

**Webber Township**  
**2286 W Springtime St**  
**Baldwin MI 49304**  
**231-745-3471**  
**Monthly Board Meeting 6/12/2025**

**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 addition of Brenda Smith of Putnam Lake Campground made by Deb with support by Pat. 5 Aye votes. Motion carries.

**Approval of the minutes:**

Motion to approve minutes of 5/8/2025 Board Meeting, 5/28/2025 Special Meeting-Open session, and 6/11/2025 Finance Meeting made by Pat with support by Shaun. 5 Aye votes. Motion carries.

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

None

**Approval of the Accounts payable: (Roll Call Vote)**

General fund Account: Motion to Approve made by Deb with support by Shaun. 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 Pat with support by Kelly. 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 Pat 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 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. Past made a motion to transfer \$300,000 from Water/Sewer fund into Westshore Money Market Savings at 3.5% interest. Kelly questioned if that was appropriate. Pat advised it is. Kelly supported. Roll Call vote: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Kathy-Yes, Deb-Yes, Shaun-Yes. 5 Yes votes. Motion carries.

### **Correspondence:**

Deb read Township response to State Tax Commission complaint regarding the March 2025 BOR meeting.

### **Department Reports**

Fire Department: Jeremy read run report.

S/W & Maintenance: No report. Shaun advised of a damaged hydrant resulting from a car accident. Deb to call insurance provider to see if we need to get bids or if driver's insurance handles everything.

Maintenance- No report. Shaun mentioned how hard Scott, and Joan, are working at the park. Brush has been cleared around the sign so you can now see it from the highway. He also mentioned how clean and organized the maintenance bldg. is. Scott is doing a great job!

Zoning Administrator: Shaun read Chris' report.

Co. Road Commissioner: Gary Truxton gave report. Webber brining is completed.

County Commissioner: Mr. Welford expressed his personal opinions regarding GEO.

Sheriff Department: N/A

Cemetery Report: Deb presented an example of a cemetery plaque as an inexpensive option to a headstone. May help us to remedy the problem of unmarked graves. Discussion followed regarding amending Cemetery Ordinance and fee schedule to allow them. Tree at cemetery to be cut down this week.

Grants Report:N/A

Planning Commission: Jackie Jacobs is Chairperson. Ruth Riley is Secty. Discussed Land Use Plan. Need copies for new members. Will be looking at short

term rentals. Had 2 preliminary site plan reviews. 1 may go to vendor instead. 1 not available. Discussion regarding site plan review.

Parks & Recreation: GO Day is Saturday. Discussed the vendors and attractions. Fliers were given to all Baldwin Elementary and Middle Schools. Short plaque dedication ceremony for Ernie Wogatzke prior to GO Day activities begin.

LCEDA: N/A

DDA: N/A

**Ongoing Business:** Maintenance Bldg electrical bids were reviewed. One had no detail. Board requested details to be sure bids were for same services.

Deb discussed the new Sick Time Law. Since we are a small business, the law does not go into effect until Oct. 1, 2025. Deb will research how QB handles tracking accrued/used hours.

Deb advised board we will receive a refund on our Accident Fund (Workmans Comp) Insurance Policy. The reduction is a result of the recently completed audit. Not sure why this year's audit was so much less than the previous. It may be a result of not as many contractors used in the audit period.

**New Business:** Chief Al Daily officially announced his retirement. He supported Jeremy Anderson being promoted to replace him. Al asked the Board to consider keeping him on the Aflac Cancer Policy. Board will consider his request. Jeremy needs 36 more hours of training to complete his Chief certification. He can be named Chief in the meantime. Deb made a motion to appoint Jeremy Anderson the new Webber Township Fire Chief with support from Pat. Roll Call vote: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Kathy-Yes, Deb-Yes, Shaun-Yes. 5 Yes votes. Motion carries.

ZBA-Shaun reached out but has not received a response to fill the vacant ZBA position.

Site plan review could be refunded if applicant requests since he is going with a Vendor Permit instead. He may choose to have his fee held in the event he moves ahead with a building in the future. Discussion regarding site plan review fees. Should they be the same if done during a normal Planning Commission meeting vs a special meeting. There is a preliminary review that is done at PC meeting at no charge.

Energy Ordinance-was sent to Williams & Works for review. Haven't received a response. Table till July meeting.

Discussion on whether one or two per diems are paid if Trustees have two meetings in one day. In past Annual Budget Meetings were paid for three meetings in one day. Deb advised the translation of Per Diem is per day, not per meeting. Further discussion whether or not per diem is taxable. Deb explained if per diem is used for mileage/lodging/food it is not taxable. If used as salary or wages, it is.

Discussion regarding GEO protest being held at the Township Youth Park on 6/21/25. The Township is not expecting any issues from protestors, however, families may not want to bring their children to the park during that time. Also, parking could be an issue depending on the number of protestors. There is an event at the ORV park that day. The gate between the two parks will remain closed. The Sheriff has put out a notice asking residents to avoid that area during the protest.

GEO assessment \$6500 has not been paid yet. Payment due July 1. Pat is asking to borrow \$6500 from the Fire Dept to be paid back as soon as we receive the shortfall from GEO. Kelly asked what would happen if GEO doesn't pay. Our attorney has an alternative to be sure we recoup the funds from GEO. In future we will assess them a flat fee of \$36,000, rather than a percentage of their taxes. Tribunal will reduce GEOs taxes while everyone else's goes up. Will require a new resolution. Jeremy stated GEO hasn't reached out to the Fire Dept regarding a fire safety plan.

Deb discussed using Integrations for our shredding needs. They currently do the Courthouse shredding. Integrations is a program for handicapped residents. Deb recommends using Integrations. No motion is required.

Water tower cleaning: A rep of H2O Towers stopped in stating the coating on our tower looks good, but there is mold and mildew that needs to be removed. Will be \$4300 if they are in the area. Tabled until we can talk to Sam to determine if it truly needs to be done.

July BOR is set for Tues., July 22 from 9:00-9:30AM.

Brenda Smith of Putnam Lake Campground requested permission to use the main entrance off James St. It is nearer to the office and easier for emergency vehicles. A discussion followed regarding why the entrance was previously changed to Wonderland. There was a court order with the original owner due to complaints from residents on James St. Ms Smith asked for a copy of the Court Order that changed the entrance. Pat and Kathy will give her copies of the documents they have. Can it be just open to first responders and not campers.

**Miscellaneous Business: N/A**

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Pat with support by Shaun. Adjourned at 7:56PM.