

Webber Township
2286 W Springtime St
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Monthly Board Meeting 5/8/2025

Call to Order: 6:00PM

Pledge of Allegiance:

Attendance Roll Call: Kelly McCune-Here, Pat Williams-Here, Kathy Rose-Here, Deb Hanes-Here, Shaun Munson-Here. All Present.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve Agenda with additions of Professional Services Agreement, Zoning Schedule Discussion, Suggestion re: meeting follow up, 2 Planning Board Member Approvals, Land Use Properties made by Pat with support by Kelly. 5 Aye votes. Motion carries.

Approval of the minutes:

Motion to approve Minutes of the 4/10/2025 Board Meeting and 5/7/2025 Finance Meeting made by Pat with support by Kelly. 5 Aye votes. Motion carries.

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

A member of the public expressed concerns about the GEO Group reopening the Northlake Detention Center for ICE detainees.

Approval of the Accounts payable: (Roll Call Vote)

General fund Account: Motion to Approve made by Pat with support by Kelly. Roll call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Kathy-Yes, Deb-Yes, Shaun-Yes. 5 Yes votes. Motion carries.

Sewer & Water Account: Motion to Approve made by Kelly with support by Kathy. Roll call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Kathy-Yes, Deb-Yes, Shaun-Yes. 5 Yes votes. Motion carries.

Fire Fund Account: Motion to Approve made by Deb with support by Pat. Roll call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Kathy-Yes, Deb-Yes, Shaun-Yes. 5 Yes votes. Motion carries.

Refuse Fund Account: Motion to Approve made by Deb with support by Pat. Roll call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Kathy-Yes, Deb-Yes, Shaun-Yes. 5 Yes votes. Motion carries.

Treasurers Report: Pat gave report. Pat made motion to roll over the 12 month CD with support by Kelly. Roll call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Kathy-Yes, Deb-Yes, Shaun-Yes. 5 Yes votes. Motion carries.

Correspondence:

Pat read a letter received regarding the GEO facility. A discussion ensued.

Department Reports

Fire Department: Chief gave report. Asked for permission to have the AC unit serviced. Granted.

S/W & Maintenance: Maintenance-There are deep holes in the soccer and baseball fields. Scott has requested approval to purchase top soil to fill and repair them. Pat made a motion with support by Deb to approve spending up to \$700 for purchase of top soil. Roll call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Kathy-Yes, Deb-Yes, Shaun-Yes. 5 Yes votes. Motion carries. The missing pressure washer has been located.

Water/Sewer- Deb to get with attorney to prepare an RFP for Water/Sewer Service Provider.

Zoning Administrator: Shaun read Chris' report.

Co. Road Commissioner: N/A

County Commissioner: Bob Sanders gave report.

Sheriff Department: N/A

Cemetery Report: Still waiting for tree to be removed.

Grants Report: Lift station grant to be decided/awarded in June.

Planning Commission: Continue to have issues. Needs more members. It was noted that in the event the secretary is not present, anyone can take minutes of a meeting, however they are not paid the secretary per diem.

Parks & Recreation: GO Day preparations were discussed. Kelly has been in touch with various vendors. Pat made a motion to approve \$3200 for 7 pony ride/petting zoo, and 2 bounce houses with support by Kathy. Roll call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Kathy-Yes, Deb-Yes, Shaun-Yes. 5 Yes votes. Motion carries. Republic will again donate food/beverages. It was suggested we request funds from the Sheriff's charity fund.

LCEDA: N/A

DDA: N/A

Ongoing Business: Deeded lots sold by Township. This issue is in the hands of our attorney.

Kelly presented options for a commemorative plaque or bench in honor of Ernie Wogatzke at the park. The plaque would cost \$675 or the bench would cost \$398. The board asked Evan Wogatzke to choose which he would want for his dad. Evan chose the Plaque. Pat made a motion to approve ordering the plaque for \$675 with support by Shaun. Roll call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Kathy-Yes, Deb-Yes, Shaun-Yes. 5 Yes votes. Motion carries. We will hold a dedication ceremony at 9:45 on Sat., June 14, 2025 prior to the opening of GO Day activities.

New Business:

The scrap tire collection project has been cancelled for 6/7/25 due to Federal Budget cuts. May move to 8/2/25, if funding is available at that time.

Deb requested board approval to pay the remainder of the 2025 Accident Fund Insurance policy in the amount of \$4064.55. This policy is normally paid in full in January of each year. For some reason the monthly premium was paid in Jan. 2025. The invoices are received so close to the due date, our payments are often received late. We can not take chances in having this policy cancelled. Motion to approve payment of \$4064.55 made by Kelly with support by Pat. Roll call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Kathy-Yes, Deb-Yes, Shaun-Yes. 5 Yes votes. Motion carries.

Deb read various options for implementing the new Paid Sick Time Law. It was decided to table this issue till June meeting to allow a more detailed impact study. In the April meeting it was noted that only the Clerk and Fire Chief have Township credit cards. It was recently decided to get a card for the Maintenance Dept as well since he has been purchasing supplies.

Kelly made a motion to nominate Kathy Rose and Nikki Hughes as alternate members to the ZBA with support by Shaun. A discussion ensued regarding whether a board member could serve on the ZBA. Shaun will get clarification from the MTA trainers. 5 Aye votes. Motion carries.

Reminder that board members should CC the remaining members on any communications with our attorney.

Deb made a motion with support from Shaun to schedule the 2025 Budget Workshops on Thurs., June 5 and Thurs., June 19, 2025 at 6:00PM, and the Annual

Budget Meeting on Saturday, June 28, 2025 at 9:00AM. 5 Aye votes. Motion Carries.

Deb made a motion to approve the Profession Services Agreement fee schedule of \$145/hr between the Township and Williams and Works for engineering services for the evaluation and upgrade of the Township water and sewer system with support by Kelly. Roll call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Kathy-Yes, Deb-Yes, Shaun-Yes. 5 Yes votes. Motion carries.

Land Use sale- It was originally decided we are not interested in any of the lots for sale. There are no blight grants available this year, but may be next year, so we may choose to buy one lot after all.

Deb reviewed a new schedule she and Shaun worked out with the Zoning Administrator. This does not give him more hours. He remains at 30 hours per week, rather it sets defined work hours as follows: Summer Time: M-T-W-F Office hours 9AM-1PM. 1PM-3PM Field Hours. Saturdays 9AM - Noon from April – Sept. This leaves 3 hours per week to be used where needed. When working in field on Saturdays, Chris will take his Township phone with him.

Winter hours: M-T-W-F 9AM – 2PM Office. 2PM-4PM Field, and Saturday by Apt. Leaving 2 Floating hours to be used where needed.

The board agrees to be flexible with Chris' schedule understanding some residents may require appointments during his scheduled office hours.

Also discussed was the need to be sure updated Ordinances are posted on our website, and the need to draw up a new Blight Enforcement Procedure. Chris was asked to put a priority on blight issues.

Shaun appointed Ruth Riley to the Planning Commission. She accepted. Pat made a motion to approve Ruth's appointment to the PC with support by Shaun. Roll call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Kathy-Yes, Deb-Yes, Shaun-Yes. 5 Yes votes. Motion carries.

Shaun appointed Jackie Jacobs to the Planning Commission. She accepted. Pat made a motion to approve Jackie's appointment to the PC with support by Shaun. Roll call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Kathy-Yes, Deb-Yes, Shaun-Yes. 5 Yes votes. Motion carries.

Miscellaneous Business:

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn made by Pat with support by Kelly. 5 Aye votes. Meeting adjourned at 7:39PM