

Village of Fife Lake  
Council Meeting Minutes  
January 16, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

**Roll Call:** Present: Perpich, Hayes, Deike, and Hempsted

Absent: Tornow

Others: Stocking- DPW, Broering-Zoning, and Eby-Deputy Clerk

**Approval of Agenda:** Addition to agenda under New Items letter "h" will be Trash Pickup. Hempsted made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions. Motion seconded by Deike. **Motion carried** with all yeas

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Special Order of Business:** none

**Consent Agenda Items:** Deike made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Perpich seconded the motion. **Roll call:** Deike-Y, Perpich-Y,, Hayes-Y, and Hempsted-Y. **Motion carried.**

**Zoning Report:** Broering said that there were 3 inquires on the property between the gas station and the Baptist church. One person wanted to put in a RV park. There was a question about waste. The Zoning Administrator said that they will need to hook up to the sewer. Another request came in on the same property about making it a mobile home park. It was discussed that if the village is to maintain the roads, they will need to be to county standards and they will need to hook up to sewer.

On Lake Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street someone requested putting in a basement then building above it a year later.

Another request for a pole barn on a lot without a house.

No permits were issued in the last month. All were inquiring.

**DPW Report:** Stocking said that Great lakes Energy is looking into the big tree in the alley behind the old School house. Stocking has not heard anything from them yet.

He said the movie screen in the ballpark fell and took some of the fencing. He wanted to know if they wanted the screen back up. It was decided not to put the screen back up

The Christmas lights will be coming down on the next decent day.

**Police/Public Safety:** stats in the packet.

**Guest:** Gerianne Street-Township Supervisor gave a township report saying that she applied for ARPA funds to repair the fire barn roof. She said she was one of the winners but does not have any details yet.

She said one of the light poles at the round- about is out. They are waiting for parts.

She announced the who the new person was for the planning seat and who was reappointed to the sewer board.

**Public Comment:** Dave McGough 514 Bates Street said that he would like to be reappointed to the Planning Commission.

**New items**

**Joyce from Historical Society:** Deike had some questions about the bids and wondered since the Village owns the historical fire barn, who make the decision on the bid to paint it. Joyce was not present at the meeting to answer the questions. This will be tabled.

**FLAUA Fence:** information in packet. Jody Thayer from the Sewer Authority spoke to the council about the replacement of the fence after a vandalism. They replaced the security fencing by purchasing the materials themselves and putting it in themselves. The cost came out to about \$23,905.82 They are asking for village help for the cost. The village cost will be \$9000.00 out of the ARPA funds. They will invoice the village next month.

**DPW and Clerk Report:** Hempsted said that he wanted to stop requiring reports on what they were doing. Both Stocking and Johnson want to continue to do the reports for their own records.

**Appoint Village Treasurer:** Three applications came in for the position. Hempsted recommended appointing Joseph Kitchin as Treasurer. Motion seconded by Perpich. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**Resolution 2023-01:** This is to add Joseph Kitchin to the bank accounts and state revenue accounts. Hayes made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-01 adding the treasurer to the accounts and state accounts. Motion seconded by Deike. **Motion carried** with all yeas

**DDA Report and Budget:** Forwerck discussed briefly the budget and the report. She discussed that Network Northwest is redoing the DDA plan and TIF plan. She said the DDA budget has been approved by the DDA. Hayes made a motion to approve the DDA budget from April 1, 2023 to March 30, 2024. seconded by Deike. **Roll Call:** Deike-Y, Perpich-Y, Hayes-Y, and Hempsted-Y. **Motion carried.**

**Draft Budgets:** This will be tabled till next month. They would like the new Treasurer to go over this. Deike made a motion to table the budget, seconded by Perpich. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**Trash Pickup:** Deike checked on the village possibly covering trash pickup. Tracy from O'Traceys Waste spoke to everyone about doing a village wide pickup. He answered questions that were asked and said that he could manage doing the village for pickup service. He said he would have a quote for next month on what the cost will be.

#### Updated items

##### **Open seats:**

- a. **Appoint Planning member:** Hempsted made a recommendation to appoint Forwerck to the planning commission. Motion seconded by Perpich. **Roll Call:** Deike-Y, Hayes-N, Perpich-Y, Hempsted-Y. **Motion carried.**
- b. **Appoint 2 members to the DDA:** Two members are up for reappointments till 2026 Hempsted made a recommendation to reappoint Patrick Prebo to the DDA. Motion seconded by Deike. **Motion carried** with all yeas.  
Hempsted made a recommendation to reappoint Jane Roesemeier to the DDA. Motion seconded by Deike. **Motion carried** with all yeas

**Roads:** tabled

**Alley by Post Office:** tabled till spring. Perpich said he had a bid from someone out of Kalkaska. He will bring it to the next meeting.

**Boat wash station:** Jeff was not present at the meeting. The village owes the township \$387.88 for the 40% which the village agreed to pay for their portion of the boat wash station. Deike

made a motion to pay \$387.88 to the township for the boat wash station, seconded by Hempsted. **Roll call:** Hayes-Y, Deike-Y, Perpich-Y, and Hempsted-Y. **Motion carried.**

**Communication:** none

**Public Comment:** none

**Board Comments:** Deike said she did a quick google search and found Recycle Smart and commented on that.

Motion to adjourn made by Deike and seconded by Hempsted at 7:56pm

Respectfully Submitted

Marcia Eby

Village of Fife Lake  
Village Council Special Meeting  
February 7, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm

**Roll call:** Present: Perpich, Deike, Hayes, and Hempsted  
Absent: Tornow  
Others: Stocking- DPW, and Eby- Deputy Clerk

**Approval of Agenda:** Hayes made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Deike. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**Accept Clerks resignation:** Motion made by Deike to accept Tessa Johnson the Village Clerk resignation. Motion seconded by Perpich. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**Hire parttime DPW employee:** The Village needs to hire a part-time DPW employee and a part-time Clerk. Part time meaning 25 hours or less a week. The DPW employee would be 5 days a week for 4-5 hours a day. The village clerk would be 3 days a week for 6 hours a day. Hempsted said that his wife is filling in until someone can fill the position. One application came in for the DPW employee. The employee is Stocking nephew. Some council members were concerned about the perception. It was suggested that both positions be posted and if Stocking nephew wants to work in the meantime he could. Job descriptions need to be put together. Motion made by Hayes to post both the Part-time DPW and Clerk for a period of 10 days with a deadline of the 17<sup>th</sup> of February. Motion seconded by Deike. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

Applicants will be reviewed at the next council meeting. Starting pay will be between \$15.00-17.00 per hour. Motion made by Deike to offer interim positions to Maryann Hempsted for Clerk and Shawn Woodward for DPW for the next 10 days. Motion seconded by Perpich. **Roll call:** Hayes-Y, Perpich-Y, Deike-Y, and Hempsted-Y. **Motion carried.**

**H&R Block Bookkeeping contract:** Information in packet. This is for taking over the bill paying bookkeeping and payroll. Perpich made a motion to accept the contract with H&R Block to handle the bookkeeping for the Village. Motion seconded by Deike. **Roll Call:** Perpich-Y, Hayes-Y, Deike-Y, and Hempsted-Y. **Motion carried.**

**Hire Baird, Cotter Bishop for Attestation audit:** Hayes said that there were no bills paid for January. They will get January books in order and will do an audit from March 1, 2022 forward. Motion made Deike to approve Baird, Cotter and Bishop Contract, seconded by Perpich. **Roll call:** Perpich-Y, Deike-Y, Hayes-Y, and Hempsted-Y. **Motion carried.** It is not clear what the cost will be at this time.

Hempsted made a motion to adjourn at 8:11pm

Respectfully submitted  
Marcia Eby

Village of Fife Lake  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 20, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm

**Roll Call:** Present: Deike, Hayes, Tornow and Hempsted

Absent: Perpich

Others: Stockling- DPW and Eby- Deputy Clerk

**Approval of Agenda:** Deike made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Hayes. **Motion Carried** with all yeas.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Special Order of Business:** none

**Consent Agenda Items:** Hayes made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented, seconded by Deike. **Roll call:** Tornow-Y, Deike-Y, Hayes-Y, and Hempsted-Y. **Motion carried.**

**Zoning Report:** Broering not present to give report.

**DPW Report:** A report was in the packet. In addition to the report Stocking said that the tree in the alley behind the Township office is down. He said that Great Lakes Energy took it down other than that he said that he has been plowing.

**Police/ Public Safety:** Stats in the packet.

**Guest:** Darryl Nelson -Traverse City County Commissioner said he was glad that we had a deputy in Fife Lake. He also said that he went to the National Association of County Meetings where Broad Band was discussed. He said his project for this year is to get Broad Band to the outlining areas of the county. The head of the Michigan Broad Band is called M HI-Michigan Highspeed Internet. He said there is money available on both the State and Federal level, and he has been talking to government officials about this.

**Public Comment:** Dave McGough, 514 Bates Street. He was upset about an issue before the Planning Commission regarding a marijuana retail business, he felt they should get what they were requesting and felt that the new person who was appointed by the council should not be on Planning if they vote against it.

**New items**

**Tru Green Contract:** tabled

**Medical Marijuana License:** This is being checked into to see what the next step is.

**FLAUA Fence:** Table till March. Looking into ARBA funds

**Apprpve Planning Commission Budget:** Motion made by Deike to approve the Proposed Planning Commission Budget as presented, seconded by Hempsted. **Roll Call:** Hayes-Y, Deike-Y, Tornow-Y, and Hempsted-Y. **Motion carried**

**Draft Budgets:** Motion by Deike to approve the proposed budget, seconded by Hayes. **Roll Call:** Hayes-Y, Tornow-Y, Deike-Y, and Hempsted-Y. **Motion carried**

**Council Trustee:** Two applications were in the packet for the trustee position. Motion made by Deike to appoint Lisa Magee as a trustee for a two-year term. Motion seconded by Hayes.

**Motion carried.**

Motion made by Hayes to appoint Rockford Throwbridge as trustee for a 4-year term. Motion seconded by Deike. **Motion carried.**

**DPW Applications:** Three applications came in for this position. Shawn Woodworth has been working as a temporary person for the last couple of weeks. Motion made by Hempsted to hire Shawn as the part time DPW employee. Motion seconded by Tornow. **Motion carried.**

**Clerk Application:** One clerk application came in for the position. Motion made by Hempsted to hire Jayne Warner as the Village Clerk for not more than 20 hours a week. Motion seconded by Deike. **Motion carried**

**FLAUA Appointment:** One applicant applied to this position. Deike made a motion to appoint Sandra Howell to the Fife Lake Area Utility Authority for the remainder of the term. Motion seconded by Hayes. **Motion carried.** with all yeas.

**Updated Items**

**Post 3 open ZBA seats:** ongoing, no new applications.

**Roads:** Information needed to apply for grants. Discussion about Anthony Street came up. This road is in terrible condition. The county Commissioner will look into the condition of the roads mainly Anthony Street for now and get back with Hempsted.

**Alley by Post Office** tabled till Spring

**Communication:** in packet. Hayes question the Grand Traverse County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. She asked the county Commissioner what exactly that was. Darryl said he would check into it.

**Public Comment:** none

**Board Comments:** Hempsted said that H&R Block is doing the bookkeeping. All council members will need to fill out the form provided and turn it in. Everyone will. Be paid on a monthly basis and it will all be done by direct deposit.

