

Webber Township
Regular Meeting
8/14/2025

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 with additions of Brenda Smith-Putnum Lake to on-going and Cold River estimate to New Business made by Pat with support by Kelly. 5 Aye votes. Motion carries.

Approval of the minutes: Motion to approve the following minutes made by Pat with support by Shaun.

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting 7/10/2025

Minutes of Special Meeting 7/30/2025

Minutes of Finance Meeting 8/13/2025

5 Aye votes. Motion carries.

Public Comments: Question from member of public regarding who does the budget. A discussion ensued.

Approval of the Accounts payable: (Roll Call Vote)

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

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

Treasurers Report: Pat gave report from last month as she had been absent and this month.

Correspondence: N/A

Guest Speaker: N/A

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

Fire Department: Chief Jeremy gave report. He asked for approval of funds to purchase new shields for Firefighters' helmets. Agreed to postpone until Allied billing issues are resolved. Discussed Allied invoices from 2024 & early 2025 found in Chief's office. Concerned about a possible bed bug infestation in fire hall. He has set bombs off & hall is out of service till 8/15/25. Other fire depts are covering our area during this time. It was suggested they contact Crossroads Pets control, whom the twp has used in the past.

Grants Report

S/W-Rodney of IAI presented a quote to replace VFD-top priority. Also found no locks on the GEO lift station lids. There are some available in the maintenance bldg. they will use to secure these lids. He found a hose coming off the hydrant at 32nd and M37. The FD knew about this. It was provided for a vendor at that market to water plants in their booth. Rodney discussed the issue of lost water on the system, as this is not metered, and the issue of no back flow restrictor in place. He will get a restrictor to protect the system. We also have a meter available that should be put in place. Motion was made by Pat to approve \$10,619.00 to replace VFD with support by Deb. Roll call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Kathy-Yes, Deb-Yes, Shaun-Yes. 5 Yes votes. Motion carries. A discussion ensued regarding the 15% material mark up from IAI. We should have the opportunity to purchase ourself and save. Pat made a motion, with support by Deb, to retract the original motion of \$10,619.00 pending revised invoice excluding materials. Roll call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Kathy-Yes, Deb-Yes, Shaun-Yes. 5 Yes votes. Motion carries.

Maintenance-Shaun gave report. Scott put down mulch at the bottom of the slide and various other places at the park for safety and cleanliness.

Zoning Administrator-Shaun read Chris' report.

Co. Road Commissioner- N/A

County Commissioner – N/A

LCEDA – N/A

Sheriff Department – N/A

DDA-N/A

Cemetery Report-Tree has been removed. Nikki is getting help identifying graves & getting graves posted on Find a Grave.

Planning Commission- Kathy asked for approval to order 4 MTA books for PC members @ \$57 each. They would remain property of Township. Motion made by Deb with support by Shaun to approve \$228 to purchase 4 MTA books for the Planning Commission. Roll call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Kathy-Yes, Deb-Yes, Shaun-Yes. 5 Yes votes. Motion carries. The board offered to refund Ruth's money for purchasing her own MTA book. She wants to have her own personal copy, so does not want reimbursement. Master plan letters have been mailed out. Public Hearing is scheduled for 9/23/25 @ 6:00PM. Public notice must be in paper by 9/8/25. Andy Moore provided the required posting. The PC is discussing tiny homes and short term rentals. Gathering info from other townships to see how they handle them. Looking at camping ordinance due to a resident's concern regarding over camping. Both Ruth and Kathy will be absent from Sept. meeting.

Parks & Recreation – Didn't meet last month. Thank you notes will be sent to GO Day donors.

Ongoing Business:

Ordinances in question will be posted in paper per attorney instructions. Deb will send the info to our attorney and they will prepare the newspaper posting for us. Vendor/Farm Market Ordinances are currently being worked on.

Brenda Smith again addressed the board regarding using their driveway off James St. She read her requests and advised the board of steps she has already taken. A discussion ensued regarding the original reasoning for closing the drive, whose responsibility it is to address the Smith's request, and what the next steps should be. Fire Chief spoke up stating he will not take

our new fire truck down Wonderland to access the campground. He will go down James. We will have our attorney review the court order to determine what exactly needs to be done.

New Business:

Craig Hollenbought (sp?)- Rezoning inquiry – He was referred to the Planning Commission.

Employee Handbook needs to be corrected/upgraded- Deb asked the Board to review the existing handbook and make suggestions for corrections and upgrades.

Building Security-Cameras & Look into key pads – our new security cameras are installed and are being tweaked for the best coverage. Deb suggested getting key pad locks for our doors to eliminate the risk of lost keys.

Cold River estimate of \$2438.22 for servicing HVAC units. Pat made a motion to approve the Cold River estimate with support by Kathy. Roll call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Kathy-Yes, Deb-Yes, Shaun-Yes. 5 Yes votes. Motion carries.

Miscellaneous Business: N/A

Adjournment : Motion to adjourn made by Pat with support by Kelly. 5 Aye Votes. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:21PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L Hanes, Webber Township Clerk