

Village of Fife Lake  
Council Meeting Minutes  
August 19,2024

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Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

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

Absent: Perpich (excused) and Deike

Others: Werner- Village Clerk, Kitchen- Village Treasurer, Salvaggio- DPW, and Eby-  
Deputy Clerk

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Agenda:** Addition to the agenda is under new items letter" h" will be renting a chipper. Motion was made by Hayes to approve the agenda with the addition, seconded by Tornow. **Motion carried** with all yeas

**Approval of Minutes:** Magee made a motion to approve the minutes of July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, minutes. Motion was seconded by Hempsted. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**Bills transfers & amendments:** Motion made by Magee to approve the transfers and pay the bills. Motion seconded by Trowbridge **Roll call:** Tornow-Y, Hayes-Y, Hempsted -Y, Trowbridge-Y and Magee-Y. **Motion carried**

**Treasurers Report:** Motion made by Hayes to approve the treasurers report, seconded by Hempsted. **Motion carried** with all yeas

Deike arrived at 6:37pm

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

**DPW report:** Report in pack. Salvaggio had nothing more to add to her report.

**Zoning report:** No report in packet

**Police/Public Safety:** no report in packet

**Guest:** none

**Public Comment:** Linda Deeren- 125 State Street, asked what the stakes and ribbons are for in the Veterans Memorial Park. She was told it was for a bulletin Board Placement.

Debbie McCool- Chamber of Commerce Chair questioned the placement of the bulletin board. She said that the farmers market uses that spot and thought that putting it close to the flag would be more appropriate.

Bob Menzies- 420 Merritt Street, he wanted to thank everyone for all their hard work they did regarding the Merritt Street blight. He said the house had been sold at auction.

Jeff Berthume- Chamber of Commerce, informed every one of the upcoming Scarecrow Festival on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business**

**Windmuller:** Information in packet. They would like us to purchase supplies to have a light on standby for the round-about. For \$11,500 that would be everything that would be needed if we lose a light at the round-about. This would be kept by Windmuller. This is to avoid supply chain problems should that light get hit again. This light cost is split between the village and township with 25% being the villages responsibly and 75% the townships responsibly. After discussion it was decided to table this till next month. Deike made a motion to table this until next month to see if the township is in favor of doing this or not. Motion seconded by Trowbridge. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**DDA Teal Ribbons:** Deike made a motion to support the Tie Michigan Teal initiative for raising awareness for ovarian cancer by placing ribbons on lamppost. Motion seconded. by Hempsted. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**Alice Aldridge- Parks:** Alice is on the parks committee with the DDA. She said that they are working on getting playground equipment for the ballpark. She asked the village if they would like to donate money to help with this. Deike suggested having people work with Alice on working to get bigger grants for bigger projects.

**Chamber Community Picnic:** McCool spoke on behalf of Chamber giving details of the picnic. It will be from 10am -3pm on Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Lake oil Sheen-Eagle:** After getting a comment about this at the last meeting the village investigated this and found that there were no issues. Hempsted said that there is sometimes a sheen on the lake from the boats with is expected but dissipates.

**International truck Maintenance/ blades:** Heights Machinery has a quote for \$283.80 for a set of blades for show plowing. Motion made by Deike to purchase the blades for the plow truck not to exceed \$300.00. Motion seconded by Hempsted. **Roll call:** Hayes-Y, Trowbridge-Y, Deike-Y, Hempsted-Y, Magee-Y, and Tornow-Y. **Motion carried.**

**Parks Power washing:** a volunteer came, and power washed the playground equipment and the skateboard park. Hempsted commented on what a good job Nathaniel Williams did and thanked him for his help

**Renting a chipper:** A proposal was in packet to rent a chipper for \$2400.00 for a day. Deike would like to look at all the options. Deike made a motion to table this to look at all the options and cost before deciding. Motion seconded by Trowbridge. **Motion carried** with all yeas

### **Old Business**

**UHY Audit:** The audit was handed to out all of the council members to look over it. Hempsted said that they will vote on it next month. He said that there were not any big issues that came up, just a couple of small ones. Deike made a motion to table the audit acceptance until next month's meeting. Hayes seconded the motion. **Motion carried** with all yeas. Deike asked if someone from the firm could present the findings in the audit for next month's meeting.

**Merritt Street:** The house did go up for auction last week and was sold. Hempsted would like this removed from the agenda.

**Engineering RFP:** A copy for request for proposals was in the packet. The date needs to be put in on the second page. Hempsted said that he would like them in for next month's meeting. Hempsted was planning on getting them out this week. Deike made a motion to proceed forward with the RFP for roads, seconded by Magee. **Motion carried** with all yeas

**Communications:** no communications

**Public Comment:** Linda Forwerck -DDA Chair, Copies were passed about what the DDA is doing. She discussed the bulletin board. She explained how the bulletin board would look and where it would go. She discussed streetlamps and said that 11 were sold at \$300.00 each and there are 4 still available for purchase of a plaque to go on them. She also discussed benches saying that 7 benches were to be placed next to the sidewalks and they all sold for \$400.00 a bench. The style of the benches has not been determined yet. Some of the trees will be replaced in the downtown area and work is being done to remove the old root ball. They will be planted soon. The wayfinding signs will be replaced this fall. The entrance sign will be replaced. She asked if anyone wanted the old one. She said it would be lighted. The pavilion and gazabo are being looked it and may only be painted this year. Building façade are being looked at and will start in 2025. The DDA board currently has 3 business owners on it with good input.

McCool was questioned the placement of the bulletin board.

There was discussion on placement of the bulletin board between council members.

Paul McCool said 1. he was in favor of the bulletin board, 2. Would generation link be putting up a bulletin board as most of that stuff is now online over maintain a physical sign.3. The village will have to maintain it and it mostly will not be used. The bulletin will be moved to next month's agenda.

**Board Comments:** Deike wanted to discuss benches, how were they sold, where are they going to be placed. Deike asked that the personal committee meet and look at job descriptions may need to update.

Magee questioned a bunch of cement was dumped on the corner where Bates and State meet. The zoning administrator is looking into this.

Jeff Berthaume questioned communication and some coordination between groups.

Motion made by Deike and seconded by Magee to adjourn at 8pm

Respectfully Submitted

Marcia Eby