Deike said that Saturday is adult Bingo night at the Hulwick center from 6-9 .to support the band boosters. Then on March 11<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Talent show at 5:30pm

Motion made by Hempsted to adjourn at 7:31p

Respectfully Submitted

Marcia Eby

Village of Fife Lake  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 21,2022

Meeting called to order at 6:40pm

**Roll call:** Present: Hayes, Tornow, Perpich, and Tornow

Absent: Deike, and Tegama

Others: Broering- Zoning, and Eby- Deputy Clerk

**Approval of Agenda:** An addition to the agenda under new items letter "a" will be Jane Rosemeyer. Motion made by Hayes to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Perpich.

**Motion carried** with all yeas

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Special order of Business:** none

**Consent Agenda Items:** Motion made by Hayes to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented, seconded by Tornow. **Roll Call:** Tornow-Y, Perpich-Y, Hayes-Y, and McGough-Y.

**Motion carried.**

**DPW Report:** Stocking was not present at meeting and gave a written report, McGough said that they have been working on the spreader. He said it needed a new belt and is now running.

**Zoning:** Broering was present and said that McGough and himself went down to talk to the owners at 404 E State Street about the deck and other problems. They will need to get in contact with the DNR about the deck. He said that he got two calls about short term rentals and neither of them inquired again.

**Police Public Safety:** Stats in packet. McGough said there are still some issues with thief in the area.

**Guest:** No guest

**Public Comment:** Tom Senical-1501 Forest Ave, Grand Rapids Michigan. He owns the north east corner of the roundabout. He wanted an update on what was going on with his recreational marijuana business at that location.

Deike arrived at 7pm

**New Items**

**Jane Rosemeyer-** 131 Merritt Street discussed the need for a dog park in the community. There was talk of doing an online survey to see what the need is in the community,

**Resolution 02-22:** This is the budget for 2022-2023. Motion made by Hayes to approve the budget for 2022-2023 as presented, seconded by Perpich. **Roll call:** Perpich-Y, Deike-Y, Tornow-Y, Hayes-Y, and McGough-Y. **Motion carried.** Perpich would like to see the budget sheets in the monthly packet.

**Resolution 03-22:** This is for the bank depository. Motion made by Deike to set the bank depository, seconded by Perpich. **Roll call:** Deike-Y, Hayes-Y, Perpich-Y, Tornow-Y, and McGough-Y. **Motion carried.**

**Set meeting dates:** Perpich made a motion to approve the meeting dates for 2022-2023 as presented, seconded by Hayes. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**3 open DDA seats Applications:** There were three applications submitted for open seats on the DDA. Motion made by McGough to reappoint Linda Forwerck to the DDA for a 4 year term, seconded by Tornow. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

Mc Gough made a motion to reappoint Mark Magee to the DDA for a 4 year term. Motion seconded by Tornow **Motion carried** with all yeas.

McGough made a motion to appoint Jane Rosemeyer to the DDA for a 4 year term. Motion seconded by Tornow. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**Approve DDA budget:** Motion made by Hayes to approve the DDA Budget for 2022-2023. Motion seconded by Perpich. **Roll call:** Deike-Y, Hayes-Y, Tornow-Y, Perpich-Y, and McGough-Y. **Motion carried.** Linda Forwerck-DDA chair said that the state requires some information by added to the village website. She asked if she could have access to the website. This will be checked into.

**Tru green Budget:** Hayes made a motion to approve the Tru-Green estimate as presented, seconded by Perpich. **Roll Call:** Hayes-Y, Perpich-Y, Deike-Y, Tornow-Y and McGough-Y. **Motion carried.**

#### Updates items

**Open seats:** There is currently one open council seat and one planning seat and several ZBA seat. No new applications.

**Roads:** ongoing. Perpich asked about curbs he would like that added into the estimate. He asked to submit the a rain water report that was done several years ago when doing the estimate.

**Recreational Marijuana:** Hayes made a motion to send the recreational draft marijuana ordinance to the planning commission. Motion seconded by Perpich. Perpich would like the have the processing and growing sections removed. **Motion carried.** Tom Senical will have his attorney revise the ordinance.

**Alley by post office:** in progress. A survey will be done on the alley

**Possible surveillance:** ongoing

**Howard street alley:** This issue should be resolved. This was an issue more with the sewer authority. It is still being worked on.

**Communication:** recycle center information.

**Public Comment:** none

**Board Comments:** Perpich commented on the Fife Lake Inn pushing the snow on the Merritt Street trees along the backside of the DNR parking lot. The snow is pushed up against the trees. The restaurant is pushing the snow into the right of way on Merritt Street.

Deike said the Talent Show is March 12 at the high school at 5pm. The Forest Area Booters are doing a Corn Hole tournament on Saturday at the Hulwick Center for \$30.00 a pair with a raffle and prizes. At the high school some committees were created within the junior high and high school by the School Community Committee. and they are looking to have a Spring Service Day within the community to provide community service. The date has not been set yet but are thinking April or May. If anyone needs work done let Deike know.

Motion to adjourn made MCGough by and seconded by Perpich at 7:50pm



Respectfully Submitted  
Marcia Eby

Village of Fife Lake  
Council Meeting Minutes  
March 20, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm

**Roll Call:** Present: Perpich, Deike, Tornow, Hayes, Hempsted, and Trowbridge

Absent: Magee

Others: Kitchin- Village Treasurer, Warner- Village Clerk, Broering- Zoning, and Eby- Deputy Clerk

**Approval of Agenda:** Deike made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Perpich. **Motion carried** with all yeas

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Special Order of Business:** Motion made by Hempsted to close the regular meeting and open the Special Meeting. This was done due to the meeting dates for 2023 were not posted properly. The posting was posted in the paper last Saturday. Motion made by Hempsted to close the regular meeting and open the Special Meeting. Motion seconded by Hayes. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**Consent Agenda Items:** Motion made by Hayes to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented and seconded by Tornow. **Roll Call:** Dieke-Y, Hayes-Y, Tornow-Y, Perpich-Y Hempsted-Y, and Trowbridge-Y. **Motion carried.**

**Zoning Report:** Broering said the house on Maple Street which was in disrepair and had been addressed in the past has been torn down. There have been questions on setbacks, but nothing has been done to the property yet.

A mobile home at 510 Bates Street is going to be removed and a house will be built there in the future. A permit has been issued.

Several calls on tiny houses and short-term rentals.

Several calls came in regarding the vacant property between the Baptist Church and the Beacon Bridge in reference to putting in a RV Park.

The property next to the bar, 114 E State Street called to inquire what could be done with the property within the ordinance.

**DPW Report:** not present to give report.

**Police Public Safety:** Ryan Collay the police officer for Fife Lake was present to give a report. Introduced himself to everyone present. He has been working in Fife Lake since November. He gave the statistics for the last month which were 45 Traffic stops, some snow mobile issues on the sidewalks, a larceny of a gas can at Beacon and Bridge, a felony of a credit card theft from a person on Merritt Street. Ryan said that he has a couple of ongoing investigations going on now and will give more information once they are closed. Hempsted felt that the speeding in the area has been down in the last couple of months.

**Guest:** none

**Public Comment:** Tom Speers, 812 Shelby Street, voiced concern on the condition of the road on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street at Shelby. He said that 2<sup>nd</sup> Street is continuing to degrade. He would like at some point something to be done to the road.

Shane Lewis said that MDOT came out with a grant for small municipalities and Villages for up to \$250,000.00. He said it might be worth checking into.

**New Items**

**Tru Green Contract:** Broering discussed that he felt that liquid fertilizer was better than powder. There was a quote in the packet. He felt that the powder would cost about as much as the liquid. He felt that the weeds and dandelions were out of control in the past. This was for the Lakeside Park and Village Green only. There were some concerns about the chemicals near the lake and nearby wells. This will be tabled. Deike made a motion to table this till next month. Motion seconded by Perpich. **Motion carried with all yeas.**

**Schedule Public Hearing for Marijuana Ordinance:** The ordinance that was passed last summer was not posted in the correct time frame and therefore needs to be done again. Hempsted made a motion to schedule the Public Hearing on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Motion seconded by Tornow. **Motion carried with all yeas.**

**FLAUA Fence Invoice:** The township is paying 40%, the village was paying 40% and Springfield is to pay 20% of the fence for the sewer authority. The village portion of the bill is coming out of the village ARPA funds. Deike made a motion to pay the 40% of the village portion which would be \$9562.08 out of the ARPA fund. Motion seconded by Perpich. **Roll Call:** Deike-Y, Hayes-Y, Tornow-Y, Perpich-Y, Hemsted-Y, and Trowbridge-Y. **Motion carried.**

**Spring Cleanup:** There was discussion if the township would like to join the village for Spring clean-up and split the cost. Motion made by Hayes to schedule Spring Cleanup on May 13 and will get with the township in conjunction with splitting the cost. Motion seconded by Hempsted. **Roll Call:** Tornow-Y, Deike-Y, Throwbridge-Y, Hayes-Y, Hempsted-Y, Perpich-Y. **Motion carried.**

Stocking would like to rent a dozer to push the brush back at the leaf dump. Deike made a motion to rent a dozer to clean up the leaf dump for a total not to exceed \$2000.00 for one day. Motion seconded by Perpich. **Roll Call:** Deike-Y, Hayes-Y, Perpich-Y, Throwbridge-Y, Tornow-Y. and Hempsted-Y. **Motion carried**

Hempsted said that Stocking is requesting a paddle to help get the stones out of the grass after a winter of snow plowing. Deike made a motion to purchase paddle equipment for \$900.00 from Gill-Roys. Motion seconded by Perpich. **Roll Call:** Perpich-Y, Throwbridge-Y, Tornow-Y, Hayes-Y, Deike-Y, and Hempsted-Y. **Motion carried.**

**H&R Block Employee Paperwork:** Hempsted reminded everyone to fill out the paperwork to submit to H&R Block to get paid

**Reapprove Meeting Dates and times:** The meeting dates were not posted when first voted on in the past. Deike made a motion to reapprove the meeting dates and times for 2023/ 2024, seconded by Perpich. **Motion carried with all yeas.**

**Updated Items**

**Post 3 open ZBA Seats:** no new applicants

**Roads:** Looking into grants

**Alley by Post office:** tabled till spring. Perpich will present a quote at the next meeting.

**Communications:** none

**Public Comment:** none

**Board Comments:** Hempsted would like to welcome the new faces here tonight. Jamy Warner the new clerk, Joseph Kitchin the new Village Treasurer and Rocky Throwbridge is a new trustee.

