance during the 2021-22 fiscal year." Therefore, based on Ms. Zimmerman's input, this paragraph will be referenced in motions below and likely deleted.

Board Action:

Ms. Street made a motion to increase employee wages to \$15/hour. This would include Deputies, Election Workers, Board of Review, Sexton, and Board of Appeals. Ms. Zimmerman seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Gibson-Y, Gifford-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Street-Y. 4-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Supervisor's Resolution:

Board Action:

Ms. Gifford made a motion to amend the Resolution to raise the salary of the Supervisor to \$1,350/month (\$16,200 annually) and delete verbiage referencing "additional wages" paragraph as referenced during Discussion above. Ms. Zimmerman seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Zimmerman-Y, Gibson-Y, Gifford-Y. 3-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried. Ms. Street abstained from the vote.

Clerk Gifford stated an adjustment will need to be made for additional wages paid the Supervisor last month, prior to the approval of the Salary Resolution.

Clerk's Resolution:

Board Action:

Ms. Street made a motion to amend the Resolution, keeping the wage as is at \$1,350/month (\$16,200 annually), and deleting verbiage referencing "additional wages" paragraph that begins with "In addition to the above base wage...." as referenced during Discussion above. Ms. Gibson seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Gifford-Y, Street-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Gibson-Y. 4-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Resolution:

Clerk Gifford stated the Treasurer's salary was at \$1,333 and a stipend for tax collection. She suggested this also be raised to \$1,350 to be in alignment with the other positions.

Board Action:

Ms. Gifford made a motion to amend the Resolution to raise the Treasurer's Salary to \$1,350/month (\$16,200/annually) and delete verbiage referencing "additional wages" paragraph as referenced during Discussion above. Ms. Gibson seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Street-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Gibson-Y, Gifford-Y. 4-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Trustee's Resolution:

Board Action:

Ms. Gifford made a motion to amend the Resolution, keeping the wage as is at \$400/month (\$4,800 annually), and deleting verbiage referencing "additional wages" paragraph that begins with "In addition to the above base wage..." as referenced during Discussion above. Ms. Street seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Gifford-Y, Street-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Gibson-Y. 4-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried

Special Assessment:

There was extensive Board discussion. Clerk Gifford stated she will place the required newspaper publication announcing the Public Hearing regarding the Special Assessment District. Supervisor Street reported she has already sent letters to additional residents who were previously affected in that two got their letters but their parcel numbers were not listed and five who were not on the mailing list.

Clerk Gifford stated a map was not sent with the October, 2021 letter. Ms. Lisa Leedy was asked for her input. Ms. Leedy stated a notice needs to be done again as the Board did not meet the criteria for the first notice of the Special Assessment District which means the process needs to be started over. Everyone needs to be noticed, which will be considered the first notice. Additionally, we need to hold the second meeting, and the map needs to be sent as well.

Ms. Street stated she has different information; Ms. Leedy suggested the Board consider an attorney consultation to clarify. Ms. Street reported she attended a Special Assessment webinar and, based on that information, she believes parties have been properly notified. However, she agrees the map needs to be sent. There was Board consensus as the maps need to be distributed, to include the letter with it. The initial notice referenced the map; however, it was omitted.

Ms. Leedy looked up the Special Assessment process and understands, by law, you must have everyone in the first notice and everyone in the second notice. It can't be amended and sent to some people but not everyone. Ms. Street believes this is not the case and that the seven people admitted are the only ones who need to receive this notice again. The Southtown area was also discussed. Everyone who will be assessed needs to be noticed.

Everyone was in agreement in the desire to do this process properly. Ms. Street will consult with the Township attorney to ensure accurate information and procedure is followed. Clerk Gifford will publish the newspaper notice and send out the notice with map to all residents in the Special Assessment District within the proper timeframe before the next Public Hearing.

