

Village of Fife Lake  
Council Meeting Minutes  
September 16,2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

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

Absent: Throwbridge (excused)

Others: Kitchin- Village Treasurer and Eby -Deputy Clerk

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

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

**Minutes:** Motion made by Deike to approve the minutes of 8/18/24 as presented, seconded by Hayes. **Motion carried** with all yeas

**Bills, Transfers, and Amendments:** Motion made by Hayes to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Tornow. **Motion carried** with all yeas. Hempsted said that there are a couple of CDS" s that he noticed that are getting .07% instead of 4% which is the current rate. He said they mature around the end of the year.

**Treasurer Report:** Motion made by Perpich to approve the treasurers report as presented, seconded by Deike. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**Engineering RFP:** Two bids came in and were opened at the meeting. They were from Spicer and the other one was from Fleis&Vandenbrink. After discussion it was decided to table this till next month and have a special meeting before the regular meeting. Hempsted would like a representative from each firm to explain their bid. It will be October 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm, Hempsted made a motion to have a special meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm, seconded by Deike.

**Motion carried** with all yeas

**Consent Agenda Items:** Hempsted said that the Policy Committee meeting date has changed to September 19<sup>th</sup> and the ZBA training will be on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Perpich made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented, seconded by Hayes. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**DPW Report:** Report in packet. No concerns voiced

**Zoning:** Report in packet

**Police Public Safety:** Report in packet. Hempsted said that the report is not accurate as Grand Traverse County are still having minor problems with their computer system. Hempsted said that the officer is catching a lot of speeders in town.

**Guest:** Daryl Nelson – Grand Traverse County Commissioner said it is budget time right now. He said there was a big increase in property values county wide. He said just because we are getting it doesn't mean we are spending it. Staffing has remained about the same. Camp Greilik is now owned by the county as a county park. It was done through ARPA funds that were put

into reserve along with an angel donor. They were able to get the park from the conservancy and it will be maintained by a fund that is going to be set up. The park is not open yet and is approximately 196 acres.

Dan Walkins- Manager of the Grand Traverse County Road Commission, said that he has been doing some work on Lakeshore Drive He said in the spring they are going to do some chip seal to the road. He said that they would step in and help if needed. Hempsted asked how to get in touch with him. Dan said to get ahold of Tom Leonard who is a road foreman. The millage is up again in November asking for 1 mill increase. The road commission will help the village for the cost the cost for the chip and seal.

Joe Underhill- Grand Traverse Road Commission. Spoke and said that they are also working on their budget and asked Dan to say that Kingsley is going to house a garage that will open in December to cover this end of the county.

**Public Comment:** Linda Forwerck 121 Boyd, DDA Chair, she introduced two members of the legion, Gregory Samp and Cameron Wojie to discuss the bulletin board. They said it was very nice after seeing pictures. He said they knew there was some conflict as to the placement of it and have given their opinion saying that they felt it should be on the sidewalk facing the Upper Bar on State Street. They feel honored that it was going up.

Paul McCool 247 Stone Edge Drive. He is requested the zoning report to the ZBA and Planning Commission.

Linda Forwerck said that she is up to 1500 veteran's names for the bulletin board.

### **New Business**

**Explorer 131:** a e- mail was sent from the Chamber saying that they would pay for this year but are going to not participate in the future. At this point the DDA, Chamber, and Village has paid their portion. The township has not paid yet. The township is expected to decide at the end of the month.

**Roads:** the roads were discussed earlier in the meeting.

**Scarecrow Festival:** Jeff Berthiaume discussed what the plans were for the Scarecrow Festival. Debbie McCool said that she purchased 100 pumpkins at 1.00 a piece. Deike made a motion to give \$200.00 for the pumpkin cost and supplies to create them. Motion seconded by Hempsted.

**Roll call:** Tornow-Y, Deike-Y, Perpich-Y, Hayes-Y, Hempsted-Y, and Magee-Y. **Motion carried.** Hempsted asked that the chamber bring back a detailed receipt for the expenses.

**Beach Park Outhouse:** The brown outhouse at the Lakeside Park was cleaned out and was found to have a large amount of trash dumped down the opening. Hempsted said it would be costly to remove it but more important how do we prevent it from happening again. The village maintains the outhouse even though it is in the DNR park. Hempsted said he would shut it down and lock it in the winter months but said it still will not stop the problem. Hempsted would like to table this to check to see what how other municipalities deal with the problem.

**2024 Property Taxes:** Kitchin- Village Treasurer said that we were due to collect \$158,424.74, what was collected was \$144,590.34. That is about 91% of the funds that we were to collect. He said that 7 or 8 parcels paid online. The unpaid taxes will be submitted to the county tomorrow.