Motion made by Hempsted and seconded by Perpich to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm

Respectfully submitted  
Marcia Eby

Village of Fife Lake  
Council Meeting Minutes  
March 21, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:39pm

**Roll Call:** Present: Hayes, Perpich, Tegama, Deike, Hayes, and McGough  
Absent: Tornow

**Approval of Agenda:** Addition to agenda under "new items" letter f is Oak Street Survey and Gordy Smith will be moved to just before DPW report. Motion made by Deike to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Tegama. **Motion carried** with all yeas

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Special Order of Business:** none

**Consent Agenda Items:** Hayes made a motion to approve consent agenda items A-D. Motion seconded by Deike. **Roll Call:** Deike-Y, Perpich-Y, Tegama-Y, Hayes-Y, and McGough-Y. **Motion carried.**

**Gordy Smith:** Gordy spoke about requesting a land split on his property on State Street and a residential house on Morgan Street. The residential home does not meet the back yard setback that abuts the commercial property. He wants to move the property line 5 feet between the commercial property on State Street and the residential house on Morgan Street. He was told that it will need a special hearing. This will be set up on April 7 at 6:15pm. Deike made a motion to hold a public hearing on Gordy's land split on April 7, 2022, at 6:15pm. Motion seconded by Perpich. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**DPW Report:** Stocking discussed problems with the big truck. He said that the truck will need to be replaced soon. He said the current truck will need brakes he estimated it to be 3-4 thousand dollars. He would like to get a D.O.T inspection, He wants the brakes completely done and replace the under-carriage blade. The current blade is a 10-foot blade, and he would like to replace it with a 12-foot blade for around 16,000 dollars. He is not sure if the engine on the truck will be able to handle a 12-foot blade. Stocking will get the information and get back with council on the cost after getting a D.O.T inspection. He hopes that the D.O.T, inspection and work will buy about 4 more years of use from the truck. Stocking discussed the poor condition of the roads. He said that cold patch has gone up in price. It was discussed that a Special Hearing was needed to be held to be able to get a low interest loan. Deike would like a updated estimate of the cost, where the priority is and the cost of curbs verses no curbs. Perpich would like to see what the cost would be for curbing. He would like the rainwater drainage report submitted to get the bid. They would like to see where the problems areas are. Deike questioned if there was a water drainage report and if there is if that could be submitted for the estimate. Stocking also discussed problems with his helper and the fact that he needs reliable help. Council discussed possible solutions to the problem.

**Zoning:** Broering not present at meeting. Deike would like to have a written report from Broering.

**Police/Public Safety:** stats in packet. Deric is no longer the police officer working out here. No new police officer till June

**Guest:** none

**Public Comment:** Lisa Leedy- 135 Morgan Street-turned in an application to be on the Planning Commission. McGough made a recommendation to appoint Leedy to the Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Perpich. **Motion carried** with all yeas. She said she had no problems with the land split at Gordys as she is a neighbor within 300 feet. She discussed Stormwater Management Plan that the village has. In the plan is an assessment on storm drainage, also she said that there are some special materials that could be used that could applied to a road grant. She said that State Street and Boyd qualify for Rural Task Force funding. She said that there is a project due for Fife Lake

Dave Tegama asked about the survey on Oak Street. There is a tree in question on the alley off Oak Street if it is on village property. The alley is between Oak and Front Street.

**New items**

**Resolution 01-22:** rescheduled on April 7th

**Gordy Smith land Split:** already covered

**Spring Clean-up:** Scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup>. Motion made by Deike to approve the Spring Cleanup on May 14,2022 from 8-12pm at the rates given by GLF. Motion seconded by Perpich. **Roll Call:** Perpich-Y, Tegama-Y, Deike-Y, Hayes-Y, and McGough-Y. **Motion carried.**

**Village Plow truck:** covered under DPW report.

**Flower pots:** tabled till next month

**Oak Street Survey:** already covered

**Updated Items**

**Open seats:** 3 ZBA seats and one council seat open. No new applications.

**Roads:** No new information. ongoing

**Recreational Marijuana:** in progress

**Alley by Post office:** ongoing

**Possible surveillance cameras:** removed from agenda

**Howard Street alley:** removed from agenda

**Communications:** Recycle Smart.

**Public Comment:** Lisa Leedy commented that Derck the former police officer was fantastic. She mentioned that the police training in the township always has police there doing training and they are close by in an emergency.

**Board Comments:** McGough asked if Deike and Hayes would discuss the Clerks conduct sooner than later. Board discussed if there was anything that they could do to make things run smoother.

Motion made by Perpich and seconded by Deike at 8:25pm

Respectfully submitted

Marcia Eby

Village of Fife Lake  
Council Meeting Minutes  
April 17, 2023.

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

**Roll Call:** Present Deike, Tornow, Perpich, Hayes, Hempsted. Trowbridge and Magee

Absent: none

Others: Warner- Village Clerk, Stocking- DPW, Broering-Zoning, Kitchin- Village Treasurer and Eby- Deputy Clerk

**Approval of Agenda:**

Deike made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Perpich. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Special Order of Business:** none

**Consent Agenda Items:** Perpich requested the finance report be pulled from the Consent Agenda Items. Deike made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items minus the Finance Report. Motion seconded by Hayes. **Roll Call:** Perpich-Y, Deike-Y, Tornow-Y, Hayes-Y, Hempsted-Y, Trowbridge-Y, and Magee-Y. **Motion carried.**

Perpich questioned the profit and lost report on page 9. He questioned an uncategorized expense of \$9562.08. Hayes clarified that this is the money that was ARPA funds for the fence at the sewer authority.

Perpich made a motion to approve the finance H&R Block reports as presented, seconded by Hempsted. **Roll Call:** Tornow-Y, Deike-Y, Perpich-Y, Hayes-Y, Hempsted-Y, Magee-Y, and Throwbridge-Y. **Motion carried**

**Zoning Report:** Broering said that he issued a permit for a shed this month.

He referred a call from Alex Phalan to the council because he could not answer his questions. He made the comment that the kids are climbing the trees in front of the ice cream shop and suggested putting up a sign to keep the kids off the trees.

**DPW Report:** Stocking said the sidewalks are cleaned up and the brush has been pushed back at the dump. He said the high school banners area up on the streetlights. He asked how long they should be up for. Currently they area ahead of schedule. Council requested getting a written report monthly.

**Grand Traverse Sheriff:** not present, Stats in packet.

**Guest:** none

**Public Comment:** Dave McGough 514 Bates Street. He discussed the Planning Commission resignation of the secretary. He discussed one board member last month ago one of the board members could not make the planning commission meeting but did come to the village meeting. He said that one of the comments was that the board member should pay for the reposting of the public notice.

Phil Coulolias- 325 Cresent Bay Lunia Beach Ca, owner of Sky Box Cannabis said he wanted to add to Dave McGough comment This happened to him on March 11, 2023 for a public hearing on Skybox Cannabis. He had to pay for another public notice and said nothing has been done about her lack of duty and no apology from anyone.

Cal Benke-7986 Ingersoll, He said he has not been in a meeting in a while he questioned the Consent Agenda Items being together and not addressed separately.

#### **New Items**

**Round about light Pole:** A light post on the round-a-about got hit be a car. A bid had. Been submitted to MML The Parts are backed due to supply issues. It will get fixed in time. The cost might be \$250.00 dollars for the village if they cannot get it from the driver's car insurance.

**Tru-Green Contract:** Last month safety issues were voiced. After research it was concluded that it would not be a safety issue. There was a question about phosphorus being used by Perpich. He would like it to be phosphorus free. Perpich requested a soil test. Hempsted made a motion to have Tru-Green do the fertilizer/weed control for the two parks and test the soil. Motion seconded by Hayes, **Roll Call:** Perpich-Y, Deike-Y, Tornow-Y, Hayes-Y, Hempsted-Y, Throwbridge- abstain, Magee-N. **Motion carried.**

**Spring Clean-up:** May 13<sup>th</sup> from 8-12pm. It has been posted on the website. The township will be in on this. The township will split the cost.

**Alex Phelan Property Development:** Alex is a civil engineer who represents Fife Lake Family Resort LLC. This is the 25-acre property between the Baptist church and the Beacon & Bridge gas station. They are proposing putting in a RV Park there. This will have an entrance off of State Street. It will have a club house with at least 100 lots. This will be year around. This campground would tie into the trail system. Hempsted as for the addresses of the other parks they have in southwest Michigan. Several council members felt positive about the project. Hempsted said that there is a lot of issues that need to be checked. Motion made by Deike to vote pursuing this further but not committing to it. Motion seconded by Perpich. **Roll call:** Deike-Y, Perpich-Y, Hayes-Y, Tornow-Y, Magee-Y, and Throwbridge-Y. **Motion carried.** The council requested that he send a proposal to the council

**Joint Planning Commission:** The township wants to disband the Joint Planning Commission

**DDA Open house:** There is an open house tomorrow at the library from 4-7. The DDA is updating their TIF plan and would like community input from businesses and residents in the DDA district.

**Marijuana Ordinance Resolution:** Motion made by Hayes to approve Resolution 23-04-07 the Marijuana Ordinance, seconded by Perpich. **Roll call:** Tornow-Y, Deike-Y, Perpich-Y, Hayes-Y, Hempsted-Y, Magee-Y, and Trowbridge-Y.

**Policing ordinance for Marijuana** This involves the rules for the marijuana application and appels the application itself. Hayes made a motion to adopt the Fife Lake rules for marijuana application and appeals, the actual application and then the rules for marijuana licensing applications and then the marijuana licensing fee schedule. Motion seconded by Perpich. **Roll Call:** Perpich-Y, Deike-Y, Tornow-Y, Hayes-Y, Magee-Y, Throwbridge-Y, and Hempsted-Y. **Motion carried.**

**Beach sand and Diamond Dust:** Stocking said we need 26 tons of diamond dust for the ballpark which is two truckloads. The beach need 39 tons of beach sand which is 3 truckloads. The total cost is \$3236.18 including a \$960.00 delivery cost. Hempsted made a motion to order 26 tons of diamond dust and 39 tons of beach sand which equals 5 truck loads not to exceed \$3500.00. Motion seconded by Tornow. **Roll Call:** Deike-Y, Hayes-Y, Tornow-Y, Perpich-Y, Hempsted-Y, Magee-Y, and Throwbridge-Y. **Motion carried.**



**Annual Audit:** Audit letter in the packet. A audit had to be done this year due to the circumstances that are going on. This is information only.

**Quick Books update:** a third-party person is getting the records straightened out from March of 22 to March of 23. This person was recommended by Baird Cotter and Bishop Certified Public Accountants. The charge for her services is \$50.00 and hour and it was thought it would be about 10 to 20 hours of work. This must be done before the annual audit is done.

**Updated Items**

**Open seats:** no new applicants for the ZBA

**Roads:** ongoing

**Alley by Post office:** one bid came in and Hempsted would like another bid to fix the alley behind the post office.

**H&R Block employee paperwork:** Hempsted asked everyone to get their paperwork in so they can get paid.

**Communication:** none

**Public Comment:** Shane Lewis-11744 East State Street, said if any money is owed to him while on the Planning Commission she said he did not want it.

Stan Patrick-7461 Blue Road- He said that tomorrows open house will have a limited menu and drinks.

Ron Broering- Zoning administrator, said that he talked to Alex Phelan outside and asked for a \$1500.00 escrow account so that the village could seek legal advice, so it is not at the taxpayer's expense.

**Board Comments:** Deike said the band boosters is doing their second Bingo night this Saturday at the Hulwick Event Center.

Magee said that she is frequently at the Lake Side Park and there is a bad goose dropping problem there. She would like to add it to the agenda.