OLD BUSINESS:

Boat Wash Station Yearly Costs:

Supervisor Street reported on the electric expenses that will accompany the use of the Boat Wash Station. In an attempt to split the cost three equal ways between Fife Lake Township, Five Lake Village and Springfield Village, we previously approved Fife Lake Township to pay 33% of the electric expense. Springfield Village, however, has agreed to pay 20%, the same percentage they pay for Milfoil treatment. As a result, Fife Lake Village has agreed to a 40% contribution. Fife Lake Township will need to discuss increasing their commitment from 33% to 40%. It is a minor dollar increase. Many thanks go to Deputy Supervisor Berthiaume for his work in researching the Boat Wash Station and working with the municipalities on the electric expenses, station installation and disposal.

There is software available to provide data for approximately \$1,000; however, it does not appear to be necessary for our purposes.

Board Action:

Ms. Street made a motion pay 40% of the maintenance cost of the new boat wash stations. Ms. Gifford seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Gibson-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Street-Y, Gifford-Y. Yes-4, No-0. Motion carried.

Mr. Berthiaume stated in his past discussion with the DNR regarding widening the boat entrance to allow more space for the Boat Wash area, they alluded they would pay for that. That no longer appears to be the case. He attended the Fife Lake Area Utility Authority Board (FLAUA) meeting and asked if they would consider transporting the tank we provide and

dispensing of the waste. They have agreed to do so and will not be charging the Township for any labor. Many thanks to them!

This year the excess cost to the grant will be \$357. Fife Lake Township previously approved paying 50% of this amount. He procured a quote for widening of the drive at the downtown Boat Wash Station in the amount of \$1,000. It really should be widened so that other boats and vehicles can pass when someone is using the Station. Village President McGough agreed that it needs to be widened. Mr. Berthiaume stated the annual costs to the Township have been brought down to approximately \$200 from what could have been \$600 (at the 40% pay). He provided this information for Board consideration.

Accesses and Road Ends:

Trustee Zimmerman reported the Committee met two weeks ago. They are waiting for five of the accesses to be surveyed, at which time six wooden posts will be cemented in. Signage will then be installed. They are currently working on individual access site sign verbiage. Their goal is to have the survey and signage completed by the end of summer. They may also get some shrubbery maintenance done by then. Birch Street and the South Boat Launch sites do not need to be surveyed.

Ms. Street reported the MRS work crew can work on the shrubs. She stated that they dug holes and placed the large sign; it will be cemented tomorrow. The crew will be working on a bench, the Boat Wash Station, the large sign and the bulletin board sign at the downtown boat launch.

Mr. Berthiaume stated the dead tree on Birch Street needs to be removed. He believes it may have been killed by Oak Wilt. November is the time during which this should be removed. He received a quote for this:

- \$775 to bring down the tree.
- \$200 if they haul it; no charge if the Township removes it.
- \$100 to get it cut in lengths for wood burning.
- \$200 for stump grinding.

Cemetery Updates:

Deputy Supervisor Berthiaume reported on the gate bids for the cemetery. Ms. Street stated we won't be doing anything until Lutke's is done with tree removal to avoid any potential damage to new gates.

He has a quote for \$7,973 for two gates in the EF25 style. To match it closely to the middle section, it needs to be similar to the EFS55 style. This will be an additional \$165; he needs to confirm if this is the additional expense for one gate or two. He believes it is for both. This would bring the cost closer to \$8,200.

ARPA funds may be used for this project. It was tabled at this time.

Document Retention:

Ms. Street will begin this project with the Supervisor's needs for document retention and compile a list. She will also consult with other Township Supervisors to review their practices. Ms. Gifford has a retention table for Clerk documents that should be retained.

ARPA Update:

Supervisor Street reported the second ARPA payment of \$56,484.55 has been received. We have approved and spent \$26,092.95 from the total amount thus far. \$87,414.80 remains in the fund.

Items approved and paid out of ARPA funds include:

Fire Barn Flooring and Drain System

Walton Junction Blight Clean-up

Down Payment for Fence on Birch Street

There were a couple smaller purchases (\$500, \$100). The amounts are on the financial report, but we need a copy of the actual invoices from Ms. Emily Escajeda for records as well as auditing purposes.

Noise Ordinance Committee:

Ms. Street recused herself from this portion of the meeting as previously noted in the Conflict of Interest section.

