

Village of Fife Lake
Council Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2025
616 Bates Street, Fife Lake, MI. 49633

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

Roll Call Present: Perpich, Deike, Tornow, Magee, Mannor and Barbeaux

Absent: None

Others: LaMar- DPW and Eby- Recording Secretary/Treasurer

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited by all

Approval of Agenda: Chamber will be pulled out the Consent Agenda and put as a separate item. Motion made by Tornow to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Magee. **Motion Carried** with all yeas

Conflict of interest: Deike pointed out that she applied for Village President. She has been acting Village President since she is the Protem. She questioned whether she could vote. She presented an opinion paper stating that a Trustee serving as a Protem and acting temporally as Village President with the office of Village President being vacant may vote on all questions before the Village Council. She said when the appointment of the Village President is vacant. Deike said Perpich will facilitate appointing the Village President part of the meeting. Mannor felt the monetary gain would contradict that opinion. Deike asked that Perpich only ask for a vote, if necessary, due to a tie vote on the Appointment of President section of the agenda. Perpich agreed.

Minutes: Two sets of minutes are in the packet. Minutes of 10/20/25 and 10/23/15. Motion made by Perpich to approve both sets of minutes as presented, seconded by Mannor.

Motion carried with all yeas.

Bills, Transfers, Amendments: Motion made by Magee to accept the Bills, Transfers and Amendments, seconded by Tornow. **Roll Call:** Perpich-Y, Deike-Y, Tornow-Y, Magee-Y, Deike-Y, Mannor-Y, and Barbeaux-Y. **Motion carried.**

Treasurers Report: the delinquent tax settlement came in from the county. Motion made by Magee to approve the Treasurers Report as presented, seconded by Barbeaux. **Motion Carried** with all yeas.

Consent Agenda: Chamber is being pulled out of the Consent Agenda Items. Perpich made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items minus the Chamber, seconded by Mannor. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

Chamber: Debbie McCool- Chamber Chair said they are hosting Christmas in the Village this Saturday. Santa will be at Fife Lake Inn from 12-3pm Christmas Caroling, Hot Chocolate bar, a bon fire with the lighting of the tree will be at 6pm. The chamber will be collecting donations of food for the Food Pantry. Magee made a motion to approve the Chamber Report, seconded by Mannor. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

DPW Report: Report in packet. LaMar was present to give a report saying the roof was looked over and we need a new roof. The Trees bids for State Street and Pierce Street plus

one dead oak tree on Pierce. The bids came in with both streets and for only one street along with the price for the dead oak tree on Pierce Street. This is an action item on tonight's agenda.

Zoning: Information in packet

Police/Public Safety: In packet

Guest: Joe Underwood- Grand Traverse Road Commission. The road commission is in maintenance mode now since all the projects are done for this year. The projects for next year will be decided in December.

Public Comment: Mary Ellen Dille. Spoke on who she was in favor of for Village President.

New Business

President Resignation: Perpich made a motion to accept Deeren resignation as Village President, seconded by Mannor. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

Appoint Village President: Perpich was more comfortable if the board voted on passing this portion of the meeting to Perpich. Motion made by Magee to have Perpich run the 15B agenda item. Motion seconded by Tornow. **Motion carried** with all yeas. Three applications were submitted for Village President, Tawni Deike, Paul McCool and Jerry Coyne. Mannor said he appreciates that 3 applications came in. Each candidate gave a brief description and history of themselves and spoke on why they should be Village President. Motion made by Mannor to have McCool as out next Village President. Motion with no second. Motion died. Perpich suggested to have everyone announce the name as a roll call vote and tally up the majority. Perpich made that as a motion. There was no seconded to his motion. Motion died. Motion made by Mannor to appoint McCool as Village President, seconded by Barbeaux. **Roll Call:** Barbeaux-Y, Perpich-N, Mannor-Y, Magee-N, and Tornow-N. and Deike-abstain. Motion failed.

Motion made by Magee to appoint Deike as President, seconded by Tornow. **Roll Call:** Barbeaux-N, Mannor-Y, Magee-Y, Tornow-Y, Perpich-Y, and Deike- abstain. **Motion carried.**

Barbeaux is officially resigning from the Council effective immediately. She left at 7:25pm.

Committee Members: Deike discussed she had checked through the minutes and felt that the committee members were off. This will be tabled.

FLT invoice: Deike would like to table this. This will be tabled.

Tornow left the meeting at 7:34pm

Historical Society Contribution: This should be tabled. This will go to the Finance Community.

Old Business

CDs: The CD, s were cashed in today. Information is coming in from Huntington Bank.

Village Manager: Both Policy, and Finance Committee looked at this option and will be looked at in 6 months again.

Attorney RFP: This was tabled. It was suggested originally to send it out to 10 attorneys. The RFPs were not sent out to 10 attorneys, and it was felt that there may have been some communication on the old e mail address that we lost during the computer transition. The RFP's will be sent out again.

Tree Bids: LaMar feels that trimming the trees on State Street is the highest priority. There was discussion on the different proposals. Motion to do State Street with Best Price

Tree Service. Motion seconded by Perpich. **Roll Call:** Magee-Y, Mannor-Y Perpich-Y and Deike-Y. Motion carried.

Road/ Asphalt repair: Deike is in communication with Joe Underwood with Grand Traverse County Road Commission.

Communications: The Chamber Newsletter and State Street Coffee, Christmas in the Village.

Public Comment: Marilyn Hayes- She suggested looking into Michigan class as a place to put some money. A new pro-tem needs to be appointed. Removing the recording secretary that will need to be a vote, and the Clerks job descriptions needs the recording added. Forwerck -DDA Chair said that the DDA is looking into their budget and Deike may want to talk about that at the DDA meeting.

Dave McGough- Congratulations Deike, and the other two people do not get discouraged as there are other boards you can serve on. He also said that the new round-about light is up and not working. A village manager needs to be looked at.

Tina Broering: when will the open seats be filled?

Board Comment: Mannor said congratulations to Deike, Mannor was hoping that the board can operate more properly. Perpich said congratulations to Deike. Magee said congratulations to Deike. She would like her to keep track of her hours to see if changes need to be made. Perpich said people just want a village to function. Deike said she does not as an entity we have the leverage to do these things. If we work together and leverage finances together with a common goal and leverage, we can make it work. Deike also said she joined the DDA members and attended the Michigan Downtown Association conference. She said she learned a lot.

Motion made by Magee and seconded by Mannor to adjourn at 7:55pm

Respectfully Submitted
Marcia Eby