

Village of Fife Lake  
Council Meeting Minutes  
July 6, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

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

Absent: Fisk, Tummel, and Deike

Others: Martin Miller D.P.W.

Guest: Bob Johnson –Grand Traverse County Commissioner

**Approval of Agenda:** Correction to the agenda with the date being July 6, 2015 instead of June 1, 2015 Roesemeier made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Hayes. Unanimously approved.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Special order of Business-** none

**Consent Agenda items:** Valerie reported that the property taxes went out last Wednesday. There was a question on the minutes of the June meeting. This was to be addressed separately. No concerns voiced on the Bills and Transfers. Hayes made a motion to accept he Bills and Transfers and Treasures Report as presented. Miller seconded it.

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

Hayes questioned if Eby should be put in the minutes of the special meeting as being absent. Leedy said she would put it in. Miller made a motion to accept the Minutes of June 1, 2015 and the Special Council Meeting Minutes of June 26<sup>th</sup>. Hayes supported. Unanimously carried.

**Police/Public Safety:** Leedy reported an upcoming meeting a Pugsley later this month.

**Guest:** Bob Johnson- Grand Traverse County Commissioner mentioned that the Girl Scouts are collecting plastic bottle lids in hopes of getting enough to place benches around East Bay. He also said that there is talk of moving the Commission on Aging to the basement of the government center. It will cost about 7000 dollars for them to move there. The HR Director position continues to be vacant. They will discuss the job description at their Wednesday meeting. They are still working on funding to repair the Easling pool. Power Island to get more wells this month. There will be a Scrap Tire Drop off on Aug 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comment:** Dave McGough mentioned that he received very positive feed back during the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. He also mentioned the DDA issue and said that good people are being bullied out and questioned the attorney's bill. He requested an itemized attorney bill since Leedy has been in office.

**New Items**

**FLAUA USDA joint space effort:** Still working on possible moving the office in the village office. Leedy said that the attorneys do not have the paper work ready and it will be addressed at the next meeting.

**SAW grant GIS sharing:** Leedy said that we would share a subscription with the sewer authority. Information would be available next month.

**Tummel Council Seat:** Leedy said that Tummel has given verbal resignation of his seat on council. She said that he has not submitted it in writing, but said that he would. Miller suggested that we post it even though it is not in writing. Motion by Hayes that his seat be posted and have applications in by the 30<sup>th</sup> of this month. Seconded by Roesemeier. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Updated Items**

**Historic Fire Barn building needs-donation request.** Roesemeier had a handout, after the meeting with them. Leedy said the FLAUA antenna could be placed on the tower next to the Fire Barn and in the fire barn tower. Miller said that no bids are in yet. Roesemeier suggest that the village should repair the tower. Miller made a motion to repair the tower if it does on exceed 3000 dollars. Supported by Roesemeier.

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

**FOIA Policy/ Appoint FOIA Officer:** Resolution of the Village Council to Adopt Freedom of Information Act Procedures & Guidelines # 15-08, Hayes questioned the worksheet. She said that here were 10 references to township and would want it changed to Village. She questioned what hourly wage would be used. Leedy said they would use the clerk's wage. The section of the ordinance on page 3 where it says the hourly rate plus fringe benefits of several positions was going to be deleted.. Also a correction was made on page 3 of the fringe benefit of 42% was corrected to 22%. Leedy said that this resolution would go into effect today. Miller made a motion to accept the resolution with the mentioned corrections. Hayes seconded it. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Hayes to appoint the Clerk as the FOIA officer. Seconded by Roesemeier  
Motion unanimously carried.

**ZBA by laws, appointments-** tabled.

**Minder request for show cause for DDA chair:** Policy committee met earlier in the day. Roesemeier stated that all issues found should be addressed and fixed. The recommendation was not to hold a show cause hearing. It was suggested instead the Council have a meeting to review all the information to implement a corrective action plan to present to the DDA so this does not happen again. Hayes requested that a meeting date be set for July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. This will be an open meeting and the DDA board will be invited. Linda Forwerck DDA chair questioned if she still needs an attorney and suggested that the Village attorney letter be read to everyone in attendance. Leedy said we cannot tell a person whether they should retain an attorney as it is not Council's place. Minder said he attended the policy meeting also and that there was a 2-1 vote to go further. He said that a meeting for a review did not happened. Minder requested everything that the attorney and council reviewed under the freedom of information act. It was suggested by Council if the Village attorney's letter could be made public. Motion

by Roesemeier to have the Village Attorney's opinion letter, dated July 4th by released to the public, Seconded by Miller. Unanimously approved

**July 4<sup>th</sup> wrap-up:** Leedy commented that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July committee did a great job this year. She said that the village had to take out a supplemental insurance policy for the village. Deike put a group together for clean up. Leedy said that she received good input and said it was a good show.

### **Committee Reports**

**Zoning:** Leedy said that Scott has been visiting several houses asking them to mow their lawn. She said that are several junk complaints coming in. Leedy mentioned that the Party Store will be moving the camper by the 15th as it is in violation. Two new building permits have been issued.

**Streets:** Miller commented that there are no real issues Leedy reported that tree limbs have been trimmed in the DNR lot. Ron Broering questioned a tree limb hanging over the road on State Street. Leedy said that there is a list of limbs that needs to be cut and that they are working on it. Noreen Broering questioned new striping on State Street. Leedy said they are working on that after crack sealing is finished.

**DDA:** no meeting

**Planning-** nothing

**Fife Lake Area Utility Authority:** no report.

**Parks:** No meeting.

**Finance:** no meeting.

**Ad hoc:** nothing to report

**Policy Committee:** Motion by Hayes to reappoint Roesemeier to the Policy Committee. Seconded by Miller. Unanimously carried

**Personnel Committee:** No meeting.

**Communication:** Village Attorney Opinion Letter dated July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comment:** Bob Menzies wondered how the LED lights were coming along. Leedy said they would be in this week. He also questioned the Farmer's Market covering the no parking sign. He said it is difficult getting down State Street with cars parked on both side of the street. Roesemeier said that they were possibly using it for loading and unloading. It could be possible others are parking there. She said she would mention it at the next meeting. He asked if the lawn could be watered down after they leave so the grass does not die. Asked if people cut their lawn that the cut the whole lawn and not just part of it.

Cal Benke questioned it the trees in the down town are being watered. Miller said he was doing it. Cal asked if the dead trees could be removed. He also asked about the Veterans Memorial sign and bulletin board. Leedy said that it was a DDA issue.

Ron Broering: He complimented Linda the DDA chair for her accomplishments. He said that he does not want a show cause hearing to he held as a taxpayer.

Dave McGough said that he wants the pay scale on the FOIA request be the lowest person paid. He questioned Tim Minder's request under the freedom of information act. He does not want more lawyer bills and more \$\$ signs.

Deb Rogers: By law Minder made an official request, hopefully it will be done in the time frame.

Noreen Broering: Attorneys are the experts. We are all volunteers and sometimes you need experts to sort this out.

Linda Forwerck: She thanked the council for not having a show cause hearing. She said that the 8 items in the attorney's letter only one pertained to her. The rest pertained to the rest of the DDA board.

**Board Comments:** Roesemeier said that democracy is tedious, that's why there is a board.

Roesemeier read the letter aloud to everyone in attendance from the Village Attorney dated July 4<sup>th</sup> 2015

**Adjourned:** Roesemeier made a motion to adjourn Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully Submitted

Marcia Eby