

**Webber Township**  
**Monthly Board Meeting**

**August 8, 2024**

2286 W. Springtime St.  
Baldwin, MI 49304  
231-745-3471

**Call to Order:** 6:00PM

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Moment of Silence was held in honor of Ernie Wogatzke.**

**Attendance:** Dan Cousar-Here, Pat Williams-Here, Deb Hanes-Here, Kelly McCune-Here

Deb Hanes appointed Dan Cousar as meeting Chair.

**Agenda Approved:** Motion by Pat with support by Deb to approve agenda with the addition of Lily's resignation from Planning Commission letter to correspondence and Soliciting new Planning Commission members. 4 Aye votes. Motion carries

**Minutes Approved:** Motion by Pat with support by Kelly to approve minutes of the 7/11/24 Board Meeting, 7/15/24 Election Board Meeting, and 8/7/24 Finance Committee Meeting.

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

General Fund Account: Motion to approve by Pat with support by Kelly. Roll Call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Dan-Yes, Deb-Yes. 4 Yes Votes. Motion carries

Fire Fund Account: Motion to Approve by Kelly with support by Pat. . Roll Call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Dan-Yes, Deb-Yes. 4 Yes votes. Motion carries.

Sewer/Water Account: Motion to Approve by Deb with Support by Pat. Roll Call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Dan-Yes, Deb-Yes. 4 Yes Votes. Motion carries.

Refuse Fund Account: Motion to Approve by Kelly with Support by Deb. Roll Call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Dan-Yes, Deb-Yes. 4 Yes Votes. Motion carries.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pat gave report.

**Correspondence:** Letter received regarding property on Leverage Lake. This parcel was deeded to the Township to be used as an access to the lake. It cannot be sold.

Deb read Lily Jorgensen's resignation letter from the Planning Commission. Dan also noted that Billy Austin had resigned via phone call to him. He had also advised the Clerk's office.

**Public Comments:** N/A

## **Department Reports:**

Fire Department: Chief gave the report.

Started purchasing new equipment for new truck. Deb asked about invoice for strip lights. Tabatha turned in resignation as FD Secretary, Kris Diaz will be taking over.

Water/Sewer: Pat read report for Sam.

Road Commission: Gary Truxton gave report. Will be bringing next week. Second coat is going on 32<sup>nd</sup> St.

Co Commission: Bob Sanders gave report.

Sheriff: N/A

Cemetery: Signs will be here next week. Discussion regarding who is responsible to repair tilting headstone. Ultimately it is the Twp responsibility as we are responsible for the foundation. We also need to pay to have the stone lifted and replaced. A family wants to bury cremains on their family plot. The plot # listed on their deed does not exist. Nikki asked if we could provide a plot near by for them. Kelly made a motion to allow Ms Greau to change lots with support by Pat. Roll Call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Dan-Yes, Deb-Yes. 4 Yes Votes. Motion carries.

There was a request from a family to pour their own foundation for a large family headstone they ordered. Since the township is ultimately responsible for the foundations this request was denied. Need a plan to get the remainder of the cemetery surveyed to avoid the issues we are currently experiencing.

Another family wants a burial in their family plot in the old section of the cemetery. Bill has prodded the plot and found all sites are already full.

Grant: In the confirmation stage. Need to get pictures turned in.

Z/A: Chris gave report.

Planning Commission: Quite a few members have resigned. No meeting in August or July due to lack of quorum. Only three remaining. We will solicit for new members.

LCEDA: Meeting 8/26/24

DDA: N/A

Park & Rec: N/A

**On Going:** Pat went over 2024-25 Final Budgets Amendments. Motion to approve final budget made by Deb with support by Kelly. Roll Call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Dan-Yes, Deb-Yes. 4 Yes Votes. Motion carries.

Motion to set special meeting to review cemetery issues and Sexton's agreement for 8/14/24 at Noon made by Pat with support by Deb. 4 Aye votes. Motion carries.

Deb clarified a concern of the Supervisor's office being temporarily filled by the Deputy Supervisor. Per MCL-Section 41.61 the Deputy shall possess the powers and perform the duties of Supervisor, except the deputy shall not vote on the Township board until a new

Supervisor is appointed or elected. MTA communication also concurred with our attorney regarding this matter.

Septic damage by FD. This has been turned over to our attorney. We have not responded to residents. Chief will get us their contact info.

Deb will contact Maintenance position applicants to set interviews on 8/21/24 beginning at 4:00PM. Formal meeting motion will be made at the 8/14 special meeting.

**New Business:** Camper Trash bins will be provided by Republic. Resident must have an address, current camping permit, address must be visible from street. Resident must protect the bin from theft or damage while they are not on site as they are responsible for replacement cost of \$75 for new bin. Deb made a motion to approve the additional fee of \$500/mo for Republic to provide a bin to any residential customer regardless of total numbers with support by Pat. Roll Call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Dan-Yes, Deb-Yes. 4 Yes Votes. Motion carries.

Filling vacant board positions have been done in several ways in past. Supervisor's position is open till Nov. 20, 2024 at which time newly elected Supervisor will take over. It was agreed to have Howard Campbell continue as Supervisor until the term ends. Motion to appoint Howard as Township Supervisor for the remainder of Ernie's term made by Pat with support by Deb. 4 Aye votes. Motion carries.

Committee Openings will be post in paper, social media, and MI Works. Jeremy will spread word in the FD. Pat made a motion to post an ad in the paper with support by Kelly. Roll Call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Dan-Yes, Deb-Yes. 4 Yes Votes. Motion carries.

A reminder that no political campaign materials may be left anywhere in the Township hall after political party meetings.

Motion to adjourn made by Pat with support by Dan. 4 Aye Votes. Motion carries.

**Adjourned:** 7:48PM

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L Hanes, clerk