

Village of Fife Lake  
Village Council Minutes  
November 2, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

**Roll Call:** Present: Fisk, Miller, Deike, Roesemeier, Hayes, Leedy

Absent: Shomin

Others: Martin Miller D.P.W., Valerie Housour- Treasurer,  
Marcia

Eby- Recording Clerk, Bob Johnson- Grand Traverse County  
Commissioner

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Consent Agenda Items:** Motion by Fisk to approve the Consent Agenda Items with the bills pulled out. Seconded by Miller. **Roll Call:** Miller-Y, Deike-Y, Hayes-Y, Fisk-Y, Roesemeier-Y, Leedy-Y. Motion Carried.

Hayes requested a report of bills each month that have not been paid along with the bills that have been paid. She wanted to know why the bills have been paid without them being approved yet. She also questioned Scott Billings check number 18849 special use permit. She said that with the percent he gets how can it amount to 292.00 dollars? Leedy responded by saying that it was for the day care special use permit, and this was the arrangement approved by Council for the ZA to receive 65% of permit fees. Hayes questioned with all the fees involved in postings and special hearings the village should raise the fees or change the percentage the Zoning Administrator makes since the village did not make anything from the special use permit. Leedy said that it would require a policy change. Roesemeier questioned if the procedure to pay bills has changed. Leedy said no, and the only bills that are not bills we normally prepay was the hardware store bill and we receive a discount for quick payment.

Fisk made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Deike supported the motion. **Roll Call:** Hayes-Y Roesemeier-Y, Deike-Y, Miller-Y, Fisk-Y Leedy-Y. Motion carried.

**Police/ Public Safety:** No one present at meeting

**Guest:** Bob Johnson- Grand Traverse County Commissioner: He said that the Eisling pool is closed due to the budget deficits. There was talk of giving it to the YMCA or giving it to the city. He said that 3.5 million dollars need to be cut from the county budget. They are looking at where the cuts need to be made. He said that they are hopeful that services will not need to be cut. Looking at union contracts and health care cuts.

**Public Comment:** Deb Rogers, 114 State St. She turned in a letter to see if there is an opening on the DDA board.

Bob Sturdavant 125 Morgan St. Questioned how many special/land use permits are issued in a year? Why spend time on policy changes on fees when only one is issued every few years? Leedy said it might be better to look at this issue later since all the ordinances were going to be updated soon.

Bob Menzies, Merritt Street, questioned the property across from the cemetery that has all the junk, trucks and vans. He asked, are we going to have to put up with it forever? Leedy said that Scott has been talking to them since June. Scott is to issue something in writing to him to get it cleaned up within the next few days. Deike stressed getting something out soon as winter is approaching. Leedy said that normally people have 30 day to clean up but for some reason Scott as been trying to working with them. Bob Menzies also question the raffle at 5pm the day the train came to town. Roesemeier said that the raffle was done at the time specified by the Chamber.

Deb Rogers, 114 State Street, commented on the ordinance regarding delivery trucks. She said the other day there was a bus at the learning center and a Sysco truck blocking the road along with a car. She said that needs to be taken into consideration when redoing the ordinance. She also questioned the parking for the learning center. She said it is the worse at about 3 pm.

### **Updated Items**

**DDA:** Update on Council Recommendations: Leedy recommends that a joint meeting be set up between the DDA and Council so we are all on the same page. The purpose is to work through the policies and procedures that the Council recommended to the DDA board. The DDA board accepted but

have not yet been put into place these recommendation. Council agreed on joint meeting by consensus.

**ZBA Bylaws:** Leedy said that we has not been successful in finding them. That will need to be addressed when the Planning Commission does its Master Plan and Zoning.

**Bata Update:** They are promoting from within to replace Tom Menzel's position.

### **Committee Reports**

**Zoning:** Leedy met with Scott for update. Numerous complaints. Spite fence complaint/violation is ongoing. Will have to proceed to have encroached posts removed. Another fence went up without a permit. Hayes questioned that there was no written report from the Zoning Administrator. Hayes questioned if a motion need to be made to have him submit a report. Miller made a motion that the Zoning Administrator either gives a report at the meetings in person or supplies a written report. Hayes supported the motion. Motion Carried.

**Streets:** Martin Miller reported that salt and sand is in. The parks are shut down for the winter. The docks are out and the equipment is being changed over to winter. He said that the leaf cleanup continues. Deike question what to do with people who blow their leaves in the street-it's a policing issue. Leaf dump is currently locked. A key is needed to utilize the leaf dump.

**D.D.A:** no meeting.

**Planning:** Thursday night is the awards banquet. Two nominations are in for Fife Lake Village awards.

**Fife Lake Utility Authority:** Presidents report in packet. Fisk reported staffing updates and the need to sometimes have extra people to fill in. He said that many of the policy and procedures that were not in place are now in place.

**Parks:** No meeting.

**Finance Committee:** No meeting

**Adhoc:** No request.

**Policy Committee:** no meeting

**Personal Committee:** no meeting

**Communication:** Invitation in packet to participate in planning of the roads. Rural task force meeting Wednesday at 10 am. Hayes mention budget meeting next month and would like all the committees to submit their budgets.

**Public Comment:** Dave McGough 514 Bates Street, is wondering since the lights were done how much the bulbs were and was wondering how much they were saving as compared to last year. He also wondered if the insurance check came in on the damaged light. Leedy said that she would have to look it up the cost of the bulbs. This was under the LED lighting project.

Roesemeier said it was done on a bid.

Bob Sturdavant 125 Morgan: Stated that the leaves being blown into the streets is costing village, money and that something should be done about that. Leedy said that is a littering complaint. He asked if there were a number of meetings that the zoning administrator can miss. Leedy said that she was not sure if there was anything in his job description about meetings. Sturdavant suggested he submit a report not only for council but also as an organizational tool for himself for tracking purposes.

**Board Comments:** Roesemeier said that the alley behind Kimballs is dangerous. She said that it is so washed out you could bust an axel.

Friends of the Library are having a fundraiser on December the 6<sup>th</sup>. A Christmas Celebration at the high school.

Fisk inquired of the possibility of getting cameras at the recycling center, to find out who is leaving junk there. Martin Miller will contact American Waste to see if there are any recommendations on what to do.

Leedy said that the train event was a huge success. She said that the railroad and tour company would like to schedule several other events to stop here.

Deike said that on Saturday the band boosters are pairing up with the dog sled association. They are having an all you can eat spaghetti dinner at Fife Lake Elementary, and a craft show at the high school November 14th

Roesemeier made a motion to adjourn at 8:25pm