

Webber Township
Board Meeting Minutes
1/8/2026

Call to Order: 6:00PM

Pledge of Allegiance:

Attendance Roll Call: Kelly-Here, Pat-Here, Kathy-Here, Deb-Here, Shaun-Here

Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve agenda made by Kelly with support by Pat. 5 Aye votes. Motion Carries.

Approval of the minutes: Motion to approve minutes listed made by Pat with support by Shaun. 5 Aye votes. Motion carries.

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting 12/11/2025

Minutes of Finance Meeting 1/7/2026

Public Comments (Everyone has up to 3 minutes and one time only)

A member of the public made a comment that the incident at M37 and 32nd St was not related to GEO protesters.

Approval of the Accounts payable: (Roll Call Vote)

General fund Account: Motion by Pat with support by Shaun. Roll Call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Kathy-Yes, Deb-Yes, Shaun-Yes. 5 yes votes. Motion carries.

Fire Fund Account: Motion by Deb with support by Pat. Roll Call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Kathy-Yes, Deb-Yes, Shaun-Yes. 5 yes votes. Motion carries.

Sewer & Water Account: Motion by Kelly with support by Kathy. Roll Call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Kathy-Yes, Deb-Yes, Shaun-Yes. 5 yes votes. Motion carries.

Refuse Fund Account: Motion by Pat with support by Kelly. Roll Call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Kathy-Yes, Deb-Yes, Shaun-Yes. 5 yes votes. Motion carries.

Treasurers Report: (Does not require vote) Pat gave report.

Correspondence: Treasurer received updated Federal Poverty Guidelines. Copies have been distributed to BOR members.

Guest Speaker: N/A

Department Reports (Do not require vote unless individual items are presented for approval)

Fire Department-Jeremy gave report. Advised everyone to be very cautious as ice on area lakes is not safe. The Dept. has been approved for a DNR Grant totaling \$4846.00. This is a 50/50 matching grant so the Dept will need to spend \$2423.00 and will receive \$2423.00 via the grant. He plans to purchase wild land equipment and turn out gear. Door locks project is moving ahead. Plans to use Township phone for the lock program.

S/W & Maintenance-Received 2 violations regarding the CCR. Old templates were used. Rodney will get with EGLE to determine how to move ahead with Flow report due to missing reports prior to IAI taking over. He has the materials needed to do hydrant repairs. Will wait till

weather is conducive to do the work. Asked when outdoor outlet at well house will be repaired and when generator maintenance will be scheduled. Shaun has been assigned getting these tasks done.

Co. Road Commissioner-N/A

County Commissioner-N/A

Sheriff Department-Sheriff Martin gave report. Asked status of no parking ordinance around GEO facility. He stated his department will cover costs of signs, etc. if that is what is holding up Township approving this ordinance.

Zoning Administrator-In Joan's absence Deb read a written agreement Joan had prepared, based on the recommendations of Andy Moore of Williams & Works, for M37 Tire and Towing. A discussion ensued regarding whether or not this should be a Planning Commission responsibility, and why this business shouldn't have to go through the same site plan review as other businesses. After the discussion Pat made a motion to approve the agreement between Webber Twp and M37 Towing and Tire with support by Shaun. Roll Call: Kelly-No, Pat-Yes, Kathy-No, Deb-Yes, Shaun-Yes. 3 yes/2 No votes. Motion carries.

Planning Commission-Kathy gave report. The Planning Commission held their annual election of officers on January 5. Jackie Jacobs was re-elected Chair, Ginny Hammer was elected as Vice Chair. There were no members willing to take the Secretary position. There are two meetings scheduled next week. 1/12/26-Review Camping Ordinance and 1/14/26 Site Plan Review for Great Finds Sales. There was a discussion regarding the need for these meetings since the Board is looking into possibly changing the zoning ordinances.

Cemetery Report-N/A

Grants Report-N/A

LCEDA-N/A

DDA-N/A

Parks & Recreation-N/A

Ongoing Business:

Well maintenance sealed bids: Shaun opened sealed bids from Pearson Drilling, Northern Pump & Well, and Peerless. There was quite a large discrepancy between the bids. Pearson and Northern quoted maintenance only with a statements that new pump and labor would be additional charge, if needed. Peerless quote was the highest, but did include a new pump, if needed. After discussion with IAI rep it was decided it was best to go with a worst case quote as it gives us a max cost. Pat made a motion to accept the bid from Peerless to approve payment up to \$40,738.68 with support by Kelly. Roll Call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Kathy-Yes, Deb-Yes, Shaun-Yes. 5 Yes votes. Motion carries.

A meeting of the personnel committee was rescheduled to 1/14/26 @ 5:00.

Deb gave details of the executed GEO Tax Tribunal, and subsequent agreement. Pat went over the tax refund amounts.

Shaun reported he has a roofing contractor coming next week. A discussion ensued around providing a project description so all quotes are the same. We are not roofing experts and are relying on the contractor to determine what work needs to be done. Shaun will also try to contact the contractor that originally did the work.

Deb asked for approval to utilize the Clerk's Visa card for on line utility bill payments and explained the benefits of doing so. The board approved the use of the card.

New Business:

Shaun made a motion to reassign Kevin Newell and Jackie Jacobs to the Planning Commission. Kelly supported. 5 Aye votes. Motion carries.

The future of zoning was discussed regarding whether we should either do away with zoning, or make the zoning rules more general, less restrictive and tighten the blight ordinance. It is thought site plan reviews are necessary. There is a meeting set with our attorney, Williams & Works, Pat, Shaun & Joan.

Three potential road repair projects were discussed:

Michaway = \$192,500, Merrillville from 40th to 36th = \$110,121

James from 44th to 40th (at campground) = \$85,369

We can do James St utilizing funds from Shelby Savings. Kelly made a motion to move forward with the James St project with support by Deb. Roll Call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Kathy-Yes, Deb-Yes, Shaun-Yes. 5 Yes votes. Motion carries.

The joint meeting with Planning and the board was tabled

Miscellaneous Business: N/A

Adjournment : (Verbal vote-Aye/Nay)

Pat made a motion to adjourn with support by Kelly. 4 Aye votes. Meeting adjourned at 7:44PM