

Village of Fife Lake  
Council Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2014

Meeting called to order: 7:00 pm

**Roll Call:** Present: Hayes, Roesemeier, Miller, Deike, and Leedy.

Absent: Fisk

Others: Martin Miller D.P.W., Valerie Housour- Treasurer, Marcia Eby – Recording Clerk

**Approval of Agenda:** Leedy said the Deike would like to add to the agenda the closing of a road for Homecoming. Under new items, letter D. Hayes made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition. Roesemeier seconded. Motion Carried.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Special order of business:** vacancy of council seat. One application was submitted and it was from Mary Shoman. Motion made by Roesemeier to appoint Mary to the council seat till November 2016. Supported by Hayes. **Roll call:** Hayes-Y, Roesemeier-Y, Deike-Y, Miller-Y, Leedy-Y. Motion carried. Mary was sworn in and asked to join council.

**Consent Agenda Items:** Motion by Roesemeier made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items. Supported by Deike. Roesemeier questioned an item on page 5 of Budget VS Actual bottom of page the percent of 16,766.54 percent of what? Valerie Housour said there was a problem with the report and that it needed to be looked at and corrected. **Roll Call:** Hayes-Y, Roesemeier-Y, Deike-Y, Leedy-Y, Miller-Y, Shoman-Y. Motion Carried.

**Police/ Public Safety Report:** Steve not present at the meeting. Leedy reported that an email was sent with the sastics and will be sent out.

**Guest:** Bob Johnson not present at the meeting.

**Public Comment:** Deb Rogers, 414 State Street. Questioning the ordinance that was sent to some of the businesses on State Street about deliveries needing to use back door delivery system. She stated that there is only one business in the Village that can comply with that. Leedy said it will be addressed at Planning tomorrow night. Deb questioned when ordinance was put into effect?

Ron Broering, 618 State Street, questioned why the letter did not go out to the Planning Commission. Leedy explained that complaints go through the Zoning Administrator. Broering said that non conforming issues can be transferred to the new owners. He also mentioned a garage down the street that he felt did not meet the 20 foot setback. Leedy said that it would need to be checked into. She said when the permit was issued it did meet the setbacks.

Noreen Broering, 618 State Street, discussed being part owner of the building downtown and after selling the building she said that the new owner received a phone call indicating that he was in violation by having a rental in business use space. She said that the non conforming use needs to go with the sale of the building.

Dave McGough 514 Bates Street, he requested a freedom of information act and as of last month the lawyer spending has exceeded 13,000 dollars. To him the majority of the

spending has been between two issues that he felt were more personal than village. He feels that this is the biggest waste of taxpayer dollars. He feels that the Council needs to revise the Presidential Spending Policy.

Ron Broering 618 State Street, Questioned the attorney bill. Leedy said that the attorney bill to date is 10,900 with 10,000 being in the budget. The Village is currently over by 9%.

### **New Items**

**Resolution 15-11 Special Use Permit for Day Care:** Leedy said that the Planning Commission meet over a special land use for a day care For Forest Area Early Learning Center, LLC at 104 Janet Street. Motion by Dieke to approve Resolution 15-11 as written. Supported by Hayes. **Roll Call:** Roesemeier-Y, Hayes-Y, Miller-Y, Deike-Y, Shoman-Y, Leedy-Y. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Potential wage increase:** Leedy said that the Treasurer has been on the job of 90 days and is up for review. A performance evaluation had been done. Leedy suggested \$350.00 a month. Roesemeier made a motion to increase the Treasures wage to \$350.00 a month. Miller supported **Roll Call:** Hayes-Y, Deike-Y, Shoman-Y, Roesemeier-Y, Miller-Y, Leedy-Y Motion carried.

**Conflict of Interest Policy Adoption:** Policy is included in packet which needs spelling corrections. Motion made by Roesemeier to adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy and the Code of Ethics Policy with the spelling corrections. Seconded by Deike. Hayes questioned if it included the code of ethics. Leedy said it was inside the document. Hayes thought is two separate policies. **Roll Call:** All yeas, motion carried.