**Exterior Building Security Cameras:** Hayes and her husband were gracious enough to install 4 outside cameras. One on each corner of the building. They are all point towards the outside doors. Hempsted would like to place one in the garage. It was also discussed to place one at the recycle bins. Motion made by Deike to approve \$553.30 to reimburse Hayes for the cameras

and equipment. Motion seconded by Perpich. **Roll call:** Hayes- abstain, Tornow-Y, Deike-Y, Perpich-Y, Hempsted-Y, and Magee-Y. **Motion carried.** Hempsted thanked the Hayes's for doing this job.

**Plow Truck Repairs:** The big snowplow truck needs to have work done before winter. Deike made a motion to approve up to \$2500.00 to repair the International. Motion seconded by Hempsted. It was discussed to start looking into getting a newer truck. Dan from the county road commission said that they get three new trucks a year and sell 3 used trucks a year. They will sell 2013 trucks soon. Dan said they would look at the international truck and give his opinion before taking it in for repairs. The motion was amended by Deike and changed to a second opinion approving up to 2,500.00 pending a second opinion. Motion seconded by Hempsted. **Roll call:** Deike-Y, Hayes-Y, Tornow-Y, Hempsted-Y, Magee-Y, and Perpich-Y. **Motion carried.**

**DDA Open Seat:** There is an open DDA seat as Jane Roesemeier has stepped down. It will be posted on the website.

**Joint meeting:** On August 28<sup>th</sup> there was a joint meeting between the township, village and the Planning commission. The township will take over as fiduciary, but it is unclear if it is in January or July of next year. This will be tabled until council gets more information from the township. Motion was made by Perpich to approve the minutes of the August 28<sup>th</sup> joint meeting, seconded by Hayes. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

Moving to Consent agenda items under DDA to add **Bulletin Board:** Perpich thought it was a great idea to have public information signage along with a veteran's memorial. He said a triangle is the most inefficient design for a small park. He said he hated the sign for the size of the park. Hempsted said he liked the triangle for the size of the park. Hempsted made a motion to place the signs along the sidewalk across from the Upper Bar. Tonwov seconded the motion. **Roll Call:** Deike-N Hayes-Y, Tornow-Y, Hempsted-Y, Magee-Y, and Perpich-N. **Motion carried.** Deike said the vision has changed over time as she has been aware of the sign since the beginning. She said that it is going on village property and needs village approval.

### Old Business

**UHY Audit Approval:** Ryan could not make it to the meeting tonight. They will try to get him back out. Perpich made a motion to table this until next month, seconded by Deike. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**Chipper Estimates:** Hempsted wants it hired out. Several bids came in Hempsted made a motion to have Nickerson remove the brush at the dump for \$2400.00, seconded by Deike. **Roll call:** Deike-Y, Hayes-Y, Tornow-Y, Perpich-Y, Magee-y, and Hempsted-Y. **Motion carried.**

**Windmuller:** This was to pay for a replacement light in case someone hit on at the round-about. This would have been split with the township. The township said no, and the village agreed with the township. We would take our changes with the supply chain if it ever damaged again.

**Communication:** none

**Public Comment:** This was moved up between joint planning and the Bulletin board to get input on the bulletin board/

Linda Forwerck- 121 Boyd, she wanted to thank the council for the signs of Boyd Street where children play. Hempsted said there were "children at play" signs placed at the park also.

Dave McGough- 514 Bates said that he is glad that the sign is ready to be put up. He thought would be nice to see it along the sidewalk so all can see.

Jeff Berthaume-8145 Woodcrest questioned the CD's, He asked why not take a penalty and reinvest it.

Debbie McCool -Chamber Chair. Said she would discuss with the board what the Explorer 131 does. she said she would take over the postings on the Explorer 131. The chamber will join Traverse Connect next year. She said she was hoping with the chamber joining Travers Connect and the other entities continue with Explorer 131 we could get more coverage for Fife Lake.

Mary Ellen Dilly-8611 E Sparling Road said she was at the joint meeting and said it was an enjoyable meeting. She said she read the minutes and said that Tornow was Mark instead of Mike and Mr. Forwerck instead of Mrs. Forwerck. She said she liked to thank the road commission for the work they have done.

Linda Forwerck said the council gets all the minutes with regards to the bulletin board. The budget always comes to the DDA along with a list of their projects. All the projects are in the budget that comes to the council for approval.

Hayes always said it has always been presented at a bulletin board. Drawings needs to be presented in the future.

Debbie McCool she is wholeheartedly in favor of the bulletin board but has concerns with the placement as it interferes with the Farmers Market and the Scarecrow Festival. She asked where she is supposed to go for events

Mary Ellen Dilly - she said she read all the DDA minutes from 2015 and there was no detail about the bulletin board.

Dave McGough- he said watched this thing for a long time and is glad to have it done.

**Board Comments:** none

Motion made by Hempsted, and seconded by Deike to adjourn at 8:14pm

Respectfully Submitted

Marcia Eby