

Village of Fife Lake
Council Meeting Minutes
March 18,2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

Roll Call: Present-Perpich, Magee, Tornow, Throwbridge, Hayes and Hempsted.

Absent- Deike.

Others- Werner-Village Clerk, Kitchin- Village Treasurer, Radke- Zoning, Salvaggio-
DPW and Eby Deputy Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Agenda: Changes to the agenda is the addition of Special Order of business right after the approval of the agenda. Motion made by Hayes to approve the agenda with the changes, seconded by Perpich. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

Deike arrived at 6:32pm

Special Order of Business: There was a motion made at last month's meeting under board comments in reference to the proposed RV Park. Magee made the motion to keep the zoning residential. Tornow seconded the motion. At tonight's meeting the motion will need to be rescinded. Magee made the motion to rescind the motion seconded by Tornow. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

Minutes: not addressed.

Bills, transfers, and Amendments: Hempsted gave a summary of the bills. No concerns voiced from the council Motion made by Hayes to pay the bills and approve the transfers. Motion seconded by Perpich. **Roll call:** Perpich-Y, Deike-Y, Tornow-Y, Hayes-Y, Hempsted-Y, Throwbridge-Y, and Magee-Y. **Motion carried.**

Treasurers Report: Kitchin said there was nothing new at this time. Motion made by Hempsted to approve the Treasurers Report as is, seconded by Throwbridge **Motion carried** with all yeas

Consent Agenda Items: Hayes made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented, seconded by Hempsted. **Motion carried** with all yeas

DPW Report: Salvaggio said nothing was new. Her report was in the packet. Council commented on how nice her report was. Deike said she would like Salvaggio to get in touch with the school about the banners of the graduating class for the light poles Salvaggio said she already was in touch with them.

Zoning: Radke He said that he has been following up on some light questions, some business registration questions and some fence questions. He said that he investigated the ordinance in reference to the RV park since it's on the agenda. Conditional rezoning may be permitted as a condition from a property owner. Council cannot put conditions on this zoning request. Reviewing the Master plan and future Master plan there is nothing in there about changing the zoning from R-1 to commercial. This RV Park is proposed to be open year-round. The ordinance allows short time use of trailers for up to 90 days one time only. It does not allow pop-ups or tents. It allows for trailers and motor homes no less that 20 feet and no more than 40 feet. He

read to all present section. 10.7 from the ordinance, which deals with use of trailers for a period of 14 days for friend or visitors visiting the homeowner. No trailers are allowed within the village limits for living purposes. In article 8. He said that he could not find anything in the ordinance to support the RV park. If it were to pass there would need to be a zoning text amendment made to the ordinance. Radke opinion is it does not comply with zoning as permitted or with zoning by special use.

Police/Public Safety: Hempsted went over the police report that was in the packet.

Guest: Joe Underwood – Grand Travers Road Commission. He said that they approved their raw material contracts. He asked if the village was contacted about the prices. He asked about upcoming meetings and upcoming road closers within the county for road maintenance. Hempsted would like to know about upcoming meetings.

Public Comment: 19 people commented on the RV park. All 18 comments were against and one neutral comment about the Proposed RV Park. The 19 who commented 6 were residents of the village, 8 were from the township and 5 were from other places outside of the village and township.

Old Business

Hurley & Steward RV Park: Motion made by Magee to deny the conditional zoning map amendment as recommended by the Fife Lake Area Planning Commission and to amend the Property Parcel number 41-040-110-00, from R-1 Residential. to C-2 Highway commercial for the following reasons. The proposed use does not align with the Mater plan as the property is intended to be for residential development, and the proposed use does not align with the surrounding area uses, and the proposed use as described, does not fall within the permitted uses of C-2 Highway Commercial, per Resolution number 24-03 attached. Motion seconded by Throwbridge. Perpich discussed possibly turning the lot to Highway Commercial for future development but not necessary for an RV Park. Deike also questioned possibly changing the lot to Highway Commercial **Roll Call:** Deike-N, Hayes-Y, Tornow-Y Throwbridge-Y, Hempsted-Y, Magee-Y, and Perpich-N **Motion carried.**

Merritt Street: legal action is still ongoing. An arrest was made at the resident.

Online Property Tax solution: Kitchin clarified the question he had with Elavon. There would be a one-time purchase of \$149.00. each month there is monthly minimum for processing fees of \$25.00. If the minimum is not met, we would have to pay the difference. There is also an option for seasonal once we pass tax season, we can put the program in dormant mode and not pay \$25.00 monthly fee. Motion made by Hempsted to pursue this and get the paperwork together. Motion amended Motion made by Hempsted to give Kitchin authority to proceed keeping the expense under \$200.00. Motion seconded by Deike. **Roll call:** Hayes-Y, Throwbridge-Y, Hempsted-Y, Magee-Y, Dieke-Y, Tornow-Y, and Perpich-Y. **Motion carried**

Rural Task Force: ongoing

New Business

JPC Budget, Brenda Wyatt application: Motion made by Hempsted to approve the Planning Commission budget for 2024. Motion seconded by Deike. **Roll Call:** Deike-Y, Hayes-Y, Tornow-Y, Throwbridge-Y, Hempsted-Y, Magee-Y, and Perpich-Y. **Motion carried.**

Brenda Wyatt application came in for the Planning Commission. Hempsted made a motion to approve Brenda Wyatt to the Planning Commission as the liaison person for the Commission. Motion seconded by Hayes. **Motion carried with** all yeas.

Spring Clean-up: GFL has notified the village of the cost for Spring Clean-up. It is scheduled for May 11th from 8-12pm Hempsted made a motion to approve the contract for Spring Cleanup. Motion seconded by Tornow. **Roll Call:** Deike-Y, Hayes-Y, Tornow-Y, Throwbridge-Y, Hempsted-Y, Magee-Y, and Perpich-Y. **Motion carried.** This expense is split with the township.

Communication: There were 25 e-mails pertaining to the RV Park. Twenty-two voted no with one person responding twice. Two comments inquiring information about the RV Park and meeting information neither stating that they were for or against it, and one yes vote.

Public Comment: there were at least 15 comments from the public on zoning changes, Planning vote, governmental concerns, website issues, why do we need a campground, how did it get this far, how to get the agenda, no zoning change, and online tax questions. Representatives on behalf of the RV Park express disappointment in the vote.

Board Comments: Hempsted explained the process on how to get the agenda. Magee asked to have the playground power washed. She said the MRS crew to do the power washing as during their summer employment. She said the gray slide is unsteady wiggles. Deike said the whole experience will allow us to be better at what we do. How do we make this a better place and where does it start. Perpich agreed with her statement.

Motion made by Tornow and seconded Deike by to adjourn at 8:35pm

Respectfully Submitted
Marcia Eby