

Village of Fife Lake
Council Meeting Minutes
May 20,2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

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

Absent: Deike, and Tornow (non-excused)

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda: Changes to the agenda are under New Business letter "K" Skate Park vandalism, letter "L" Engineering RFP, letter "M" Rural Task Force. and letter "N" Baseball Park, pavilion and fence. Motion made by Perpich to approve the agenda with the changes, seconded by Hayes. **Motion carried** with all yeas

Approval of Minutes: Hempsted made a motion to approve the minutes of 4/15/24, seconded by Hayes. **Motion carried** with all yeas

Bills transfers & amendments: Perpich made motion to pay outstanding bills as presented, seconded by Throwbridge. **Roll call:** Hayes-Y, Throwbridge-Y, Hempsted-Y, Magee-Y, and Perpich-Y. **Motion carried**

Treasurers Report: Motion made by Perpich to approve the Treasurers Report as presented, seconded by Magee. **Motion carried** with all yeas

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

DPW Report: Salvaggio submitted a report in the packet of what she has been doing. Hempsted said that the DPW employees are doing a great job.

Zoning: Radke was not present to give a report. Hempsted said that Radke and himself drove around the village and found some issues that were not dealt with last year and some new issues. Radke is checking into all these issues. Hempsted said he is working on at least 15 permits.

Police/ Public Safety: Chris Wethstone was present for the meeting. He said that they are getting heavy on enforcement within the village with traffic. Two felony arrest within the village from outstanding warrants and not crimes. They are planning on doing dive training at the lake sometime in the future. He asked if anyone notices an increase in traffic at night to let him know as there may be a party's out in the township. Chris said he would like to hold a weekly meeting there for people to come and talk to him about concerns at the Loons Nest.

Guest: none

Public Comment: Matt Rice -302 Boyd Street, asked about the road access to the right of his cabin could be sold or leased because the dead trees on the access are leaning towards his cabin.

Debbie McCool- Chamber Chair. She said that the Chamber is starting a monthly newsletter. The first new one has been sent out and can be found on the Chamber website. Her newsletter is in the packet.

New Business

Farmers Market Debbie McCool- Chamber Chair said that the Farmers Market is slowly growing she said last week she thought it was 9 vendors.

Forest Area School Volunteers: Forest Area School Students will be here on Friday to help clean up the village for three hours. It could possibly be up to 40 students. They will be raking the ballpark, painting benches and picnic tables in the park, and picking up loose trash in town. This will be headed up by Deike.

Building exterior cameras: Hempsted said that cameras were needed around the building due to some theft around the building. Hempsted said he was going to get some quotes
Deike arrived at 6:48pm

Light pole replacement quote: The light pole across from the Loons Nest fell about 2 weeks ago. Browns electric gave a quote of \$3009,44 for replacement and labor. The village's out of pocket cost is about \$250.00 with insurance paying the rest. Hempsted said that it needed a new pole.

Elmers's road gravel quote: Gravel is needed for the roads and alleys The quote from Elmers will be \$553.00 for 14 tons and \$290.00 delivery fee. Hayes made a motion to purchase road gravel from Elmers not to exceed \$900.00. Motion seconded by Deike. **Roll Call:** Deike-Y, Hayes-, Throwbridge-Y, Hempsted-Y, Magee-Y, and Perpich-Y. **Motion carried.**

Elmers cold patch quote: 14 tons of cold patch will be \$4416,00 plus \$290.00 for delivery. Deike made a motion to purchase 14 tons of cold patch not to exceed \$5000.00. Motion seconded by Hempsted. **Roll call:** Hayes-Y, Throwbridge-Y, Hempsted-Y, Magee=Y. Deike-Y, and Perpich. **Motion carried.**

Dump Trailer: Due to the high cost of delivery fees which is now at \$1600.00 with no way to pick it up ourselves so the village is looking into a dump trailer. There is a used 14-foot hydraulic lift dump trailer for \$8200.00. Magee made a motion to purchase the trailer. Motion seconded by Hempsted. **Roll call:** Hayes-Y, Throwbridge-Y, Deike-Y, Perpich-N, Hempsted-Y and Magee-Y. **Motion carried.**

