

**Annual Budget Hearing
Webber Township
2286 W Springtime St
Baldwin MI 49804
June 29, 2024**

Motion to open Budget Hearing made by Deb with support by Kelly. Roll Call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Dan-Yes, Deb-Yes, Ernie-Yes. 5 Yes votes. Motion carries. Budget Hearing open at 9:09AM

General Fund: Per Pat, the General fund revenue for 2024-2025 is \$663,076.00 and the expenditures are \$663,076.00. The budget is balanced.

Some changes we've made=

Legal Fees are down. We added Deputy wages for the Supervisor. Assessor salary is raised. This is his first raise in 10 years. Clerk's salary is raised to \$26,456 based upon a 20 hour work week and added responsibilities based upon new regulations and increased election duties. The Deputy Clerk hours also has been increased to 20 hours/week. Board of Review and all committees and commissions have had per diem increases. Treasurer's and Supervisor's salary is increased to \$18,533. Deputy Treasurer wages decreased to \$6100. Postage is up. Building and Grounds, we put in \$70,000 for new roof. Utilities are down thanks to Nikki and the savings she has found. Cemetery Sexton is asking for a raise to \$14,500 and we reduced Capital outlay because we had a building in budget last year but he decided he doesn't need it. He only needs a bagger for mower. Zoning Board of Appeals per diem is up. Planning Commission per diems are up. Zoning Administrator is at 30 hours/week and \$21.00/Hr. We also put in \$4000.00/Yr for an assistant. Parks and Rec is way down because we had the grant match last year. We don't have a project for this year. Insurance and payroll is the same. We have a balanced budget of \$663,076.

Fire Fund: Chief received a 10% raise. Asked for \$30,000 to equip new fire truck. Pat put in \$60,000 to be sure all necessary equipment is covered. Last mortgage on Fire barn will be made this year. Budget= \$246,632 Income and \$225,244 outgoing.

Water/Sewer: Water/Sewer Tech received a 2% raise. Budget was discussed. We need a new well and hydrant valve risers. Tower needs to be power washed. System needs a meter at the entry to the Village system so we know exactly what is being sent into their system.

Refuse: Assessment going up to \$74.

Fire Assessment: This is specifically for the truck. Have funds in account to pay for truck. This is not part of the budget.

Jeanne Drive: Proposed assessment to come in \$3464. This will be spent on maintenance throughout the year. Lower this year because incurred attorney and set up fees when getting started.

That's the budget.

Ernie asked if any questions from the public.

Chief Al Daily said he hasn't received a performance review in the last two years. He did not get a raise last year, but he did this year. Wants to know if we can give him his raise from last year as well. Other dept heads all received raises last year. A discussion ensued. Board felt since it was their oversight last year, we will include 10% for last year as well. 10% will be added to previous salary, then an additional 10% will be added to that making his new salary \$12,005.

Public Comment:

Is Sexton contract approved? If budget is approved, his raise is approved without a contract. It was explained the funds will be approved, but if his contract is not approved the funds will not be spent and can be reallocated. If funds not approved, we would not be able to approved the contract at the proposed wages.

Why is per diem being raised for committees that are all new employees without experience? It was explained this is not a merit increase. Per diems have not been increased in several years.

How are hours for offices determined? Why doesn't Zoning Administrator get as many hours as Clerk? Responsibilities are different for each office, as are the required hours.

Why isn't maintenance person doing maintenance on fire barn?

Motion to close Annual Public Hearing made by Pat with support by Dan. Roll call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Dan-Yes, Deb-Yes, Ernie-Yes. 5 Yes votes. Motion carries.

Adjourned: Public Budget Hearing adjourned at 9:46AM

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L Hanes, clerk