

Village of Fife Lake
Council Meeting Minutes
February 19,2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

Roll call: Present- Magee, Deike, Trowbridge, Perpich, Hayes, Tornow, and Hempsted.

Absent- none

Others- Kitchin- Village Treasurer, Salvaggio- DPW, and Eby Deputy Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Agenda: Changes to the agenda are to move Hurley & Stewart to the beginning of new business and move all the other items after Hurley & Stewart in the order they are on the agenda. Motion made by Deike to approve the agenda with the changes, seconded by Perpich.

Motion carried with all yeas.

Approval of Minutes: Magee made a motion to approve the minutes of January 15,2024, seconded by Deike. **Motion carried** with all yeas

Bills, transfers and amendments: Hayes made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Deike.

Roll Call: Dieke-Y, Hayes-Y, Tornow-Y, Thowbridge-Y, Hempsted-Y Magee-Y, Perpich-Y. **Motion carried.**

Treasurers Report: moved down to online tax solution

Consent Agenda Items: Perpich made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented, seconded by Hayes. **Motion** carried.

DPW Report: Salvaggio said that nothing major is going on now. Council asked that she give a written report for the packet monthly.

Zoning: Broweing is no longer in Zoning, Hempsted is filling in as zoning Administrator. Nothing major going on right now. Hempsted said that there are a few items that are being looked at but that's it.

Police/Public Safety: Report in packet. No problems in the village in the last month.

Guest: none

Public Comment: none

New Business

Hurley & Stewart RV Park: Hempsted said as of right now we are talking to our lawyer, and we are not at a point to decide now. Right now, there is not enough information to make a decision.as a vote. We are waiting on the attorney and another person about specifics to see how this wound work. So, this will be tabled till next month. Audience got noisy asking who the person is who filled out the application. Brian DeSmit name was given out.

DDA: Linda Forwerck gave a report on the DDA. She said the budget is over about \$25,000.00 the budget will not be finalized until tomorrow night when the DDA prioritized the projects for the year.

Tornow asked where the packet is as he did not get one. He said he does not have a computer. Hempsted said that a printed packet would be available the Friday before the meeting and that

he could come in and pick it up. He mentioned that he did not have a packet three times during the meeting.

DPW: two applicants applied. Both were interviewed. The people who interviewed the applicants. (Hempsted, Hayes and Magee) went with Terry Turbeek. Hempsted made a motion to offer Turbeek the part time DPW position for no more than 25 hours a week at \$19.00/hr Perpich seconded the motion. **Roll call:** Hayes-Y, Throwbridge-Y, Dieke-Y, Perpich-Y, Hempsted-Y, Magee-Y, and Tornow-Y. **Motion carried.**

Post open FLAUA seat: one open village seat is open. This will be posted on the web site.

Budget 2024/2025: This is still being worked on. Hayes made a motion to schedule a Special Meeting on Thursday February 29 at 6:30pm. Motion seconded by Perpich; **Motion carried** with all yeas.

Interim Zoning Administrator: We are in the process of getting a zoning administrator. We need an interim Zoning Administrator. This will be addressed at the special meeting on Thursday the 29th of February.

Checking/ Savings accounts for Village Tax Revenue: Kitchen said Emily from H&R Block said that a separate checking account needs to be set up for property Taxes. Deike made a motion to set up a separate account for tax disbursement. Hempsted seconded the motion. **Motion carried** with all yeas. Hempsted and Kitchin will be on the checking account.

Schedule of fees: The fee schedule has not been updated since 2015. The fee schedule is very close to the townships fee schedule. Deike made a motion to adopt the proposed fee schedule seconded by Hayes. **Roll Call:** Hayes-Y, Perpich-Y, Throwbridge-Y, Deike-Y, Tornow-Y, Magee-Y, and Hempsted-Y. **Motion carried.**

Old Business

Rural Task Force: ongoing Forwerck gave an update

Merritt Street: This is still with the attorney

Online Property tax solution: Kitchin said he passed out information to all about correspondence with John McDonald from Elavon, he said there was a program called Converge that accepts payments over phone, computer, for a one-time cost of \$149.00 with a minimum of \$25.00 a month. This will be mostly used during tax season. Kitchin said he needs to clarify the cost. A surcharge of roughly 2.8% would be charged to the customer. Kitchin is still looking into this.

DDA seats: There are two reappoints and two open seats. Hempsted made the recommendation to reappoint Mike Tornow to the DDA for a 4-year term. Motion seconded by Throwbridge. **Motion carried** with 6 yeas and 1 nay

Recommendation made by Hempsted to reappoint Stan Patrick to the DDA for a 4-year term Motion seconded by Hayes. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

Recommendation made by Hempsted to appoint Gary Blazac to the DDA for a 2-year term, seconded by Perpich. **Motion carried** with 5 yeas and 2 nays,

There was discussion on the date the applications were dated verses when it was received at the village, as one went to the township and was received late at the village.

Hempsted made a motion to appoint Alice Aldridge to the DDA for a three-year term. Deike seconded the motion **Motion carried** with all yeas.

Mark Magee resigned from the DDA in February

ZBA seats: three applications have been submitted. This will be tabled until there is an enough application to have a board.

Communication e mails: 17 e mails came in pertaining to the RV park. 12 no's.,1 yes and 4 that were either yes or no but did not say yes or no. but discussed issues pertaining to the RV Park.

Public Comment: Janet Maxwell questions who makes the decisions. Mark Kalifian questions other possibilities. Terry Shay-sewer problem. Randy Maxwell asked about sewer assessment. Kim Shay, The LLC does not exist. Gretchen Ross, questions if property was purchased, Linda Forwerck, contingency on agreement of property. Mary Ellen Dilly, this has been difficult from the beginning. Randy Maxwell- child safety near school, Dave McGough, make motion to not change the zoning. Todd Birgey- you did not know the person who is involved with the park. Glen Stein, you must vote on what your constituents say.

Board Comments: Magee made a motion to keep the zoning residential. Tornow seconded the motion. There was lengthy discussion during public comment that not all the information is back to decide. Throwbridge questioned getting sued, going bankrupt and having a park go in. Several members stated that not enough information to decide. There was discussion if a motion was allowed if the agenda item was tabled. **Roll call:** Hayes abstain – not enough information to decide. Throwbridge- abstain, Hempsted- abstain, Magee-Y, Deike-N, Tornow-Y, and Perpich-N. **Motion failed.**

Deike questioned something on the Memorial Committee

Fundraiser for two high school ladies going to go to Europe this summer. Bingo night at in Cadillac at the Venue Event Center on Wednesday night.

Magee made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Tornow at 8:05pm

Respectfully Submitted
Marcia Eby