

Village of Fife Lake
Downtown Development Authority
Meeting Minutes
June 20,2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

Roll Call: Present: Smith, Forwerck, Prebo, Hempsted, Benke, Patrick, and Roesemeier.

Absent: Tornow, and Magee

Approval of Agenda: Changes to the agenda will be under new business letter (B) will be DDA Domain and we will add Historical Society- Joyce Freiwald under Guest. Motion made by Patrick to approve the agenda with the changes, seconded by Hempsted. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

Approval of Minutes: The April minutes were missed at last month's meeting. Correction on the May 16th meeting under roll call Roesemeier is spelled incorrectly. Patrick made a motion to approve the two April minutes and the May minutes with the noted changes. Motion seconded by Benke. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

Correspondence: A letter came in from the Historical Society and was read out loud to everyone. There was also a letter from Networks Northwest which will be addressed later in the meeting.

Guest: Joyce Freiwald from the Historical Society was present and gave a presentation to everyone in attendance about the condition of the historic fire barn. She is raising money to paint the building and repair the tower of the fire barn which includes power washing, scraping, calking and painting. The tower needs some new boards on the backside. She said she had a bid of about \$12,500.00. Roesemeier made a motion to give \$1,000.00. to the Historical Society earmarked for the painting /repair of the fire barn. Benke seconded the motion. Discussion continued. **Roll Call:** Benke-Y, Patrick-Y, Forwerck-Y, Prebo-Y, Hemsted-Y, Smith-Y, and Roesemeier-Y. **Motion carried.** This motion was rescinded.

Forwerck suggested to amend the budget. Motion made by Patrick to amend the budget to reflect the donation amount for the Historical Society to \$2,000.00. Motion seconded by Smith.

Roll call: Roesemeier-Y, Hempsted-Y, Patrick-Y, Forwerck-Y, Smith-Y, Prebo-Y, and Benke-Y.

Motion carried.

Roesemeier made a motion to donate \$2,000.00 to the Historical Society for the painting/ restoration of the fire barn. Motion seconded by Patrick. **Roll call:** Forwerck-Y, Benke-Y, Patrick-Y, Prebo-Y, Roesemeier-Y, Hempsted-Y, and Smith-Y. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment: none

Treasurer Report: Benke gave the treasures report. Statements were passed out. Bills Paid were \$500.00 to the US 131 dues, \$500.00 to the farmers market, Tina Broering \$50.00 for flowers for downtown, and Mark Magee for the bulletin board for \$1000.00. Checks were also made out to Benke, Eby and Prebo for \$250.00 for official work done. Patrick made a motion to approve the treasures report as presented, seconded by Smith **Motion carried** with all yeas. Benke rolled over the CD. She pulled out the \$20,000.00 which made \$149.76 and paid the penalty of \$59.17, and then took the money and added another \$20,000.00 from savings to it and rolled it into another CD for 6 months at a 4.5% interest rate.

New Business

Historical Society Donation: covered under guest.

DDA Domain: Forwerck received a e mail from the village clerk, that said that the Premium Plan Pro renews on June 1st for 3 years at \$612.00. Prebo said that we are not using it. He said it is a Quick Book program and we are not using it. This is not the same as the domain. Forwerck to check into when the domain needs to be renewed.

Networks Northwest: Forwerck said that they were still completing the draft of the DDA TIF plan. Forwerck said she was not sure if they have visited the businesses. Smith asked for biweekly updates from them to check their progress. Forwerck said she would write a letter to Mathew and Rob and let the DDA board review it for comments/ suggestions before she sends it.

Bylaw Changes: Roesemeier has not checked into this yet

Bulletin Board: Benke said that the \$1000.00 paid to Magee was for the roof. Prebo made a motion if the bulletin board is not up by August, we scrap it and ask for a refund. There was no second to the motion, so it died. There was some discussion on what to do. Benke will discuss this with Magee to get an update on the progress.

Forwerck said she went to central concrete for her house and was talking to them about the retaining walls in town as they are deteriorating. They said that those blocks are no longer available and said that Blue Star Landscaping could match the blocks. She felt that they could find a block to match the existing blocks. Possibly have them to come out and look at it.

Beach Cleaning: it hasn't been investigated yet.

Smith left at 7:32pm

Pierce Street Park Benches: Benke said that they are in bad shape. She said she is looking into purchasing new benches.

Dog Park: nothing new. Still looking for a location. Roesemeier and Benke to look for a sight in Pierce Street Park.

Public Comment: none

Board Comments: Hempsted said that they are looking into stripping the railings in front of the Loons Nest and The Upper bar down to bare metal. The paint that is on them is flaking off. Benke mentioned the problem of geese on the beach.

Roesemeier said that no one has been using the boat wash station. She said the kids are spraying each other with the hose.

Motion made by Patrick and seconded by Benke to adjourn at 7:41pm

Respectfully submitted

Marcia Eby