

Village of Fife Lake
Council Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

Roll Call: Present: Fisk, Hayes, Menzies, Miller, Deike, Leedy.

Absent: Kelley- excused

Others: Marvin Radtke-Village Administrator, Valerie Housour-Village Treasurer and Marcia Eby- Deputy Clerk.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Fisk to approve the agenda with the additions, seconded by Miller. Deike asked to add under 9D, Movies in the Park. Fisk wanted to add under 9E, residency related to boards. **Motion Carried** with all yeas.

Pledge of Allegiance

Special order of Business: none

Consent Agenda Items A-E: Miller made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items, seconded by Fisk. **Roll Call:** Hayes-Y, Fisk-Y, Menzies-Y, Deike-Y, Miller-Y, Leedy-Y. **Motion carried.**

Police/ Public Safety Report: none

Guest: Bob Johnson was not present to give report. Hazardous waste handout in packet with dates for drop off.

Administrator Report-Marvin Radtke: Copy of the report in the packet. He discussed some trees that needed to be removed by the storage building and on State Street. He said the some of the branches are within the 14 foot threshold for emergency services. Bids will be put out for road striping as it was not done last year.

Public Comment: Mark Dragovich 8104 County Road 633 Buckley- Says he owns the Farmacy on 131. He would like to move the Farmacy from 131 to the village. He said that there is a couple of buildings that they are looking at. He will be loosing his current lease and needs to find a new location. Leedy discussed what the process would be to issue a land use permit. She also informed him that there is an ordinance against dispensaries within the village. If the land use permit gets denied he would have to go to the zoning board of appeals to request a variance.

New items

Recommendations for DPW 6 month trial for present to FLAUA: Radke discussed after meeting with the finance and personnel committees, it was felt that we needed to take a closer look at the job requirements and duties of the DPW workers. They felt that at this time to continue to use the FLAUA staff for now rather than to hire someone for the position. To want to take this time to get a full assessment of duties before coming up with a job description. Miller made a motion to utilize the FLAUA employees as DPW for up to 6 months without going over the budget and negotiate with FLAUA to see if it would be reasonable to take over their duties to rent the employees back to FLAUA instead of us renting from FLAUA. Fisk supported the motion. Discussion among council members about the benefits of proceeding this way.

Roll call: Hayes-Y, Menzies-Y, Deike-Y, Fisk-Y, Miller-Y, Leedy-Y. **Motion carried**

Lease agreement with Chamber for Farmers Market: Leedy said that the Farmers Market starts Saturday, every Saturday from 9 am to 2pm and they will be applying for a

permit. Fisk made a motion to accept the lease for the Farmers Market, seconded by Deike **Motion carried** with all yeas.

Revise Council Calendar for July, September and January: Leedy said that when the calendar was done in February, holiday weeks meetings were scheduled for Wednesdays and that the room is booked for Wednesdays. They need to be rescheduled for Tuesday. Hayes asked if the November meeting needs to be changed since it is a day before the election. Leedy said it should not be a problem but would check into it. Fisk made a motion to accept the changes to the calendar in July, Sept. and Jan. and check into November issue. Miller supported the motion. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

Movies in the Park: Deike said that this year the band boosters are coordinating along with the Chamber of Commerce for Movies in the Park. It cost about \$200. to put on a movie. There has been discussion on where to have it. Since there are several problems with the current location, like headlights shining on the screen when traffic is coming through town, it taking longer for the sun to set at this location and unacceptable language coming from a near by establishments. They would like to move it to the ball park and play the movies in the outfield on a white board, just back from center field. The boosters would pay for all the materials. Discussion among council members. Hayes made a motion to allow the band boosters to play movies in the ball park. Seconded by Fisk. **Motion carried** with all yeas

Residency on boards: Recently it was brought up that municipality Fife Lake Township has rules that you need to be a resident to serve on boards under the MCL 201-3. Fisk said that recently there was an individual on the FLAUA who was on the board member who was a property owner and sewer customer but not living in the township and was removed from the board. Fisk said that if this is true, there may be other individuals who are on boards that are not within the boundaries to serve on that board. Fisk suggested the DDA as an example. Fisk asked if there could be more information on this. Leedy said that the person in question was a property owner in the township, and that he had moved. She said that they are still a sewer user. She said that that person was removed from the sewer board because he did not hold residency in the municipality. Hayes suggested getting with the attorney to get an updated opinion as to what the MCL statue really says and apply it to all boards. Radtke will look into this.

New items

Spring Cleanup May 14th: flyer in packet. Resource recovery flyer in packet of hazardous materials with drop off dates.

DDA accountability: Leedy discussed hate mail coming in which involved the sheriffs department being called. This was directed toward a DDA survey that was posted on the village web site. It was received anonymously. It was directed towards a DDA official. It has been narrowed down to 17 people and an investigation is going on. Deike discussed what is going on in the DDA. She said that she has been elected as the new chair. She said that there was a meeting for tomorrow night to finish problems. Deike said that she was still looking for the financial records and is not clear where they are. She said that Benke has the checkbook. Miller stated concerns about the financial records not being turned over and that it has taken too long to get them. Deike needs a checkbook, keys to file cabinet and post office box, need receipts, and invoices from any expenses that were paid out for at least the last two years. We have copies of bank statements but not other financial reports for the auditor. Purchase approvals that match

the minutes. We also need minutes because they're not sure if all the minutes are in. Deike stressed communicating and would have appreciated a phone call when this issue came up today regarding the investigation. Leedy said that Deike was notified as soon as the dealings with the law enforcement were done. Deike would have liked to be there when the police opened the filing cabinet as the chair person. Tim Minder DDA, addressed this issue saying it has been going on for 16 months. Minder said he made a formal request and that the village went through it. He said that 2 out of 3 board members said to do a just cause hearing. You came back to give the DDA another chance. Then at the February meeting gave the DDA another list of the financials that are still not here. Minder said that he has already filed a police report with the State of Michigan. He said that they will take care of it because the village cannot take care of it. He said that Linda, DDA chair on record stated that she will not turn them over. Radtke suggested that council not discuss this any further pending the investigation either in public or in private without going through proper channels as there could be legal issues.

Communications: sewer report was handed out at the meeting tonight.

Public comment: Cory Caverson 8362 Wolf Road SW. Questions were addressed to village council She asked why did the village taxes go down? Why are 4 tax payers' taxes delinquent? Questioned if background checks were done for village Clerk and Treasurer. Why was a Village Administrator hired? Her time expired, and Mike Tornow on Shelby Street let her talk on his behalf. Mike Tornow discussed discontent with the council. Bob Menzies 420 Merritt Street. He said that he has heard Township people complaining and no complaints from the village. He congratulated Deike for being the new Chair for the DDA. Theresa Mills 105 Pierce Street. Mention that it is in Robert Rules for individuals to give their address when speaking. She said if you don't like someone there is an election coming up. You can help change it if you want rather than create animosity Dave McGough 514 Bates Street. He said if Tim is going to pursue these issues let him do it on his dollars. He has cost the village over \$10,000.00 for nothing. He needs to fund it himself.

Communication: DDA packet has been sent out to the DDA board. Deike said on May 14 the high school is doing the Musical Lion King, and on May 20 there is the Annual Spring Concert.

Miller made a motion to adjourn at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Marcia Eby.