Vendor Ordinance: Ivy Barbeaux is the vendor of the food truck and lives in Fife Lake. She feels that the rules currently in place are an issue pertaining to food trucks. She was approached by the Farmers Market to be there at least one Thursday a month. With the current policies in place, she cannot do that. She would like the Farmers Market to take the food vendors under their umbrella. The village ordinance currently allows a food Truck to be at an event three times a year for 5 days each. Hempsted would like to talk to the attorney about this issue.

Clerk review: A committee will be set up of Hempsted, Deike and Magee. Perpich will be a fill in if needed. This is to review employee performance of clerk and DPW.

Explorer 131: Explorer 131 bill is divided 4 ways with the township, Village, DDA, and Chamber. The bill is \$2000.00 annually which is \$500.00 to each entity, there are questions about who makes decision on where the marketing money is spent. The questions revolve around marketing with some of the entity's, more information is needed. This will be tabled till next

month. Motion made by Deike to table until next month, seconded by Perpich. **Motion carried** with all yeas

Skate Park: Over the weekend there was some vandalism at the skate park. The park was covered in red paint graffiti. It will take a while to clean it up.

Engineering RFP: The roads need to be assessed by an engineering firm to see how to proceed. Deike made a motion to send out RFP for an engineer to assess the roads. Motion seconded by Hayes. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

Rural Task Force: Forwerck and Hempsted met with Kingsley. They will continue to be the lead at this time. This is alternated every other year between Kingsley and Fife Lake. Hempsted would like to use them as a resource for now.

Baseball Park: There is some rot going on in the pavilion in the ballpark. The pavilion also some holes in the roof. There is also some repair needed on the backstop fence. The total repair will be \$400.00. Deike made a motion to repair the fence and pavilion Not to exceed \$400.00. Motion seconded by Perpich. **Roll Call:** Hayes-Y, Deike-Y, Perpich-Y, Hempsted-Y, Magee-Y, and Throwbridge-Y. **Motion carried.**

Old Business

Road repair: Based on the bids Ryan from Elmers would be happy to come out and explain the bid to the people on the road committee. There will be more information at next months meeting,

Merritt Street blight: Everything has been done that the village can do. The house is being foreclosed on.

Online property tax solution: It is ready to go. It will be added to the tax bills letter and on the website. The treasurer has tested it and said he had no problems.

Spring Clean-up: Two GFL trucks were filled and a bin for the scrap metal. Some of the scrap metal was taken from the bin by someone. The amount of money the village got \$489.00. This incident is being investigated.

Planning Commission open seat: Two applications were submitted. This was the "at large seat" which needs to be approved by both village and township. The township voted in Kevin Manor at their last meeting. Hempsted made a motion to nominate Mike Perpich to the Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Deike. **Roll Call:** Deike-Y, Hayes-Y, Throwbridge-Y, Hempsted-Y, Magee-Y, and Perpich- abstain. **Motion carried.**

Communication: none

Public Comment: George Gauld- 314 Pierce Street. He questioned the trailer at the ice cream shop and questioned the ordinance as to when that went into effect.

Board Comments: Deike would like sand on the beach. She thought it was a standing motion to be done each year. Deike made a motion to put sand at the beach at the same quantity as last year. Motion seconded by Perpich. **Roll Call:** Hayes-Y, Throwbridge-Y, Deike-Y, Hempsted-Y, Magee-Y, and Perpich-Y, **Motion carried** with all yeas

Hempsted responded to Matt Rice question during first Public Comment saying that the trees will be the villages responsibility and as far as putting gravel on the easement for a driveway he will need to check with the attorney on that.

Motion made by Hempsted and seconded Deike by to adjourn at 7:321pm

Respectfully submitted
Marcia Eby