

Village of Fife Lake  
Downtown Development Authority  
Meeting Minutes  
September 19, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm

**Roll call:** Present: Tornow, Forwerck, Prebo, Hempsted, Benke, Patrick, and Roesemeier  
Absent: Smith (excused) and Magee (not excused)

**Approval of Agenda:** Patrick made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Prebo. **Motion carried** with all yeas

**Approval of Minutes:** Roesemeier made a motion to approve the minutes of August 15, 2023. Motion seconded by Patrick. **Motion carried** with all yeas.

**Guest:** Sue Nyce-from the Historical Society, and she is also on the board of the Missaukee Conservation District. She noticed that there was a problem on the vacant lot next to the quilt shop. She said that there is Japanese Knot weed growing there and it is the most invasive species. The weed is very destructive to buildings. She passed out information on how to control it. Forwerck suggested giving the information to the owner of the property.

**Public Comment:** Jane Roesemeier 131 Merritt Street. She asked about O'Tracys Waste. She wondered if he came to council and what was going on with that.

**Treasure's Report:** Benke gave the August Statement to all present. Three checks were written last month, one for \$100.00 to the Upper Bar and Grill for the open house, \$42.00 Fife Lake Party Store, and \$56.00 to renew the Post office Box for another year. Patrick made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report as presented, seconded by Tornow. **Motion carried** with all yeas

#### **New Business**

**ORV Rally:** Tammy Budrow spoke on behalf of the ORV rally scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup>. The ORV rally goes for a 40-mile trip with safety in mind. There are check points for them to stop at in town. The money raised goes back to Springfield Park. The businesses that these people will stop in town are The Upper Bar, The Loons Nest, The Fife Lake Inn, Mad Swirlz, and the Party Store. Prebo made a motion to support the ORV rally by donating up to \$500.00 to the DDA vendors located in the DDA District. Benke supported the motion. **Roll call:** Forwerck-Y, Prebo-Y, Tornow-Y, Hempsted-Y, Roesemeier-Y Patrick-Y, and Benke-Y. **Motion carried.** Tammie Budrow will submit a written report on how the money was spent with the businesses.

**Hire company for website:** Ideas were discussed on hiring someone to manage the website. It was suggested to check with MDA for a reference. There was talk of incorporating the village also to manage their website.

**TIF State report:** The state report is due in October. The village still owes TIF money to the DDA. It is unclear what the amount is. There was discussion of possibly putting it into a CD. Motion made by Prebo to place the TIF funds once received and savings for a total of around \$30,000.00 and to have the finance committee put it into a 12-month CD with the best rate. Motion seconded by Patrick. **Roll Call:** Patrick-Y, Forwerck-Y, Hempsted-Y, Roesemeier-Y, Prebo-Y, Tornow-Y, and Benke-Y. **Motion carried.**

**MDA Conference:** The conference is in Birmingham and is scheduled for the first week of November. It starts on a Wednesday. The conference for 4 rooms for two nights is \$1592.00 with two people in each room. The conference itself would be \$2485.00. Motion made by Forwerck to get registered in October to go to conference and book the rooms for up to \$5000.00. Motion seconded by Roesemeier. Motion rescinded. Motion made by Forwerck to have the Fife Lake DDA represented at the MDA Conference November 1-3 in Birmingham MI of this year, and that the cost of registration and the rooms will be capped at \$5000.00 plus milage and any meals. Hempsted seconded the motion. **Roll call:** Prebo-Y, Tornow-Y, Benke-Y, Hempsted-Y, Roesemeier-Y, Forwerck-Y, and Patrick-Y. **Motion carried.**

### **Old Business**

**Networks Northwest:** Mathew Cook was not at the meeting. He will be at the next meeting.

**By-Laws update:** Forwerck and Roesemeier will get together before next meeting.

**Fire barn Grant:** some of the people from Historical Society met with Dan Leonard it was discussed that the Historical Society would be looking into applying for this grant.

**Streetlamp Plaques:** Nothing has been done on this.

**Damaged Street Lamp:** There was talk of maybe swapping out some of the light posts with the old bases so the plaques would fit the bases.

Prebo left 7:50pm

**Security Cameras:** The village will be looking into the cameras

**Lock for DDA barn:** There is now a lock on the shed. Hempsted said that here are two keys

**Bulletin Board:** ongoing

**Clean beach:** ongoing

**Benches for Pierce Street Park:** This will be a spring project.

**Dog Park:** tabled

**Public Comment:** none

**Board Comments:** Hempsted gave an update on the pickle ball court after a call came into the DDA about the condition of the pickle ball court.

Motion made by Roesemeier and seconded by Tornow to adjourn at 8:09PM

Respectfully Submitted

Marcia Eby