Trustee Zimmerman reported she had been directed at last month's meeting to put together a Noise Ordinance Committee. In addition to Ms. Dawn Zimmerman and Mr. Mike Kattreh, Mr. Lyle Spalding, Ms. Bonnie Dontje and Ms. Amanda Scott have agreed to be on the committee.

Board Action:

Ms. Gifford made a motion to approve the new Noise Ordinance Committee to consist of Ms. Dawn Zimmerman, Mr. Mike Kattreh, Mr. Lyle Spalding, Ms. Bonnie Dontje and Ms. Amanda Scott. Ms. Gibson seconded the motion.

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

Fire-Ambulance Rental Agreement:

Trustee Gibson followed up on this from last month's discussion. In her research, it is believed that the rental rate was increased from \$8k to \$10k annually the year prior to when previous Township Supervisor Linda Forwerck left that role. This would be three years ago.

She confirmed EMS does not pay any portion of the rent; the Fire Authority Board pays for it from the Fire Department Budget and Emergency Services Authority Budget. This is per the contract agreement per Mr. Mike Berendsohn, EMS Director of Kalkaska Emergency Service.

Renewal of the contract was tabled to the August meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Ms. Amanda Scott, 11380 Philips Street, Fife Lake, MI 49633:

Ms. Scott informed the Board and members of the public she is running for Grand Traverse County Commissioner, District 6. The election is in November; she will not be primaried. In her comment, she wanted people to know she was running because she is tired of the area not being represented well on the County Board. She is also fed up with the political gains and nonsense that she believes have occurred. She would appreciate the support of voters.

Additional Comment:

Supervisor Street commented on Ms. Mary Ellen Dilley's letter previously mentioned under Correspondence. She stated that conflict is not a bad thing; what matters the most is how we handle it, go forward to the public and respect each other. If we all agreed on the same things all of the time, we wouldn't grow. She genuinely appreciated Ms. Dilley's letter. She also greatly appreciates the Fife Lake Township Board, stating if they always agreed with her they wouldn't be doing their jobs. Several Board Members voiced agreement with Ms. Street's comments.

Trustee Gibson also expressed thanks to Ms. Dilley for her letter, appreciating input from the public. Ms. Gifford provided praise to Ms. Gibson in chairing two meetings in the absence of the Supervisor.

OUTSTANDING TASK LIST:

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

Carolyn Street Access Update:

As a follow-up to Ms. Jodi Thayer's concerns about the Carolyn Street access, she did some research and provided written communication to Ms. Thayer and Ms. Gray. The residents at the access had also attended last month's meeting and spoke during Public Comment. Ms. Street found the issue has been addressed in the past by three different Zoning Administrators. Maps were sent to Ms. Thayer/Gray. The center of the lake is offset where the Carolyn Street resident's dock sits. She spoke with our attorney about the situation. If Ms. Thayer is willing to pay approximately \$3k for a riparian survey, there are two or three people in the state certified to conduct those. She provided this information to Ms. Thayer. She also stated that the residents claimed they have not been listened to in the past about their property; however, in her research she believes they indeed have been.

CRA Opt-in List (Marihuana):

Ms. Street has been attempting to confirm that Fife Lake Township is on the Opt-in List with the CRA. She finds that the Township IS on the list; however, she does not see that list updated on their website. She has written multiple emails with no response. This will remain on the Outstanding Task List.

Fire Barn Roof:

The fire barn roof is in very bad condition. Ms. Street met with a trusted individual who stated we may not need to re-roof; a good paint job with the proper product will last another 20 years. She met with another individual who inspected the roof.

There are many places where screws have popped and need to be replaced. There are problems on the ridge vent/cap/casing. This would be a large project. Ms. Street and Ms. Gifford will continue to work on this before presenting options to the Board.

Walton Junction:

People and tents have returned to this location where there was a prior blight clean-up. They have been there for quite some time now. Ms. Street has been in contact with the Michigan State Police and the property site. She informed an individual he cannot live in a tent there. He moved his tent across the street. MSP was onsite as well. There is also a car on a private property owner's location that needs to be removed.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Kay Z. Held, Recording Secretary