

Village of Fife Lake  
Council Meeting Minutes  
October 21, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm

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

Absent: Trowbridge(excused), and Magee (excused)

Others: Werner- Village Clerk, TerBeek- DPW and Eby-Recording Secretary

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Approval of Agenda:** Changes to the agenda are the UHY audit will be moved up between Treasurers Report and Consent Agenda Items. Under new items are Parks committee under Letter “f” and Rural Task Force under letter “g”. Motion made by Perpich to approve the agenda with the changes, seconded by Deike. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**Minutes:** Motion made by Deike to approve the minutes of October 21, 2024, seconded by Hayes. **Motion carried** with all yeas

**Bills, Transfers, & Amendment:** Motion made by Perpich to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Hempsted. **Roll Call:** Deike-Y, Hayes-y, Tornow-Y, Hempsted-Y and Perpich-Y. **Motion carried.**

**Treasurers Report:** Hempsted made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report, seconded by Tornow. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**UHY Audit:** Ryan Howell from UHY discussed the results of the recent audit. All the council members had a copy of the audit. He went through the audit report explaining it in some detail. He said that overall, the audit looked better than the previous year. He said that some of the accounts were not accurate as items were taken from different accounts and not replaced back into that account. Hempsted said that H&R Block is still working on this. The last page was the DDA report. He would like the DDA to put everything on Excel or QuickBooks instead on doing it on paper.

**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:** Report in packet.

**Zoning:** no report in packet. Hempsted said that some trees need to be looked at.

**Police/ Public Safety Report:** Report in packet.

**Guest:** Daryl Nelson -Traverse City County Commissioner, said that they are working on their audit. He said that cyber-attacks do not affect the information you have in the cloud and said using the cloud as much as possible to safeguard your information. They are in the middle of doing their budget. He said that there are 10 committees with openings. The deadline is November 4<sup>th</sup> to apply. The terms are 3 years with the Road Commission being 6 years.

Joe Underwood -Grand Traverse Road Commission, said that the price of salt and sand through them would be in by the end of the week. He discussed the plow truck and said he did not know when theirs were going up for sale and did not know the cost but would contact the village when that happens. Hempsted said that he met with Dan Leonard who works with the Road Commission. Joe said that they are also working on their budget. He said there is a millage in November on the ballot.

**Public Comment:** Debbie McCool – Chamber Chair thanked everyone who participated in the Scarecrow Festival and said that the next newsletter is coming out the end of October. The deadline to submit to it is Friday October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mary Ellen Dilly -1186 East Sparling Road said the DDA is a branch of the Village. She said the DDA changed their bylaws, and a parliamentarian was appointed at the last DDA meeting. She said the council has the authority over the DDA.

### **New Business**

**Salt/sand Order:** Motion made by Deike to table the salt and sand purchase till next month. Motion seconded by Hempsted. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**Windmuller:** This was for a light replacement for a light in the round-about for the cost of \$1733.00. This cost would be split between the village and township. Motion made by Perpich to pay \$867.00 to Windmuller for a replacement light post, seconded by Hayes. **Roll call:** Hayes-Y, Tornow-Y, Perpich-Y, Hempsted-Y, and Deike-Y. **Motion carried.**

**JPC Master Plan:** Motion made by Perpich to table this till next month, seconded by Hempsted. **Motion carried** with all yeas. Motion made by Hayes to meet at 6pm to discuss the Master plan, seconded by Tornow. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**JPC application:** An application came in from Daniel Robert Wilson for the vacant seat on the Planning Commission. Motion made by Perpich to appoint Daniel Wilson to the Planning Commission, seconded by Hayes. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**Eby title change:** Motion made by Deike to change Eby's title from Deputy Clerk to recording secretary, seconded by Hempsted. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**Parks Committee:** Aldridge from DDA discussed the removal of the swings and slide from the park. Both are no longer conforming to code and are in bad shape. She asked if anyone wanted it. She also asked for a donation towards new playground equipment. Hempsted wanted a proposed cost before a donation.

**Rural Task Force:** State Street and Boyd Street are scheduled to be done in 2026 with a 20% match.

### **Old Business**

**UHY Audit Approval:** discussed earlier. Motion made by Deike to approve the audit as presented, seconded by Hayes. **Roll Call:** Deike-Y, Hayes-Y, Tornow-Y, Hempsted-Y, and Perpich-Y. **Motion carried.**

**Engineering RFP:** Both Spicer and Fleis & Vanderbrink gave a presentation at the special meeting. Deike made a motion to hire Spicer Group for engineering and PASER analysis along with financing. Motion seconded by Tornow. **Roll Call:** Hayes-Y, Hempsted-Y, Deike-Y, Tornow-Y, and Perpich-Y. **Motion carried**

**Plow Truck Repairs:** Terry Terbeek -DPW discussed the condition of the plow truck. He said that the truck needs a whole new box. He said that just after getting the truck out of the shop it sprung a coolant leak and it still has a small leak. An estimate for the repairs on the truck from

Midwest Tractor in Buckley was \$9040.00. The Council has questioned if putting the money into the truck is worth it.

**DDA Open seat:** one seat is still open. No applications received.

**Roads/ Asphalt Repair:** Hempsted is still working with Tom Leonard on this.

**Communication:** none

**Public Comment:** none

**Board Comment:** The board thanked Terry for all the work he was doing. Deike said her new neighbors wanted to know if they could remove stumps that may be on village property. Hempsted said it would be fine. Deike asked what the terms of board members were and if there were openings and when they are appointed. She mentioned that Taffle Town is having bingo on Sat. the 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 to support the high school music program.

Motion made by Hempstead and seconded by Deike to adjourn at 7:59 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Marcia Eby