Meeting adjourned by Dieke and seconded by Perpich at 8:25pm

Respectfully Submitted

Marcia Eby

Village of Fife Lake  
Marijuana ordinance Public Hearing  
April 17,2023

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm

**Roll Call:** Present: Deike, Perpich, Tornow, Hayes, Hempsted Throwbridge, and Magee

Absent: none

Others Eby – Deputy Clerk

**Approval of Agenda:** Deike made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Perpich. **Motion carried** with all yeas

**Present Marijuana draft ordinance:** The only change was increasing the number of licenses to 2 instead of one.

**Public Comment:** Shane Lewis 1174 E. State Street voiced his concern about children and marijuana. He discussed to everyone two books worth reading. He gave a few stories related to marijuana and crime.

**Board Comments:** none

Motion made by Perpich and seconded by Tornow to adjourn at 6:10pm

Respectfully Submitted

Marcia Eby

The Village of Fife Lake  
Council Meeting Minutes  
May 15, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm

**Roll Call:** Present: Perpich, Magee, Throwbridge, Hayes.

Absent: Deike, Tornow, and Hempsted

Others: Werner- Village Clerk, Kitchin-Village Treasurer, and Eby Deputy Clerk.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Perpich to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Magee. **Motion carried** with all yeas

**Special Order of Business:** None

**Consent Agenda Items:** Motion made by Perpich to approve the consent agenda items as presented, seconded by Hayes. **Roll Call:** Perpich-Y, Hayes-Y, Magee-Y, and Throwbridge-Y.

Deike arrived at 6:35pm

**Bills, transfers, and amendments:** Bills and transfers will now be listed separately from the Consent Agenda items. Hayes said that moving forward H&R Block will not be paying any bills until they have been approved by Council. Currently there are no bills that are outstanding.

**Zoning Report:** none

**DPW Report:** Report in Packet

**Grand Traverse Sheriff's Report:** Report in packet

**Guest:** Joe Underwood- Grand Traverse Road Commission, He is the chairman of the board. He discussed the problems with the deer. He said they are negotiating with the DNR over who is responsible for the deer removal. He hopes it will be worked out by fall.

The bids are going out for the new Kingsley Facility next month. He expects it to be done by spring of next year. The assets will be reallocated on how the equipment will be used resulting in faster response times for Fife Lake. He said there is an online app where you can report an issue/pothole from the app.

They authorized the trucks to go to an 800mega hertz system allowing them to communicate with emergency services.

He said they authorized 4 million dollars of chip seal and crack sealant to be placed around the county, He said he did not have the list of where it would be placed but it is listed on the website.

John Wishman-402 4<sup>th</sup> Street, He addressed his comment to Joe Underwood. Saying that part of 4<sup>th</sup> street is seasonal. He is on the seasonal side on the road. He would like to make it a road. He said that the traffic has increased because people do not want to use State Street.

**Public Comment:** Linda Forwerck, DDA Chair, 121 North Boyd Street. She talked about the Open house last month. She said that Networks Northwest is working on updating the TIF program. She asked the council for input and invited them to tomorrow night meeting. Deike asked where the boundaries are in the DDA district.

Mary Ellen Dilly:-8611 East Sparling Road, read her letter about the Planning Commission concerns. It was the same letter under correspondence only condensed.

### New items

**Forest Area High School volunteers:** Letter is in packet. Hempsted wanted it as an agenda item to know it was addressed.

**Silversmith AST:** This is an Asset Status Tracker software program. The Fife Lake Area Sewer Authority wants to go with this system. They would like the village to pay half of the cost, which would be cheaper than the program they are using. This program will communicate with the lift stations. It has a list of all the properties who are on sewer and for the village will help with the storm water drainage. The Sewer Authority is still looking into it. This is for information only currently.

**Alley by post office:** Perpich has submitted one bid out of Kalaska. Hayes would like another bid. A decision will be made at next month's meeting.

**Chase Bank:** The village is thinking of closing the chase account and transfer those accounts to Forest Area Credit Union. Deike made a motion to close the Chase accounts and transfer funds to Forest Area Credit Union. Motion seconded by Perpich. **Roll Call:** Perpich-Y, Hayes-Y, Deike-Y, Magee-Y, and Throwbridge-Y. **Motion carried.**

**ARPA compliance report:** Reports are in packets. The expenses that were paid out were \$38,264.00 for the village truck and \$9562.08 for the fence at the Sewer Authority. That leaves about 3-4 Thousand dollars to spend in the next year.

**Marijuana Application resolution:** A resolution is needed to post for applications. This is resolution 23-11 The Marijuana Application Resolution. Deike made a motion to post that we are accepting applications for Recreational/ medical marijuana billing and licensing effective May 22,2023 at 11:00am. Perpich seconded the motion. **Roll call:** Magee-Y, Throwbridge-Y, Hayes-Y, Perpich-Y, and Deike-Y. **Motion carried.**

**Mulch for the Playground:** Deike made a motion to purchase about 10 yards of Mulch for the Playground, seconded by Hayes. **Roll Call:** Deike-Y, Hayes-Y, Perpich-Y, Thowbridge-Y, and Magee-Y. **Motion carried.**

### Updated Items

**Open seats:** No new applications for the ZBA

**Hurley & Stewart property development:** This is being sent to the Planning Commission.

**Roads:** ongoing

**Alley by Post office:** discussed earlier

**H & R Block employee paperwork:** reminder to turn in their paperwork.

**Correspondence:** No additional correspondence other that the letter that was in the packet.

**Public Comment:** John Wishman-402 Fourth Street, asked for clarification on the alley by the post office and the Hurley Stewart Property development. He asked what was going on with both agenda items.

Linda Forwerck- 121 Boyd Street said that since public comment correspondence was about her, she asked if the board would like to go into closed session about the issue. She would be open to the board asking questions about the ongoing issue.

**Board Comments:** Deike said that it is musical week at the high school. They are presenting Beauty and the Beast this Saturday at 7:00pm and Sunday at 3:00pm at the high school. Admission is \$5.00

Hayes said that there was supposed to be a letter in the packet from Bayer Cotter and Bishop but did not get submitted in time. They are planning on doing the audit starting the 19<sup>th</sup> of the month. This is the state required audit.

Hayes asked Joe Underwood where one would go to get grants for the roads. Joe said he would follow up with Werner-Village Clerk.

Motion made by Perpich and seconded by Hayes to adjourn at 7:25pm

Respectfully submitted  
Marcia Eby

Village of Fife Lake  
Council Meeting Minutes  
June. 19, 2023

Meeting Called to order at 6:01pm

**Roll Call:** Present: Tornow, Hayes, Hempsted and Magee

Absent: Perpich, Deike, and Throwbridge all excused absences

Others: Kitchin- Village Treasurer, Werner- Village Clerk, Stocking-DPW Broering-  
Zoning and Eby Deputy Clerk

**Approval of Agenda:** an addition to the agenda is to open a savings and checking account at Forest Area Credit Union. This will be under new items letter "J". Motion made by Tornow to approve the agenda with the changes. Motion seconded by Magee. **Motion carried** with all yeas

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Special Order of Business:** none

**Consent Agenda Items:** Motion made by Magee to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented, seconded by Tornow. **Roll call:** Tornow-Y, Hayes-Y, Hempsted-Y, and Magee-Y.

**Motion carried.**

**DPW Report:** Report in packet. He said that all the white lines yellow lines and crossed walks have been touched up on the roads. Stocking also said that mulch is needed in the round about. It is not clear how much was needed. Hempstead made a motion to purchase mulch for the roundabout not to exceed \$500.00. Motion seconded by Tornow. **Roll call:** Hayes-Y, Tornow-Y, Hempsted-Y, and Magee-Y. **Motion carried** with all yeas. The amount of the mulch will be split evenly with the township.

**Zoning:** Broering was present to give his report. He said that Hempsted went with him to the house at 414 Merritt Street. He described what was there saying that the dumpster has been there for several months. He said that there is trash all over the yard along with pallets and tables. This has been to the attorney in the past. He requested that it goes back to the attorney. This location is on the agenda to address.

The person who has lake excess on State Street. he put in a cement pad last year and now he is putting in a deck which is over 100 square feet without a permit. Next to this access on the west side is a dock which appears to be on village property. There are no survey markers to make sure, so this is being checked out.

He said that he was told that there are 3 Airbnb's in the R1 district. One of them is in South Town causing parking problems at Mirror Lake. The Airbnb at 404 State Street have been improperly parking on the closed road. This also needs to be addressed.

**Police/Public Safety Report:** We now have a new officer Christopher Whetstone who will be starting soon.

**Guest:** none

**Public Comment:** Mary Ellen Dilly-866 East Sparling Road Fife Lake Township, she read a letter a letter she wrote that was originally addressed to the Fife Lake Planning Commission. She read the same letter to the council since the council is part of the Planning Commission.

John Wishman -402 4<sup>th</sup> Street, He voiced concern about 4<sup>th</sup> street within the village.

Mike McKay – 372 4<sup>th</sup> Street who said he is John's neighbor who just wanted to reiterate what John said and to say that the turn around on 4<sup>th</sup> Street has a dead tree there and is not sure if it on his or the villages property.

Dave McGough-514 Bates, he made a request to close State Street. Debbie McCool said that the Chamber has submitted all the closers in related to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events.

### New items

**Pickle Ball/ Tennis Court:** Hempsted said that the pickle ball court has started to get cleaned today. He said he would like to get it sealed. But said he could not guarantee it would be done this year. They will need to get someone to come out to look to see what needs to be done. Stocking is hoping to have it cleaned up by Friday. This will be put on the list to look it.

**Blight House:** Hempsted gave an update on the changes over the past year in the junk in the yard. Hempsted felt that this needs to be taken back to the attorney. Motion made by Tornow to take proceed to take action against 414 Merritt Street. Motion seconded by Hayes. **Motion carried** with all yeas

**BBQ Donation:** Historical Society needs money for the tent for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Buffalo Barbeque. Hempsted made a motion to approve \$300.00 to be allocated to the Historical Society for the tent for the Buffalo Barbeque on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Motion seconded by Tornow. **Roll Call:** Tornow-Y, Hayes-Y, Hempsted-Y, and Magee-Y. **Motion carried.**

**Candy for Parade:** Magee made a motion to pay \$300.00 for candy for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, seconded by Hempsted. **Roll call:** Magee-Y, Hayes-Y, Tornow-Y, and Hempsted-Y, **Motion carried.**

**Youth with Disabilities Work Program:** There are three individuals who will be working Monday and Wednesday's from 9am-1pm. This is an 8-week program. The township has allowed the village to have them for a day. The township will have them on Monday and the village will have them on Wednesdays.

**Title VI Approval:** This is a nondiscrimination plan. The policy needs to be approved. Hempsted made a motion to approve the Title IV Nondiscrimination plan. Motion seconded by Hayes. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**Truth in Taxation Public Hearing:** A date need to be set for the Public Hearing. Motion by Magee to hold the Public Hearing on June 27, 2023, at 6pm. Motion seconded by Hempsted. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**Historical Society Fire barn:** Joyce Friewald was present to give an update on the condition of the fire barn. She said the back side of the tower needs work along with the building needing to be painted. The fire barn needs to be power washed, scraped calked primed and two coats of paint. She has a bid for \$12,500.00. She was asking for money to help with the project. Hempsted would like to get a copy of the bid. Rick Magee was in the audience and said he put in a bid about a year ago to do the project. He said he would see if he could fine it.

**Baird Cotter & Bishop 2023 Audit:** The audit is going on right now. It's expected to be going on all week.

### Old Business

**Open Seats:** no new applicants

**RV Park:** It has been submitted to the Joint Planning Commission. The village is waiting for the paperwork to come in.

