

Webber Township
Board Meeting 9/12/2024
2286 W. Springtime St.
Baldwin, MI 49304
231-745-3471

Call to Order: 6:00PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: Dan Cousar-Here, Pat Williams-Here, Deb Hanes-Here, Kelly McCune-Here, Howard Campbell-Here.

Agenda Approved: Howard removed item #6 DNR Grant Update as it will be covered in the grant agenda area. Deb added review/approval of 911 invoice under #14 on agenda. Motion to approve agenda with additions, made by Deb with support by Pat. 5 Aye votes. Motion carries.

Minutes Approved: Motion to approve the minutes of the 8/8/24 Board Minutes, Cemetery/Sexton Meeting of 8/23/24, Maintenance interviews on 8/21/24, and Finance Meeting of 9/11/24 was made by Pat with support by Kelly. 5 Aye votes. Motion carries.

Public Comments: Why bad water samples? We will check with Sam for answers.

Why aren't Water/Sewer employee and ZA not attending meeting? ZA was excused for personal reasons. Will check with W/S employee. They are supplying reports and ZA is normally here.

Are there standard procedures for burials? Procedures are included in new Sexton Agreement. Question whether the area between rows are walkways or driveways. People are driving in these areas. Are we sure there are no bodies buried in those areas?

Why is there a processing fee for collecting taxes? We collect for the county and they pay a processing fee to us.

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, Howard-Yes. 5 Yes votes. Motion carries.

Fire Fund Account: Chief questioned \$775.76 charge. Deb explained that was for tools for new truck. Motion to approve by Pat with support by Kelly. Roll call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Dan-Yes, Deb-Yes, Howard-Yes. 5 Yes votes. Motion carries.

Water/Sewer Account: Motion to approve by Deb with support by Pat. . Roll call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Dan-Yes, Deb-Yes, Howard-Yes. 5 Yes votes. Motion carries.

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

Treasurer's Report: Pat gave report.

Correspondence: N/A

Department Reports:

Fire Dept: Chief gave report. Wants 2 signs signifying designated parking spaces for FD only in front of Fire Barn. Chief will provide prototype and get cost. Their contract with Peacock Twp has expired. They need a new agreement for signatures. Can copy existing agreement. There are not changes. Motion to renew Peacock Agreement made by Dan with support by Pat. 5 Aye votes. Motion carries.

Maintenance Report: Josh gave his report. He will get his contact info on the park billboard. He recommends selling the Toro lawnmower at the park due to transmission issues. It was suggested we post it on Marketplace. Josh will get value to set sale price.

Water/Sewer: Sam's report was read.

County Road Commissioner: N/A

County Commissioner: Comm. Clyde Wolford gave report. Traffic light at S junction and roundabout at North junction have been approved by MDOT. Scheduled for 2038? Clyde will check on date. He was commended for promoting the need for these improvements. Gave info on the Safe Routes Program. Village to identify budget. He won the primary election for his seat. Needs votes in the general election. Clyde gave his condolences for the loss of Ernie. He gave an indepth report on the Pure Marquette in downtown Baldwin this summer. Plans are to bring it back in 2025.

Sheriff Dept: N/A

Cemetery: Deb gave report in Nikki/Bill's absence. Signs are in and Bill will be installing them.

Grant: Is completed with a few loose ends to wrap up.

Zoning: Chris was excused from tonight's meeting.

Planning Commission: N/A

LCEDA: N/A

DDA: N/A

Parks & Rec: N/A

On Going Business: Damaged septic tank. Discussion ensued.

Business at hand: Motions to approve new members of Planning Commission as follows: Motion to approve Kevin Newell made by Dan with support by Kelly. 5 Aye votes. Motion carries. Motion to approve Timothy Jannerath by Dan with support by Kelly. 5 Aye votes. Motion carries. Motion to approve Ginny Hammer made by Deb with support by Dan. 5 Aye votes. Motion carries. Motion to approve Mindy Gallentine made by Pat with support by Dan. 5 Aye votes. Motion carries. Motion to approve Kimberly Gunneman made by Deb with support by Pat. 5 Aye votes. Motion carries. Initial training for Planning Commission will be provided by Ryan Koffey on 9/23/24 from 6-7PM and for ZBA at 7-8PM. The required Citizen Planner training will be scheduled at a later date.

Hazard Mitigation Plan: Deb made a motion to adopt the Lake Co Hazard Mitigation Plan with support by Pat. 5 Aye Votes. Motion carries.

Pat made a motion to approve the amended language to the Republic Services agreement to serve campers and unlimited numbers of residents. The additional \$500 monthly fee for the remainder of the Republic agreement was approved in a previous meeting. Support provided by Deb. 5 Aye votes. Motion carries.

Motion to approve the use of Paypal for zoning payments made by Deb with support by Pat. Roll call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Dan-Yes, Deb-Yes, Howard-Yes. 5 Yes votes. Motion carries.

Roof repair: Consistent Specifications need to go out to every contractor that will be bidding on this project so all bids are based upon the same info. We need to assess what needs to be done and scope of project. Josh will have several contractors look at roof to determine what actually needs to be done before putting out for bids.

Option 1: Tony believes the entire roof needs to be reshaped to get rid of the flats.

Option 2: Put taper on the flats and reshingle.

Office computer system: We need to go over backup and make changes. Electrical issues may be causing our issues. May need an electrician to go over system. Motion made by Dan with support by Pat to hire an electrician to review our system. 5 Aye votes. Motion carries.

Lisa's computer is nearly dead. Motion by Pat with support by Deb to approve up to \$1000 for a new computer for Lisa. Roll call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Dan-Yes, Deb-Yes, Howard-Yes. 5 Yes votes. Motion carries.

Water System: Minor discrepancies have been noted. Mesh filters need to be changed. Assessment of all equipment is due in October. Sam is on top of this. A new 5 year plan is due in March.

Office personnel updates: Joan Cameron is our new Zoning Assistant and Josh Miller is our new Maintenance employee. Both are proving to be valuable additions.

Ordinance Update issues: Trustees are working to identify all approved ordinances that have not been sent to Williams and Werks. We need to be sure all approved ordinances have been carried through to completion, including the mandated posting in the local newspaper with proper language/info. Will work with attorney to determine how to correct any that have had missed steps. At this point all new manuals for Planning Commissioners will include all ordinances, whether properly approved or not.

The park will be closed in October. Josh will get quotes on a gate.

Maintenance barn upgrade: A fuse box was installed in the maintenance barn, but no electrical connections inside the barn have been installed. There are no lights or outlets available. Josh will get estimates from 3 certified electricians to install necessary electrical connections.

Water hook up on Sunset: Due to extreme distance and cost residents on Sunset are not required to connect to our water system. A motion was made by Pat with support by Dan to allow resident on Sunset St to install their own well, rather than connecting to the Township water system. 5 Aye votes. Motion carries.

Motion to approve the three Election Source invoices from the 8/6/24 State Primary Election made by Kelly with support by Deb. Roll call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Dan-Yes, Deb-Yes, Howard-Yes. 5 Yes votes. Motion carries.

Motion to adjourn made by Pat with support by Dan.

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Adjourned: 7:53PM

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L Hanes, clerk