**Parade and Street Closing for Homecoming:** Deike mentioned that the school would like to get more in touch with the community. She said that the school does floats and would like to do a parade in town for Homecoming. The date would be Friday September 25<sup>th</sup>, for about 15 minutes. If she is able to get it together in time this year then possibly next year. The School would take care of the set up and clean up. Miller questioned a policy to shut roads down. Miller said that the necessary permits will need to be obtained. Motion made by Miller to wave the fee this year to close the road through downtown to have a high school parade. Seconded by Hayes. Several members questioned liability concerns. Leedy said that was why is necessary to fill out he permit. **Roll call:** all yea's, motion carried. Miller made a motion to approve the road closure as long as all permits are in place. Seconded by Hayes. 1 nay vote by Roesemeier. Miller, Leedy, Shoman, Leedy, Deike voted yes. Motion carried.

### **Updated Items**

**Historic Fire Barn:** Roesemeier said that she spoke to Greg and he said that the work will begin this week. She said that the work should take about 3 days.

**DDA update on council recommendations:** DDA minutes are in the packet. Leedy recommended that the DDA adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy. She said that not all the paperwork has been turned in. and that the checkbook is still not turned in to the office.

**ZBA bylaws and appointments:** Leedy said that she was trying to get into touch with Roger William. Still trying to find the bylaws. Hayes said that the ZBA adopted new bylaws but the Village cannot seem to find them.

**Beta Update:** No update

**Committee Reports:**

**Zoning:** a lot of complaints coming in. traffic issues, spite fence, Roesemeier stated that we are 314 % over budges on licenses and permits. Leedy said that violations needed to be issued. Roesemeier voiced concerned about the ordinances and updating it.

**Streets:** Busy month. Martin Miller discussed salt, sand, and cold patch. He put a handout in the packet with the cost of \$14,548 for all everything He said that the price was down from last year. Sand and cold patch will be from Elmer's. Salt from Morton's. Motion made by Roesemeier to get Salt, Sand and cold patch as presented by Martin. The salt to be purchased by Mortons the sand and cold patch by Elmers. Seconded by Deike.

**Roll Call:** Deike-Y, Roesemeier-Y, Shoman-Y, Miller-Y, Hayes-Y, Leedy-Y. Motion Carried.

Miller had a company come down and look at the dump. The price is \$3300.00. Leedy said that she would check on possibly get the county to help out with the cleanup of the dump. Leedy said that the amount owed to the contractor for services never completed is about \$2000.00. Motion by Deike to approve up to \$3.300. dollars to clean up the dump site. Seconded by Hayes. **Roll Call:** Deike-Y, Hayes-Y, Miller-Y, Roesemeier-Y, Shoman-Y, Leedy-Y. Motion carried. Roesemeier requested an update on the LED. Miller said he was working on it.

**DDA:** Minutes in packet.

**Planning:** Meeting tomorrow night.

**Fife Lake Area Utility Authority:** See Presidents report. Fisk not present at meeting

**Parks:** No meeting

**Finance:** no meeting

**Ad hoc:** no request

**Policy Meeting:** worked on the conflict of Interest Policy

**Personal Committee:** no meeting. Review of the Treasurer was done.

**Communication:**

**Public Comment:** Bob Menzies, Questioned the situation with the dump truck and if it was still here. He also said that there are still a lot of lawn issues. Leedy said Scott is still working in this. Bob also discussed the junk car issues and said they need to be removed. Bob also questioned Scott and Cathy had a retention pound there is no retention pond. Leedy said that soil erosion and DEQ worked with them and that everything must by okay.

**Board Comments:** Roesemeier commented that the entrance into McGee's place looks nice since it has been cleaned up. She mentioned that the Chamber is hosting the train coming to Fife Lake on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October. She said that there will be a 50/50 raffle. Music in the Park, On December 6<sup>th</sup> the Friends of the Library will be hosting the Christmas Celebration.

Deike said they are working on a P.R. Committee at the School. She said that this Friday is the first official home foot ball game. At 5:30 is a tail gate party with trout Town donating food and the foot ball game is at 7 pm. Homecoming is on September 26th.

Roesemeier made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Marcia Eby