**Alley Behind Post Office:** The bids are going out. It has been posted in the Record Eagle. The bids will be sealed and opened at next month's meeting.

**Communication:** in the packet

**Public Comment:** Stan Patrick-1172 E State Street said that Linda Britson said it was \$300.00 for the tent and wants to thank everyone for the donation to pay for it.

**Board Comments:** none

Motion to adjourn made Tornow by and seconded by Magee at 7:43

Respectfully Submitted

Marcia Eby



Village of Fife Lake  
Truth and Taxation Public Hearing  
Meeting Minutes  
June 27, 2023

Meeting called to order 6:00pm

**Roll Call:** Present- Deike, Hayes, Perpich, Hempsted, and Magee  
Absent- Throwbridge (excused) and Tornow (not excused)

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Deike to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Perpich. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**Present 2023 Tax Rate:** Hayes went over the L-4029 form saying that there were no changes in the tax rate from last year. The taxable value had increased from last year.

**Public Comment:** none

**Board Comments:** none

Motion to Adjourn made by Hempsted and seconded by Perpich at 6:03pm

Respectfully submitted  
Marcia Eby

Village of Fife Lake  
Truth and Taxation  
Special Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:19pm

**Roll call:** Present- Deike, Hayes, Perpich, Magee, and Hempsted

Absent: Throwbridge (excused) and Tornow (not excused)

**Approval of Agenda:** Magee made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Hayes. **Motion carried** with all yeas

**Public Comments:** none

**Board Comments:** none

**Approval of 2023 Tax rate:** Deike made a motion to approve the 2023 tax rates form L-4029 upon getting signatures from our Clerk and President. Motion seconded by Hempsted. **Roll Call:** Deike-Y, Perpich-Y, Magee-Y, Hayes-Y, and Hempsted-Y. **Motion carried**

Motion made by Hayes and seconded by Deike to adjourn the meeting at 6:22pm

Respectfully submitted

Marcia Eby

Village of Fife Lake  
Fife Lake village Draft Marihuana Ordinance  
Public Hearing  
June 20,2022

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

**Roll call:** Present: Perpich, Tegama, Deike, Tornow, Hemsted, Hayes, and McGough

Absent: none

Others: Johnson- Village Clerk, Stocking -DPW, Broering- Zoning, and Eby- Deputy Clerk.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Hayes to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Deike. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**Discussion:** Deike questioned if there was a change on the distance requirement. She asked why it is 500 feet. It was explained that it was a Planning recommendation.

**Public Comment:** Shane Lewis 11744 State Street, He questioned that there are 5-7 more lots that are in the C-2 district. He said he had signatures of families within 100 feet the property in question. He said that he has done extensive reading on the effects of this and what has happened in Colorado. He said that problems started with retail establishments being opened is when problems started in Colorado. He said that homelessness rose, dropout rates rose, crime rose, and teens are more susceptible to schizophrenia and psychosis using marijuana. The revenue of \$50,000.00 at what cost if it ruins one person's life. He asked if this passes that 10% of the revenue be put into the schools to undo the damage. Shane handed out handouts to council members.

Jacob Terry- 409 State Street, Pastor of the Fife Lake Baptist Church, He said that the church is opposed to this and the moving of the lines. He said as representatives of this community you are God ministers you also have an obligation under God to uphold a certain morality and character not just what society determines is right but what God determines to be right.

Whatever decision that is made you will be held accountable on judgement day

Ron Broering -618 State Street, He said that if this is preapproved, he felt that it could pose a problem for the 5 other lots if another person wants a license. He does not want any problems in the future. He said he was opposed to having Marijuana in the village.

Amanda Scott- Fife Lake Joint Planning Commission, mentioned that the Planning Commission had similar concerns and that this is a special use permit.

Tom Senical- owner of the property in question the corner of State Street and 131. He discussed properties while standing at the picture of the village map. He said that Michigan has spoken, and it is legal, He said that for every negative article on Marijuana there is a positive article. Saying that the article he read for from the Colorado Public Health and Environment saying that teen marijuana use has dropped due to it being more difficult for teens to get it. He said that he has a master's degree and is a business owner and has employed 100's of people in his career and smokes marijuana. Not everyone is destined to be a loser. He said it is here in the township He said that if you move the set back to 500 feet you should not pass the ordinance. It needs to be at 300 feet.

Lisa Leedy- 125 Morgan Street- Fife Lake Joint Planning Commission, she was clarifying that there are lots across the street that are in the village. There are three parcels across 131 that are in the village limits. Her second point was that measurements are always lot line to lot line at the closest point. Point three was the 300 feet is only for mailing purposes from lot line to lot line. It has nothing to do with the ordinance. She said that the Planning Commission kept it at 500 feet for simplicity reasons. It is do difficult to navigate when you have two different requirements. The last point is that Pugsley generates \$20,000 in taxes right now when it was zero before.

Paula Kortz- 6673 Dyer Road South Boardman- Fife Lake Baptist Church member. She never smoked Marijuana in her life. To her it is terrifying. Her son had problem with marijuana. It makes her shake in the atmosphere of marijuana. She had questions about the rules of marijuana. Having it in this town gives her a creepy feeling. She thinks that the town is not as safe as it used to be.

Paul? - 4515 Woodman Road said that he has been here since he was 8 years old. He said look at the mess that Kalaska has. You don't need that garbage in this town. Once this is passed they will come out of the wood work and want licenses and you will have to grant it. He is also a member of the Fife Lake Baptist Church. He loves this community and loves bring his kids here. Please keep it that way.

**Close Public Hearing:** Motion made by Tornow to close the public hearing, seconded by Tegama at 7:05pm

Village of Fife Lake  
Council Meeting Minutes  
July 17,2023

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm

**Roll Call:** Present: Perpich, Deike, Tornow, Hayes, Hempsted, Throwbridge, and Magee

Absent: none

Others: Warner- Village Clerk, Kitchin- Village Treasurer, and Eby- Deputy Clerk

**Approval of Agenda:** Addition was made to the agenda under new items letter (E) will be Grant Consideration. Motion made by Perpich to approve the agenda with the changes, seconded by Deike. **Motion carried** with all yeas

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Special Order of Business:** none

**Minutes:** Motion made by Deike to approve the minutes of 6/19 and 6/27 as presented. Motion seconded by Perpich. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**Bills, transfers & Amendments:** Motion made by Hayes to accept the bills and pay the transfers, seconded by Tornow. **Roll call:** Deike-Y, Hayes-Y, Tornow-Y, Perpich-Y, Hempsted-Y, Magee-Y, and Throwbridge-Y. **Motion carried.**

**Treasure's Report:** Kitchin said that the tax bills have been sent out. He said that everything is going well. Treasurers report is in packet. Hayes made a motion to approve the Treasure's Report as presented, seconded by Deike. **Roll Call:** Hayes-Y, Tornow-Y, Deike-Y, Perpich-Y, Magee-Y, Throwbridge-Y, and Hempsted-Y. **Motion carried.** Deike suggested sending an insert out with the tax bills. It has been done in the past.

**Consent Agenda Items:** Motion made by Deike to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented, seconded by Perpich. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**DPW Report:** Stocking was not present to give a verbal report. It was reported that there was good feedback from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

**Zoning Report:** Broering was not present to give a report. Hempsted said that Shelby Street had three inquires. One to put up a pole barn, one to put a RV on a lot and the last call was about putting a 500-foot home on a lot. None of the request were permitted under the ordinance. Calls have been coming in on the parking lot at 404 E. State Street. The parking is on the closed road. Signage needs to be added to the site. Deike suggested sending a note to the owners to not block the road end.

**Police/Public Safety:** in packet

**Guest:** none

**Public Comment:** Jody Parkins-127 Merritt Street talked about the alley between Merritt Street and Front Street. She said that due to the condition of the alley she only has 8 feet to get out of her driveway.

Jane Roesemeier – 131 Merritt Street, she was willing to make a compromise to the tree in the alley. Perpich said that the alley goes from 10 feet to 8 feet where the tree is. She would like to see the alley fixed.

Debbie McCool-247Woodsedge Drive, Chamber President, she wrote a letter thanking everyone for all the hard work they had done for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

Jane Roesemeier, 131 Merritt Street wanted to thank the office staff with her problems with her tax bill.

### New Items

**Roundabout Mulch:** Hempsted wanted to thank Jim and Marilyn Hayes for weeding the roundabout. The mulch took 33 scoops which is more than expected. The cost would be split in half with the township. A copy of the bill will be sent to the Township.

**BCBP/UHY annual audit resolution:** The draft is in the packet and the actual audit was given to each member at the meeting. Motion made by Deike to approve the audit as presented, seconded by Perpich. **Roll Call:** Hayes-Y, Tornow-Y, Deike-Y, Throwbridge-Y, Hempsted-Y, Perpich-Y, and Magee-Y. **Motion carried.**

**Ovarian Cancer teal ribbons:** The teal ribbons are scheduled to go up August 31<sup>st</sup> for the month of September. Motion made by Perpich to approve the teal ribbons for the month of September for the Time Michigan Teal Campaign. Motion seconded by Hempsted. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**FLAPC Grant/ Master Plan Resolution:** Motion made by Deike to approve Resolution 23-07-01. Seconded by Hayes. **Motion carried** with all yeas

**Grant Considerations:** Brandon Dieke- 619 State Street was asking the board for a grant to improve upon the performance venue at the Lake side park. It will include the removal of the gazabo structured and putting in a more walled structure with a stage and sound system. He took some measurements and said it would be about the same size with only minimal vegetation removal. Tawni Deike would like to also investigate a splash pad to be put at the park. Deike made a motion pursue grant opportunities to improve the gazabo area for intentions of creating a band shell as well as pursue a splash pad. Motion seconded by Perpich. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

### Updated items

**Pickle Ball & Tennis Court:** Hempsted said that they would try to get a bid to improve the court.

**414 Merritt Street:** this is a junk and anti-blight violation. They will be served with a letter this week then it will be taken from there. The letter needs to be served first. This resident has been to court in the past for this problem.

**Historical Society fire barn bids:** one bid has come in and they are waiting for another bid.

**Hurley & Stewart RV Park Development:** no new information.

**Post office alley sealed bids:** the bids were unsealed. Two bids came in, one from KEO Rental and Service, and the other one is from JAVE. It was felt that some members should meet with them to clarify their bid. Motion made by Hempsted to table till next month to get both come out to explain their bid. Motion seconded by Deike. **Motion carried** with all yeas. The committee will be Throwbridge, Tornow and Hempsted

**Open seats for ZBA:** Ongoing, no new applications

**Communication:** none

**Public Comment:** none

**Board Comments:** Hempsted said that one of the light posts was hit on Friday night. A police report was filled out. It will be submitted to the insurance company.

Deike said on Saturday from 4-7 they are sponsoring a benefit dinner for their daycare and for the Forest area alumni students who experienced a still birth this spring to cover medical cost. This will be at the high school.

There are two students who are traveling abroad next summer. Deike will be collecting pop cans to help with the expense.

Motion made by Deike and seconded by Hempsted to adjourn at 7:42pm

Respectfully submitted

Marcia Eby

Village of Fife Lake  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Alley Bids  
July 31,2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

**Roll Call:** Present: Deike, Hayes, Perpich, Hempsted, and Throwbridge.

Absent: Magee excused, and Tornow unexcused.

