

Village of Fife Lake  
Council Meeting  
August 3, 2015

Meeting called to Order: 7:05pm

**Roll Call:** Present: Fisk, Hayes, Roesemeier, Miller, Leedy  
Absent: Deike  
Others: Valerie Housour-Treasurer, Marcia Eby-Recording Clerk, Martin Miller-D.P.W.  
Guest: Bob Johnson- Grand Traverse County Commissioner

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Fisk to approve the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Special order of business:** none

**Consent Agenda Items:** No concerns voiced. Motion by Fisk, to accept the Treasurer's Report, the Bills and Transfers, and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Special Meeting from July. Seconded By Roesemeier

**Roll Call:** Hayes-Y, Fisk-Y, Roesemeier-Y, Miller-Y, Leedy-Y. Motion carried.

**Police/ Public Safety Report:** Leedy urged everyone in room to get the Code Red System to get emergency notifications by telephone, e-mail or text.

**Guest:** Bob Johnson – Grand Traverse County Commissioner discussed the upcoming scrap tire event on August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. He also discussed the 911 radios. The county purchased Motorola radios for First Responders and upgraded the 911 infrastructure. This is from monies from the 911 mileage that was passed.

**Public Comment:** Dave McGough, Last month he made two verbal requests, one for an itemized lawyer bill and the other on vendors. He presented a letter requesting those under the Freedom of Information Act. He thinks the spending is getting out of control regarding the lawyer's bill. He feels that Village should not pay lawyer's bill over personal issues with Linda Forwerck. Also feels that if supplies can be purchased here in town is should be rather than going somewhere else to get it. Need to support local businesses.

**Committee Reports:**

**Zoning:** One permit issued, working on issues pertaining to fence permits. There are a couple of disputes pertaining to lake front setbacks. Billings addressed some grass issues. The camper has been moved from the party store and a fine was assessed.

**Streets:** Martin Miller-D.P.W. reported that he has been busy cleaning after the storm. Roesemeier asked if the street lights have been changed yet. Leedy reported that the lights are not in yet.

**D.D.A:** No meeting.

**Planning:** No meeting

**Fife Lake Area Utility Authority:** Fisk discussed the ongoing problem with grease in the traps and causing problems with system. He is looking into getting some information on this issue. Ray and Dwayne are doing a great job. There have been problems with trespassing on the property. There looking into getting help for people on a fixed income to help with utility cost. Information will become available in October due to assistance programs being seasonal. There looking into implementing rules and regulations to get into compliance. DEQ is being helpful on working to get into compliance. Leedy questioned the gravel of Pierce Street. Fisk said that the person who took it has been contacted to replace it. Roesemeier suggested that if it is not fixed to get law enforcement involved.

**Parks:** No meeting

**Finance:** Minutes in packet. Some recommendations for budget adjustments.

**Ad hoc:** Roesemeier would like to review the file, in the event there is a meeting.

**Policy Committee:** No meeting.

**Personnel Committee:** No meeting.

**Safety Committee:** Hayes discussed updating the power lockout and hazard waste policy. Martin Miller said that an eye wash safety station was needed. He said that he found one that would hook to the existing faucet. One could be purchased for about \$65.00. He was not sure if shipping was included in that. Fisk made a motion to authorize the purchase of an eye wash station for less than \$100.00. Supported by Hayes.

**Roll Call:** Hayes-Y, Roesemeier-Y, Fisk-Y, Miller-Y, Leedy-Y. Motion carried.

#### **New items:**

**Budget Adjustment Resolution #15-10:** Motion by Fisk to adopt Resolution 15-10. Seconded by Miller. Roesemeier asked why this was being done. Leedy said so that we do not go over budget. **Roll Call:** Roesemeier-Y, Hayes-Y, Miller-Y, Fisk-Y Leedy-Y. Motion carried

**Safety Policy Adoption- Power Lock Out Procedure:** Miller made a motion to accept the Power Lock out Procedure. Seconded by Fisk. All voted Yea's. Motion carried.

**Safety Policy Adoption- Written Hazard Communication:** Hayes made a motion to accept the Written Hazard Communication Policy. Seconded by Fisk. All voted Yea's. Motion carried.

#### **Updated Items:**

**Council Seat Vacancy:** Leedy said that the position did not get posted until a week before the deadline. One applicant has applied so far. Fisk said that there was no hurry in filling the seat and suggested to post for another month. Fisk made a motion to extend the posting to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September. Seconded by Miller. All voted Yea's. Motion carried. Hayes made a motion to accept Tummel resignation. Roesemeier supported the motion. Leedy said that he did submit a letter of resignation, but forgot to get it into the packet. All voted yeas. Motion carried. Roesemeier said that she would like to read the letter after the meeting.

**Special Meeting Related to DDA Issues:** Leedy mentioned the special meeting was to improve communication and to have better accountability between both Council and DDA. Linda Forwerck, DDA chair did not have a meeting date set up yet.

**Fire Barn/ Historic Society Update:** Roesemeier said that there has been no meeting but several calls have been made. Two bids are back. The one is from Springfield Roofing and is located at 37 and the end of 113. The first one was to use Dura last which is a rubbery type of substance which has a 15 year warranty. Also included is the fascia for the back of the barn and a metal roof. This bid only covers the roof of the bell tower only. This bid was for \$4,264.00. The second bid was from Greg Birgy Construction, which included new decking, flashing around the roof lines and use a 30 year shingle. This bid is for \$1900.00 Said if you wanted a premium shingle it would be \$200.00 more. Roesemeier said with her conversations with Dan there is no guarantee that the historical society will purchase the building for \$1.00. Motion by Roesemeier to accept Greg Birgy Construction bid with the agreement it will be done before it starts snowing. Seconded by Miller. **Roll Call:** Miller-Y, Fisk-Y, Roesemeier-Y, Hayes-Y, Leedy-Y. Motion carried.

Roesemeier suggest that council not give them the \$500.00 that they have requested to the Historical Society since that money will be put towards the repairs. She said with Councils permissions she will continue to pursue the sale of the building.

**Bata Update:** No update to report

**Senior Center Property:** Nothing to report.

**Communication:** None

**Public Comment:** Linda Forwerk: Here on behalf of the Township, the silt fence at the cemetery has been put up. The cemetery committee has made a recommendation to put in a fence that has silt on the bottom of it. That will be taken care of by the Township. The permit has been obtained by soil erosion. She said that they have been in touch with the DEQ.

Dave McGough said that 4 wheelers and bikes are using the speed bumps that have been placed in the village parking lot. Questioned if Village is liable if someone ruins a bike or other equipment on them. Dave questioned the yellow caution tape down at the party store. He asked if there was a chemical spill there. Leedy said that that was put up because of them planting grass. The DEQ required it contained until the grass gets to a certain height.

George Gould: Voiced concern about the leaf dump and what is going to be done with the brush. He said that the area is huge. Leedy said when they got the bid last year to trim the trees it included the leaf dump. They chipped some of it but not all of it. Money has been withheld from the contractor. Leedy said that now they are trying to find someone to come and chip up the leaf dump soon in an attempt to get it under control. Leedy said that other people other than village residents are dumping there. Hayes questioned if it could be posted with a civil infraction. The problems are the bigger things like brush. Roesemeier

asked if it could be locked now. Leedy said that it may have to be that you come to the office to get a key to dump and the are is always locked.

**Board Comments:** None.

Roesemeier made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Marcia Eby