

Village of Fife Lake
Council Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2016

Meeting called to order: 7:00pm

Roll Call: Present: Fisk, Hayes, Kelley, Miller, Deike, and Leedy.

Absent: Roesemeier- resigned

Others: Valerie Housour- Village Treasurer, Marvin Radtke- Village Administrator, Marcia Eby- Deputy Clerk, and Bob Johnson- Grand Traverse County Commissioner.

Approval of Agenda: Fisk made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Miller seconded it. **Motion carried** with all yeas

Pledge of Allegiance

Special Order of Business: there is a vacancy in a council seat with two applicants applying. Leedy asked if there is a motion to make an appointment. Fisk made a motion to appoint Marge Menzies to the vacant position on the council. Kelley seconded it. **Roll Call:** Kelley-Y, Hayes-Y, Fisk-Y, Deike-Y, Miller-Y, Leedy-Y. **Motion carried.** Marge Menzies who was present at the meeting was sworn in and sat at the vacant seat.

Consent Agenda Items A-E: Kelley made a motion to accept the Consent agenda items as presented. Fisk seconded it. Hayes wanted to note that the major street needs to be changed from \$3000.00 to \$17,400.00 and Local from \$840.00 to \$946.00. **Roll Call:** Hayes-Y, Menzies-Y, Deike-Y, Fisk-Y, Miller-Y, Kelley-Y, and Leedy-Y. **Motion Carried.**

Police/ Public Safety: No report.

Guest: Bob Johnson-Grand Traverse County Commissioner, He gave a report on budget cuts on the county level. He said that the commissioners are taking a pay cut for two years. They are looking at making cuts in employee retirement fund. An audit of the Sheriff's Department is about to start to see if cuts can be made there. Deike asked about an update on animal control. Bob said that there is not really anything in the budget for that. He said they are working on it and that the Sheriff's Department will probably be taking it. He gave an update on the Easling pool. He said that the YMCA has taken it over and they have about 155 members but need 450 members to keep it going. If they do not get any more members it will most likely be shut down in September.

Administrator Report: Marvin Radtke discussed multiple problems now that spring is here. He is addressing multiple junk complaints. He also discussed the streets that are in need of repair. He said that he felt there are a few spots the road will need to be cut and replaced along with patching up holes. He has consulted other communities on what they are doing in an attempt to be as cost effective as possible.

Public Comment: Dave McGough- 514 Bates Street: Martin D.P.W. worked here for 13 years. He discussed the work that Martin has done for the community. He felt that the

village was misleading the community when they say that he resigned. In his opinion Martin was driven out. Martin would not come out and say it but he said he knows the situation better than anyone and he was driven out. His duties have gradually been taken away, in the last 4 month since Marvin came on and that probably speeded up the process. As far as I know Martin was planning on retiring from this job. He said he is not the only one with the opinion of him being driven out. He also commented on the president not supporting the local businesses and wanted her to respond. He said that a lot of the stuff is coming from Menards, and Home Depot. He said that she should support the local businesses. Bob Menzies- Merritt Street, He said to Dave McGough the Township government does not support the local businesses either. They too buy from Menards and Home Depot. He said that Martin did do a good job for the Village, but in the resignation letter he said he quit for better reasons. It did not say he was run out. John and Sally Ellinger own the house on 606 Lake Street. He said that he wanted to let council know they are here in regard to the agenda item coming up. The house is for sale and the easement concern came up from the buyer. He voiced concern on how it will affect the sale of the property.

New items

MDOT Title VI and LEP Policy: Policy in packet. Leedy said that this was needed so that we can be in compliance for reimbursement for work that has been done. Motion by Hayes to adopt the Title VI policy as presented. Seconded by Fisk. **Motion carried** with all yeas

Easement request for 606 Lake Street: Information in the packet. The house is currently on the market. The house currently sits in the road easement. Physical improvements to the road and utility should not affect the structure. Radtke said if the council should grant easement it would be only for the existing structure and no more. All costs associated with it and the deed work would be the homeowner's responsibility. He said that an addendum would need to be added to the deed to state that if any changes were made to the existing structure relief of the easement would revert back to the 66 foot easement. The final documents would need to come back to council for final review with the attorney. Radtke suggested that the village do the survey. Motion to allow the relief of the easement within the current home footprint, contingent on acceptable survey and deed restrictions with reverted clause with legal approval by Village attorney and with all cost involved incurred by the homeowner by Deike. Seconded by Miller. **Roll Call:** Hayes-Y, Deike-Y, Fisk-Y, Kelley-Y, Menzies-Y, Miller-Y, Leedy-Y. **Motion carried.**

Schedule special meeting for FLAUA USDA project: A special meeting is needed to vote on the bid package before the project is started. Scheduled for April 11th at 7pm
State/ Boyd Street repairs: Radtke discussed some issues with Boyd Street. Some areas on State Street are having some washout problems. None of these sections are affected by the sewer project. This will be discussed more at the next meeting on the 11th.

Accept DPW Staff resignations: Motion by Fisk to accept Martin Miller and Vic DeFrance resignations. Seconded by Deike. **Motion carried** by all yeas

Best 4th in the North donation request: A request has been submitted for a donation for fireworks. Motion by Hayes to donate \$500.00 contingent on completion of permit and insurance being submitted on time. Seconded by Fisk. **Roll call:** Fisk-Y, Deike-Y, Menzies-Y, Kelley-Y, Miller-Y, Hayes-Y, Leedy-Y, Motion **Carried**

Updated items

DDA Update on Council recommendations: Bank statement in packet. No report given. Meeting on the 19th of April at 6 pm

Communications: None

Public comment: Bob Menzies- Merritt Street: does the county match the amount donated for the 4th celebration. Cindy Wyatt said that she does ask for donation from the surrounding communities and the donations vary. The county does not match with the village.

Theresa Mills 105 Pierce Street asked if there was anyway the community could help with the fundraising of money for the 4th celebration. Cindy Wyatt –114 State Steet. Home- 10322 Sperry Road thanked the Council for the continued support.

Board Comments: Deike wanted to clarify how long they plan on taking to replace the DPW employees. She said that she knew that the job description was being rewritten. She wanted to know when the position would be posted and hired. Radke said that they want to do a cost benefit analysis on that position. Kelley asked what would not be acceptable to dump at Spring Cleanup (on flyer). Leedy said that the lakeside safety station is coming after the snow stops. One of the grants has been submitted for restrooms at the Lakeside Park. 131 development project will be unveiled in May. Deike said that the school is having a talent show on Saturday \$5.00 admission proceeds will go to the band program. Lion King Musical will be presented on the 7th of May.

Deike made a motion to adjourn at 8:17pm

Respectfully Submitted
Marcia Eby