Others: Eby- Deputy Clerk

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Deike to a approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Perpich. **Motion carried** with all yeas

**Review Alley Bids:** There were two bids submitted at last month's meeting. The bids were from JAVE for 13,149.00 with the 70 yards of crushed concrete and the other bid was from KEO for 8,850.00 which included 60 yards of crushed concrete. Council discussed both bids. Members of council also met with the people who submitted the bids for clarification of their bid. Council felt that crushed concrete would be a better fit that Afton gravel.

**Public Comment:** none

**Board Comments:** Perpich felt that KEO would be a better choice. He said he has seen their work and has been impressed. Deike questioned the date of JAVA bid and wondered if that bid is still current.

Motion made by Hempsted to accept the KEO bid, seconded by Strowbridge. **Roll Call:** Perpich-abstain, Deike-Y, Hayes-Y, Hempsted-Y, Throwbridge-Y, **Motion carried**

Hempsted said that he was going to let all the property owners know when the work would be done.

Motion made by Perpich and seconded by Hempsted to adjourn at 6:51pm

Respectfully submitted

Marcia Eby



Village of Fife Lake  
Council Meeting Minutes  
August 21,2023

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm

**Roll Call:** Present: Perpich, Tornow, Hayes, Hempsted, and Throwbridge  
Absent: Deike (excused) and Magee (not excused)

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Hayes to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Perpich. **Motion carried** with all yeas

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Special Order of Business:** None

**Minutes:** Motion made by Perpich to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on 7/17/23 and the special meeting on 7/31/23. Motion seconded by Hayes. **Motion carried** with all yeas.  
**Bills, transfers, & amendments:** Hempsted said that the village is working on a format to be like H&R Block, the township and the sewer authority. He said it still needs some work. The total of the current bills is \$32539.39. Motion made by Hayes to pay the Bills as presented, seconded by Tornow. **Roll call:** Hayes-Y, Tornow-Y, Throwbridge-Y, Hempsted-Y, and Perpich-Y. **Motion carried.** Kitchin gave a report on how tax collection was going. Currently 322 parcels have been collected. The total collected so far is \$133,128.34. There are about 60 parcels that have not paid yet. September 15th is the deadline.

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

**DPW:** Stocking was not present to give report. Hempsted said that the students have finished for the summer. He said they did a great job. He said that Stocking is getting things ready for fall.

**Zoning:** Broering was not present to give report. Hempsted said nothing new to report. He said there a still a couple of violations going on that being investigated. One on Shelby Street and the other on Merritt which is an agenda item.

**Police & Public Safety:** Hempsted went over the violations in the Village.

**Guest:** Joe Underwood from the Grand Traverse Road Commission, said that they are going to reach out to Fife Lake and Kingsley to help to get things like painting of the roads and tar and chip. He said someone would be getting in touch with the village. He said that they would also be having a meeting to see which corridors need to be widened. He encouraged people to come to the meeting. The village will be notified when the meeting is.

**Public Comment:** Bob Menzies -420 Merritt Street, thanked the council for getting involved in 414 Merritt Street. He said that they are making progress. He complemented Jayme on her help.

Tim Taylor- Kingsley, he submitted a letter and voiced concern about oak wilt in Fife Lake. He works on diseased trees. He said that the trees could be treated with a chemical application and wanted to offer his services to help combat the disease and prevent the spread of oak wilt.

Chris O'Tracy -2872 Elm Street Kalaska, owner of O'Tracy's Waste came he discussed the cost for doing garbage pickup for the village. Hempsted asked for a quote of recycling bins. He handed out a quote to Hempsted. He said that he could do spring cleanup.

### **New Items**

**Boat wash signage:** Jeff Berthume discussed the boat wash station, saying that no one is using it. He would like to put signage there. He said the main signage to use the boat wash is the one from the DNR. He wants to paint some markings on the asphalt road. He would like to add a no parking sign there also. Perpich questioned placement of signs. Hempsted made a motion to approve \$350.00 for the signage. Hayes seconded the motion. **Roll Call:** Hayes-Y, Tornow-Y, Perpich-Y, Hempsted-Y, Throwbridge-Y. **Motion carried.** Hempsted and Perpich would like to see placement of the signs.

**2023 property tax:** discussed earlier

**Township Building brush and tree cleanup:** this has been resolved.

**Round about light pole:** tabled till next month

**DNR Parking lot sealcoat and striping:** The bid is about 10,000.00 and will not be done this year.

**VOFL employee wages:** Tabled till next month

### **Updated items**

**Ovarian Cancer Teal Ribbons:** will be going up on the 31<sup>st</sup>. If anyone can help putting them up it would be appreciated.

**Pickle ball & tennis courts:** The village will need to get a grant or donation to repair the court. The village would like to take one tennis court and convert it to pickle ball courts (3-4 courts) They will be getting bids. The court will need to be resurfaced and stripped and possibly some poles.

**414 Merritt Street:** this property was issued a junk/yard violation. They had two weeks to clean up the yard. They have been working on it. Hempsted said as long there is progress he will not pursue. He said if he stops that he will pursue.

**Historical Society fire barn bid:** They approved a bid for \$13,500.00. They would like to have it done this year if possible. Hempsted made a motion to give \$3000.00 to the Historical Society towards painting and restoration of the fire barn. Motion seconded by Perpich. **Roll Call:** Hayes-Y, Throwbridge-Y, Tornow-Y, Hempsted-Y, Perpich-Y. **Motion carried.**

**Hurley & Stewart RV Park Development:** The paperwork has been submitted along with the escrow account and is being turned over for and professional assessment at the Planning Commission.

**Post Office Alley:** The alley is done. Hempsted said that there was a small drainage from the last rain.

**Open ZBA seats:** no new applications.

**Communication:** none

**Public Comment:** Bob Menzies- 420 Merritt Street, he asked if someone is taking from the dumpsters and taking it home is that stealing?

**Board Comments:** none

Motion made by Perpich and seconded by Tornow to adjourn at 7:32pm  
Respectfully submitted  
Marcia Eby

Village of Fife Lake  
Special Hearing on Adult use Marijuana  
August 15,2022

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm

**Roll Call:** Present: Deike, Tornow, Hayes, and Hemsted

Absent: Perpich, Tegama, and McGough

Others: Johnson-Village Clerk, and Stocking- DPW

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Deike to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Hemstead. **Motion carried** with all yeas

**Edited ordinance from Attorney:** Deike questioned why the distance was changed back to 300 feet from 500 feet as voted on at an earlier meeting. The change was in Section 4, article 2, part C . It needs to be changed to 500 feet for Recreational Marijuana and 1000 feet for schools.

**Discussion:** none

**Public Comment:** none

**Close Public Hearing:** Deike made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Tornow at 6:40pm

Respectfully Submitted  
Marcia Eby

Village of Fife Lake  
Council Meeting Minutes  
September 18,2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

**Roll call:** Present: Deike, Magee, Hempsted, Trowbridge, Tornow, and Hayes

Absent: Perpich (excused)

Others Warner- Village Clerk, Kitchin- Village Treasurer, Stocking-DPW, and Eby-  
Deputy Clerk

**Approval of Agenda:** Addition to the agenda under old business letter (E) will be boat wash station. Motion made by Hayes to approve the agenda with the additions, seconded by Tornow.

**Motion carried** with all yeas.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Special Order of Business:** none

**Minutes:** Motion made by Magee to approve the minutes of August 21,2023 as presented, seconded by Trowbridge. **Motion carried** with all yeas

**Bills, Transfers, & Amendments:** Hempsted said that not all the bills to be paid are not sinking properly, which is causing some late payment fees. He said he is working with H&R Block on this. Deike made a motion to approve the bills, transfers and finance reports, seconded by Hayes. **Roll Call:** Deike-Y, Tornow-Y, Hayes-Y, Throwbridge-Y, Hempsted-Y, and Magee-Y.

**Motion carried.**

**Treasurers Report:** Kitchin gave the treasurers report saying that the deadline for pay taxes was Friday. Those who have not paid their taxes have been turned over to the county. Dieke asked if we could check into electronic payment of taxes.

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

**DPW Report:** Stocking said that they are getting ready for winter. He said they have been fixing washouts. The dock at the end of the beach has been pulled out.

**Zoning:** Not present to give report. Hempsted said that there are working on a couple of permits for construction. Hempsted has been working along with Broering while he has been out.

**Police/ Public Safety report:** Report in packet. Chris the police officer is currently off on maternity leave.

**Guest:** Chris from O'Tracys Waste gave a handout on the price for dumpsters for recycling. Hempsted said it would be put on next month agenda.

Daryl Nelson-Grand Travers County Commissioner, He said that we are covered on police protection while our police officer is off. He said the big issue in the county is the Grand Travers Pavilions the county is funding their payroll. They are not making their bills or payroll. The county is paid roughly 4.7 million dollars. Payroll is \$605.000.00 every two weeks. Hempsted asked about someone to get into the contact with about the alley behind the Kimballs store due to a washout from a recent storm.

**Public Comment:** Bob Menzies 420 Merritt Street. He said that a police officer will come out, but it might not be right away. He said they came out the day after he place a call.

### New Items

**Woodworth resignation posting:** He is currently no longer is working.

**DPW Part-time post and interim solution:** an application came in from Nicole Salvaggio as a part-time interim DPW worker. Deike made a motion to hire Nicole Salvaggio as the interim DPW for a pay of 17 dollars an hour. Motion seconded by Magee. **Roll call:** Magee-Y, Trowbridge-Y, Hempsted-Y, Hayes-Y, Tornow-Y, and Deike-Y. **Motion carried.**

**Committees:** We have a Policy, Finance, Personal, Streets, and Parks. Hempsted would like to look at the Personal Committee and update the policy. That committee will consist of Hempsted, Trowbridge and Magee. The other committees will be looked at more next month.

**Pickleball Tournament:** They had a pickleball Tournament on September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. He said the plan is to turn one of the courts into a pickleball court and the other a tennis court. The court will not be done this year and bids will need to go out when the time comes to repair it.

**Ram Truck repairs:** The transmission and solenoid have a problem. Stocking said that the parts are on order and the cost will be about \$1600.00 some recall work will also be done. Dieke made a motion to move forward on the repairs of the Ram Truck for \$1600.00. Motion seconded by Tornow. **Roll Call:** Deike-Y, Hayes-Y, Tornow-Y, Hempsted-Y, Trowbridge-Y, and Magee-Y. **Motion carried.**

**Porta Jon removal:** Stocking said the one at the ballpark will be moved to the boat launch in town. They will be picked up at the end of October.

**Senior picture Banners:** These will be coming down and given to the graduating students

**Marihuana Rescind Documents:** These are not really needed because everything is covered in the ordinance. Deike made a motion to rescind all three Marihuana documents, the licensing fee, the appeals and the Determination. Motion seconded by Hayes. **Roll Call:** Magee-Y, TrowbridgeY, Deike-Y, Tornow-Y, Hayes-Y, and Hempsted-Y. **Motion carried.**

**DPW Winter Supplies:** Sand and salt is needed for the winter. Two train loads are needed Deike made a motion to approve up to \$10.000.00 of salt and sand. Motion seconded by Magee. Stocking asked about getting a carbide blade. Council asked for a quote for the cost and present it next month's meeting. **Roll call:** Hayes-Y, Tornow-Y, Trowbridge-Y, Hempsted-Y, Deike-Y, and Magee-Y. **Motion carried.**

### Updated Supplies

**Pickleball & tennis courts:** discusses earlier

**Hurley & Stewart RV Park Development:** This is currently at the planning commission. An update was given.

**Post office Alley:** the alley had a wash out after a heavy rain. The village will be looking for an expert opinion to fix the problem permanently.

**Post open seats:** no new applications

**Boat wash station:** Jeff Berthume gave a presentation. He said stencils were painted on the road, along with two signs. The total cost to the village was \$279.00. which was approved at last month's meeting.

**Communication:** none

**Public Comment:** Mary Ellen Dilly 8611 E Sparling Road- she said she was happy that we hired a woman as an assistant DPW.

Stan Patrick-1172 E. State Street, he wanted to remind everyone about the Scarecrow Festival coming up on the second Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 11am-2pm.

Dave McGough-514 Bates: he asked for permission to close off State Street for the Scarecrow Festival Tornow made a motion to close off the street for the Scarecrow Festival on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October, seconded by Hempsted. **Motion carried** with all yeas

**Board Comments:** none

Motion made by Deike and seconded by Magee to adjourn at 7:42pm

Respectfully submitted

Marcia Eby

Village of Fife Lake  
Council Meeting Minutes  
October 16,2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

**Roll Call:** Present: Tornow, Magee, Throwbridge, Hayes, and Hempsted

Absent: Deike (excused) and Perpich (not excused)

Others Kitchin- Village Treasurer`, Werner-Village Clerk, and Eby- Deputy Clerk

**Approval of Agenda:** Additions to the agenda under new items is letter "c" will be Chamber Scarecrow contribution and letter "d" will be DDA lights. Updated items letter "h" will be property tax online option. Motion made by Hayes to accept the agenda as amended, seconded by Tornow **Motion carried** with all yeas

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Special Order of Business:** none

**Minutes:** Motion made by Hayes to approve the minutes of September 18<sup>th</sup> as presented, seconded by MaGee.

**Bills, Transfers, & Amendments:** Hempsted said that they are still working with H&R Block to get all the line items lined up right. We are getting closer every month. The bills to be paid are getting better but still their work to be done to avoid late fees. MaGee made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Throwbridge. **Roll call:** Tornow-Y, Hayes-Y, Hempsted-Y, Magee-Y, and Hempsted-Y. **Motion carried.**

**Treasurers Report:** Kitchin gave a report on the summer property taxes saying that the total \$148,247.33 to be collected He said the total collected was \$138,340.76. with 93.3% of residents paying their taxes. Parcel wise 429 parcels with 347 parcels paying their taxes. The county will pay the short fall on taxes.

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

**DPW Report:** Stocking submitted a written report in the packet. Stocking was not present to give report. Hempsted said that they are finishing fall cleanup and getting the equipment ready for winter.

**Zoning Report:** Broering was not available, Hayes, Hempsted and Werner are filling in on zoning. Zoning has been pretty much quiet.

**Police/ Public Safety:** Report. Submitted. Hempsted gave a brief description of what was on the report.

**Guest:** Joe Underwood -Grand Traverse Road Commission- said that Dan Walkins is the new interim manager at the road commission. If there are questions you can contact him. He said that the county is close to being ready for winter. Hempsted asked him about the alley. He asked him if they could look at the alley to get their opinion with regards to washouts. He said the alley has not been a problem for about the last 45 days. A couple of people in the audience asked Joe some questions they had.

**Public Comment:** Gordy Smith 630 Pierce Street. He is requesting a land use permit.



### New Items

**Magee Variance:** There will be a Public Hearing and Special Meeting next Monday October 23/23 at 6pm

**DPW Part- time Applications:** There were 3 applications that came in. One person did not show up for the interview, the second person had restrictions on time. Nicole Salvaggio has been working interim at the village for about a month now. Hempsted made a motion to hire Nicole as a permanent part time DPW employee at \$1700/hr. for up to 25 hours as week. Motion seconded by Tornow. **Roll call:** Throwbridge-Y, MaGee-Y, Tornow-Y, Hempsted-Y, and Hayes-Y, **Motion carried.**

**Scarecrow Festival:** Hempsted made a motion to approve \$250.00 to go towards the Scarecrow Festival, **seconded** by Throwbridge. **Roll call:** Hempsted-Y, Hayes-Y, Magee-Y, Throwbridge-Y, and Tornow-Y. **Motion carried.**

**DDA Lights:** He said that the cost to light the streetlights are about \$1300.00 a month. They would like the DDA to help. This will be checked into.

### Updated items

**Merritt Street Blight property:** Hempsted and the sheriff have been over there with no such luck. They will give them a warning or will take them to court.

**Post office Alley:** This has been discussed earlier with Joe Underwood.

**O' Tracy's Waste:** Hempsted said that we could not cover the cost. He has questions about the quote. He wondered about the cost for the recycling bins.

**Taylor Tree Health:** Oak wilt is in the ball bark. There will be a speaker from Michigan State to talk at the library about Oak wilt later this month.

**DPW snowplow Carbide Blade quote:** Stocking will use the old blades first.

**Hurley and Stewart RV Park Development:** ongoing

**Open Seats:** ongoing, No new applicants for ZBA

**Online tax payments:** The village is looking into this with more information available next month.

**Communication:** none

**Public Comment:** Joe Undewood asked if we received an invite. He said they are having a capacity mobility study done where the road commission will look at the infrastructure on 10-24. They will be serving lunch.

**Board Comments:** Eby discussed the Joint planning meeting having a get together where the other entities are being invited to discuss plans for our area. We will possibly have Epic GT here to discuss the online permit program. This is scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm

Hempsted would like to thank everyone for showing up and being dedicated to the meetings. He also thanks the audience for coming.

Tornow made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Magee to adjourn at 7:21pm

Respectfully Submitted  
Marcia Eby

Village. Of Fife Lake  
Public Hearing on ZBA garage Variance  
October 23, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

**Roll Call:** Present: Perpich, Deike, Hayes, Hempsted, Throwbridge, and Magee.

Absent: Tornow(unexcused)

Others: Eby- Deputy Clerk

**Approval of Agenda:** Hayes made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Throwbridge. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Review of Application of Variance:** This is a request made by Mr. Rick MaGee and Mrs. Lisa Magee for a variance of the Fife Lake Village Zoning Ordinance, Article 5- Residential District (R-1) Section 5.5, C2, C3 Article 9, Minimum yard setback 2.4 Y, Yard Rear, side Definitions, Article 14, Section 14.9, A,B, and C. The address and legal description of the involved parcel is

2841-070-018-00- legal description

Address is: 303 Bates Street Lots 19 and 20 Block #2, Village of Fife Lake  
Fife Lake Michigan, 49633.

The applicant would like to build a garage behind his house that will be accessed by an alley. The garage is a two-car garage that will sit 13 feet from the alley. It will be 32 feet deep with a width of 22 feet. The garage doors will be facing the east instead of facing the alley. According to the drawing that was provided it is questionable what the setbacks are from the side lot line and the distance from the houses to the garage.

**Applicants Comments:** Mr MaGee spoke about his plans for the garage. Saying that the back corner of the garage will not quite meet the 10-foot setback. He said that it was more like 7 feet. He said that along the alley there are several buildings that do not meet the setbacks. Water runoff was discussed between himself and the Zoning Administrator into the alley based on the pitch of the roof with the concern of erosion. The applicant said that he would put up rain gutters that will run under the ground onto drain tile covered with pea stone. He said after discussing this with the Zoning Administrator and the Village President it was felt this was the best option. He said the other option would eliminate his side yard. Hempsted that the applicant complied with all the requests that were asked from the Zoning Administrator. The applicant has addressed the runoff and the entrance being on the east side away from the hill on the alley. Hempsted and Hayes have also made visits out there to check out the site. Hayes said that they are looking at a 4-foot variance on the side and a 6-foot variance on the back of the garage. There are pictures along with a drawing of the placement of the garage. In the packet are the addresses on everyone who was notified within 300 feet, the application and a map of the surrounding area with regards to the placement of the garage.

**Public Comment:** Gary Gilmore 326 Merritt Street said that he lives kiddy-corner from the applicant and has no problem with him placing a garage there.

**Board Comments:** None

Motion made by Deike and seconded by MaGee to adjourn at 6:12pm

Respectfully Submitted  
Marcia Eby

Village of Fife Lake  
Special Meeting Minutes regarding a ZBA variance for a garage  
October 23,2023

Meeting called to order at 6:17pm

**Roll Call:** Present: Perpich, Deike, Hayes, Hempsted, Throwbridge, and Magee

Absent: Tornow (unexcused)

Others: Eby- Deputy Clerk

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Deike to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Perpich. **Motion carried** with all yeas

**Pledge of Allegiance:** this was done during the special meeting.

**Review of Application for Variance:** This is a request by Rick MaGee and his wife Lisa Magee for a variance to place a garage at 303 Bates Street, Lots 19 and 20 #2, village of Fife Lake, Fife Lake Michigan 49633. Parcel #2841-070-018-00. The variance of The Village of Fife Lake Zoning Ordinance Article 5, Residential District(R-1) Section 5.5 C2, and C3. Article 9 minimum yard setback 2.24, yard rear, side definitions. Article 14, Section 14.9, A, B, and C.

**Applicants Comment:** nothing more was said. It was all said at the Special Hearing.

**Public Comment:** none

**Board Comment:** Perpich made a motion to approve the variance request to Rick and Lisa Magee as presented. Motion seconded by Throwbridge. **Roll call:** Deike-Y, Perpich-Y, Hayes-Y, Hempsted-Y, Magee-abstain, and Throwbridge-Y. **Motion carried.**

Perpich made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Deike at 6:19pm

Respectfully Submitted

Marcia Eby.

Village of Fife Lake  
Council Meeting Minutes  
November 20, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

**Roll Call:** Present: Perpich, Tornow, Hempsted, and Throwbridge

Absent: **MaGee** (excused) Hayes (not excused) and Deike (not excused)

Others: Stocking- DPW, Kitchin- Village Treasurer, and Eby- Deputy Clerk

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Approval of Agenda:** Perpich made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Throwbridge. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**Minutes:** Motion made by Tornow to approve the minutes of October 16<sup>th</sup> Council meeting and, the ZBA Public Hearing and the ZBA special meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Perpich.

**Motion Carried with all yeas**

**Bills, Transfers & Amendment:** Hempsted went over the higher bills with everyone. No concerns voiced. H&R Block is still working on a process to get bills paid in a timely manner.

Motion made by Throwbridge to approve paying the bills. Seconded by Tornow. **Roll call:** Tornow-Y, Throwbridge-Y, Perpich-Y, and Hempsted-Y. **Motion carried.**

**Treasurers Report:** This will be covered under old items tax discussion.

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

**DPW Report:** Stocking was present. He said the parks are all cleaned up. The Christmas lights are up as of today. There was a brief discussion on the Christmas lights. Everything is ready for winter.

**Zoning:** Hempsted said he addressed a couple of issues and got a couple of land use permits. Broering was not present to give report.

**Police/Public Safety:** Hempsted briefly went over the police report saying that the village has no issues in the last month. It was all in the township.

**Guest:** no guest.

**Public Comment:** none.

**New Business**

**Joint Planning open seat:** There is an open seat on the Planning Commission. Lisa Leedy who represented the village on the Planning Commission has resigned and taken a position as Township Supervisor. Motion by Hempsted to accept Leedys resignation from the Planning Commission. seconded by Perpich. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**Adopt Motor Vehicle use Policy:** Hempsted made a motion to adopt the Motor Vehicle Policy as presented, seconded by Perpich. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**Adopt Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan resolution:** This is a resolution from Grand Traverse County. To help in a disaster. This will be table till next month as members of the council would like to read it.

**Fife Lake Area Utility Authority 2024 increase:** The Fife Lake Area Utility Authority will be raising their rates in January from \$55.00 a month to \$70.00 a month. The rate will be going up a minimum of 4% yearly.

**Joint Planning Commission January 9<sup>th</sup> joint meeting.** Information given on the meeting.

**Rural Task Force Nomination:** There is no one from the Village on the Rural Task Force. Hempsted nominated Linda Forwerk to be our representative on the Rural Task Force. Motion seconded by Tornow. **Motion** carried with all yeas. The Rural Task will need to approve her nomination.

**H&R Budget Adjust:** There are some line items that still need to be addressed. H&R Block would like to be able to take care of the items that they are able to do without input from the President or Treasurer. Perpich made a motion to approve the H&R Block budget adjustments as noted in the packet, seconded by Throwbridge. **Roll Call:** Throwbridge-Y, Hempsted-Y, Tornow-Y, and Perpich-Y. **Motion carried.**

**Jamie Stocking- Employee Proposal:** Stocking would like to go from hourly to salary. He said that last year he made \$ 69,000. with his hourly rate of \$30.80 an hour. He would like salary at \$70,000.00. He wants to even out his paycheck. He said this should have been addressed in August. He wants 3 weeks' vacation and a week of sick time. Perpich asked if that is a normal salary for someone in his position. Perpich would like to do some research on this.

Throwbridge agreed with Perpich, Hempsted said that three members of the board are not present tonight and would like them to be part of the vote. Perpich said he did not know it was discussed before. Stocking said he was tired of waiting and said he would quit tonight if it was not resolved. Purpich asked if council could we get a breakdown on what he is getting now and address it next month. Perpich does not feel comfortable voting. Hempsted offered to set up a special meeting to address this. Stocking stormed out of the building at 7:15pm. Hempsted would like to table this and have a special meeting to address this.

**Memorial Gift:** Someone passed away and would like to donate a bench or tree into the park. Perpich said there is a memorial Committee. This will be tabled.

#### Old Business

**Merritt Street:** The blight house on Merritt Street will be taken back to court again.

**DDA lights:** Hempsted will table this and investigate it.

**O'Tracys Waste:** This will not be done as it is too expensive. They offered cheaper rates for village resident if they wanted to sign up with them. It will be looked at again in December.

**Taylor Tree Health Care:** Oak Wilt Is here. There was talk about the treatment needed.

**Online Property Tax Discussion:** Kitching said that there a company called Elevon. The credit union and the township use them. Kitching said that he would check into it more.

**Hurley& Stewart RV Park Development:** This is currently at the Planning Commission.

**Open seats ZBA (3):** ongoing. No new applicants.

**Communication:** none

**Public Comment:** Dave McGough 514 Bates Street. He said 4-5 years ago Linda was on the Task Force back then. He said that it is a two-year term. McGough would like to put up the wreaths up at the cemetery over the weekend.

**Board Comments:** Perpich commented on Stocking. He felt he does a good job. But felt that this needed to be investigated. Perpich said that the board voted to put a freeze on raises early in the year. More casual comments were made about his job and pay.

Motion made by Hemsted and seconded by Trowbridge to adjourn at 7:45pm  
Respectfully Submitted  
Marcia Eby

Village of Fife Lake  
Council Meeting Minutes  
December 18, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

**Roll Call:** Present: Throwbridge, Deike, Magee, Hayes, and Hempsted.

Absent: Perpich, and Tornow

Others: Werner-Village Clerk, Kitchin- Village Treasurer, and Eby- Deputy Clerk

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Agenda:** Additions were made to the agenda Under new items Letter (k) will be Act 51 administration appointment, and Under letter (l) DDA discussion. Motion made by Hayes to approve the agenda with the changes, seconded by Throwbridge. Motion carried with all yeas. Tornow arrived at 6:40pm

**Minutes:** Motion made by Throwbridge to approve the Minutes of the November 23, 2023 as presented. Motion seconded by Deike. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**Bills, transfers & amendments:** Hempsted went over the bigger bills with council. Hempsted made a motion to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Hayes. **Roll call:** Deike-Y, Hayes-Y, Throwbridge-Y, Hempsted-Y, and Magee-Y. **Motion carried.**

**Treasurers Report:** moved to online tax under old business

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

**DPW Report:** Some items have been identified since the DPW worker has resigned. Both plow trucks needed work and the big truck is in the shop for work on the air brakes. The tanks were rotted out and some of the mirrors were missing. The shop heaters were not working, and thermostats were replaced. The shop lights were too dim and was fixed for better lighting in there. They are looking into exterior lighting because it is too dark outside.

**Zoning:** No activity this past month.

**Police/ Public Safety:** No reports of problems within the village. The township has had some issues.

**Guest:** Daryl Nelson- Grand Travers County Commissioner gave an update saying that the year was finished on budget. The finances are good. The fund balance was increased from 20-30%. The county is keeping the employment to where it was before adding employees where they are really needed. The budget went up this year and most of it was in wages.

The Beta issue has come up again. Last March they were going to increase their board from 7-9 and they were going to appoint their own board members. The Commissioners protested saying that they get a lot of taxpayer's money (28 million in the bank plus 14 million yearly). The Commissioners, Grand Travers County and Beta signed an agreement to have a commissioner who works at Beta on the board. The commissioners wanted to put a second commissioner on the board to help with bus service out in this area. Beta has threatened to sue saying that they do not want another commissioner on the board. The commissioners want to make sure the taxpayers are being treated with proper service.



The County is on the hook for Grand Travers Pavillions for 8 million. With problems during Covid the Pavillions fell behind with their bills. The Pavillions had to go through every single residents billing for 2022 and resubmit to the IRS. The IRS has agreed to pay the shortfall. The county is waiting for the 8 million reimbursements from the IRS at 8% interest expected in January. The Pavillions should be able to fund themselves in the future.

**Public Comment:** Linda Forwerck, 191 Boyd Street said that she agreed with Tornow about the people speeding and should get tickets instead of warnings from the police officer. She said that young kids are often crossing Boyd Street and requested that a sign be put up warning of children in the area.

#### New Business

**Jamy Stocking resignation:** Hempsted made a motion to accept Jamy Stocking resignation, seconded by Deike. **Motion** carried with 4 yeas and 1 nay.

**DPW Full time Position:** Hempsted made a motion to put Nichole Salvaggio into the full-time position pending her passing the CDL certification. If she does not pass her certification, it will be null and void. Throwbridge seconded the motion. Deike wanted to post the position to see if anyone else was qualified for the position. Discussion continued about this issue. Hempsted said that Nicole has been working full time since Stocking has left. A part time position will be posted. Hayes would like to offer her the 40-hour position and still post the position and allow Nicole to also apply. The motion was rescinded. The full-time position will be posted then after that is filled than a part time position will be posted. Deike made a motion to post a full time DPW position with a two-week time period for application due by 1/3/24. Motion seconded by Throwbridge. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**Nicole Salvaggio hourly rate:** Hempsted would like to move Nichols pay from \$17.00 to \$19.00 an hour. Motion made by Deike to pay Nichole \$19.00 dollars an hour and seconded by Magee.

**Roll call:** Magee-Y, Tornow-Y, Hayes-Y, Hempsted-Y, Throwbridge-Y, and Deike-Y. **Motion carried.** This will become effective with the current pay period.

**Village emergency employee:** These will be on call employees They are currently Jason, Terry and Mike. They have been working off and on for about two weeks. Hempsted made a motion to bring on Jason, Terry and Mike as on call employees for the village. Deike seconded the motion. **Roll Call:** Throwbridge-Y, Deike-Y, Hayes-Y, Magee-Y, Hempsted-Y, and Tornow-Y.

**Motion carried.**

**Emergency employee hourly rate:** Hempsted would like to pay the on-call employees \$19.00 an hour. Deike made a motion to pay the on-call employees \$19.00 an hour, seconded by Hayes. **Roll call:** Deike-Y, Hayes-Y, Throwbridge-Y, Tornow-Y, Magee-Y, and Hempsted-Y.

**Motion carried.**

**Post part time DPW position:** tabled

**Patrick Prebo resignation:** Hempsted made a motion to accept Patrick Prebo resignation from the DDA, seconded by Throwbridge. **Motion carried** with all yeas

**Post Downtown Development Authority open seat:** Three DDA seats will be posted with two terms expiring.

**Post Joint Planning Commission Open seat:** one open seat on the Planning Commission.

**RFP Audit:** The request for proposal for the audit process that will be sent out after January. A request will also go out for the bookkeeping at the same time.

**Act 51 Administrator appointment:** A village is required to adopt a resolution appointing a street administrator. The administrator will be the clerk. Hayes made a motion to appoint Jayme Werner the Village Clerk as the Act 51 administrator. Motion seconded by Deike.

**Motion Carried** with all yeas.

**DDA Discussion:** Linda Forwerck the DDA chair went over the DDA report. She discussed that Networks Northwest was in the process of updating the TIF plan. It is expected that it will be finished at the beginning of next year. The budget cannot be done as the DDA is not sure what the capture will be for next year at this time. The TIF capture from the village \$16,817.00 and from the county it was \$ 28,670.00 for a total of \$45,443.00 for the DDA this last year. This is an increase over last year. \$ 10,375.00 went back into the village for labor and bonds. Total expenses this year was \$30,000.00. She said that many of the members attended the annual conference this year in Birmingham. The DDA is also looking at updating the website in the next year.

**Old Business**

**Rural Task Force:** Hempsted and Forwerck went to the Rural Task Force meeting last Friday. Fife Lake as not pulled any funds since 2004. The roads in Fife Lake that are involved is State Street, Boyd Street. Fife Lake is not expected to get any money till 2028

**Merritt Street blight:** This is at the lawyer right now.

**Adopt Natural Hazard Mitigation plan resolution:** Deike made a motion to adopt the Natural Hazard Mitigation plan for Grand Traverse County, seconded by Hempsted. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

Deike left at 8:15pm

**Online Property tax:** Kitchin said that the startup cost is about \$200.00. It would be a 3% cost to the person paying their taxes. This still needs to be investigated.

**Hurley & Stewart RV Park:** Joint Planning Commission Public Hearing will be on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup>

**Open Zoning Board of Appeals seats:** Three seats are still available. No new applications.

**O'Tracys Waste:** This is complete with no new action being taken

**Memorial Gift:** tabled

**Communication:** none

**Public comment:** none

**Board Comments:** Hempsted asked for help from members from the council when issues come up.

Eby thanked Jayme to all her help in getting the public notice ready for the Planning Commission Public hearing.

Werner wanted to thank her husband for stepping up to help with the maintenance and plowing on short notice.

Motion made by Hempsted and seconded by Tornow to adjourn at 8:27pm

Respectfully Submitted

Marcia Eby