

**Webber Township**  
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**Regular Township Board Meeting**  
January 11, 2024

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda with changes made by Pat with approval by Kelly. All in favor. Motion carries.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the following meetings was made by Pat with Support by Deb. All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Minutes of the November 9, 2023 Regular meeting was Approved with corrections.

Minutes of the December 14, 2023 Regular meeting was Approved with corrections.

Minutes of the December 27, 2023 Executive Board Meeting was Approved.

Minutes of the January 4, 2024 Joint Planning Commission and Township Board Meeting was moved to the Special Meeting Public Hearing January 17, 2024.

Minutes of the January 10, 2024 Finance Meeting was Approved.

**Approval of Accounts Payable:** Report was given by Pat.

**General Fund:** Motion to Approve by Kelly with support by Pat. Roll Call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Dan-Yes, Deb-Yes, Ernie-Yes. 5 Yes Votes. Motion carries.

**Water/Sewer Fund:** Motion to Approve by Dan with support by Kelly. Roll Call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Dan-Yes, Deb-Yes, Ernie-Yes. 5 Yes Votes. Motion carries.

**Fire Fund:** Motion to Approve by Pat with support by Kelly. Roll Call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Dan-Yes, Deb-Yes, Ernie-Yes. 5 Yes Votes. Motion carries. Chief questioned two charges for Xerox machine that was removed. One was November and final bill for December 2023. Dan questioned \$30,000 charge for Fire Fund just approved in Finance Meeting 1/10/2024. This is for Jaws of Life. Invoice was paid in Jan. 2024. Discussion followed on Community Grant reimbursement. Funds issued after proof of payment. May take several months.

**Refuge Fund:** N/A

**Treasurer's Report:** Pat presented report. Arpa Fund was emptied into the Metro Fund, because we should receive extra interest. Report accepted as presented.

**Correspondence:** N/A

**Public Comments:** Why was Hydrant being flushed and does it take two men? The General Fund is very low. Need to clean up snow piles in front of fire garage doors. Several areas of the Township Hall roof are bad. Discussion of the Noise Ordinance. Planning Board meeting disrespectful to residents. Zoning Admin. Hours questioned and working for more than one Township.

**Department Reports:**

**Fire:** The new Jaws of Life were received. Held training and invited Yates Twp to join. There was a fatal car crash shortly after training. Jaws were used and they worked great. Township grant was filed for \$30,000 and DNR \$5,000 Grant for radios. Fire Dept was asked to notify Assessor or ZA when there is a structure fire so resident taxes can be adjusted timely.

**Water/Sewer Report:** Report was read by Kelly in Sam's absence. No longer have Coliform Bacteria in system. System has been flushed. Water tower levels are adequate for fire suppression.

**County Commissioner:** N/A

**Road Commission:** EVs are decreasing the Gas Taxes being collected with negatively impacts the Road Commission. Budget has been decreased resulting in various services and projects being reduced.

**Sheriff:** N/A

**Zoning Administrator:** Chris gave his report.

**Planning Commission:** Kelly provided report. Looking to update Sec. 22.03 to change maximum size of an accessory building from 120SF to 200SF. Recently held their board elections. Andy=Chair, Tina=Vice Chair, Jackie=Secretary, Nikki=Alt Secretary. Based upon board direction they are looking into replacing Williams and Works. Requested list of things the board would like them to look into. Andy is asking for specifics. Which Camping ordinance do we want them to look at? Let them know paragraph & sentence in ordinance to be reviewed. Deb to get input from the Board and present list to Planning Commission.

Kelly addressed MISHDA Housing Readiness Grant. Kelly provided broad description of the Grant. Pat made a Motion to provide Board Approval for Kelly to apply for the MISHDA Grant. Support by Deb. Roll Call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Dan-Yes, Deb-Yes, Ernie-Yes. 5 Yes Votes. Motion carries.

**Park and Rec:** Prein and Newhof have not had time to sit down with Ernie and Dan yet to go over the punch list they provided. Not all items identified are on the list. Looking at negotiating final payment. Received input that it may not be worth the effort as legal fees may offset any benefit. Fire Dept. would like a key to the park to allow AeroMed to utilize it for rescues. Chief is currently working with Co Emergency Manager to put a plan together. Deb will get cost of keeping park open year round. Computer issue has delayed this.

**LCEDA:** March 31, 2024 is deadline to file application for any dilapidated buildings we need to have cleaned up.

**Answers to Public Questions:** Trash questions-Call the Twp office.

ZA will enforce the Noise Ordinance. Discussion regarding the MDOT sign. Noise Ordinance doesn't specifically address Jake Braking.

Fire hydrants were being flushed because the system was chlorinated to kill the Coliform Bacteria in the system that resulted from low flow.

The General Fund balance is low because we are waiting for the Park Grant reimbursement. The project needed to be paid prior to us receiving the reimbursement.

Items requiring follow up: 2 men needed to flush hydrant; snow piles in front of fire garage; Twp Hall roof and fascia issues.

Ernie will do better at using his mic effectively.

Ernie will make sure Zoning Administrator does a better job of getting back to County.

Ernie asked for Motion to confirm Bill Austin for Planning Commission position. Motion by Pat with Support by Deb. Roll Call: Kelly-Yes, Pat-Yes, Dan-Yes, Deb-Yes, Ernie-Yes. 5 Yes Votes. Motion carries.

Refuse: We continue to work on issues with the transition to Republic Service. Permanent residents and renters are done. Working on seasonal residents now.

Board of Review Training was just done in Feb 2023. It is not necessary at this time.

**NEW:** Motion to eliminate the Monthly Exec Meeting made by Deb with Support by Pat. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Deb and Nikki have cleaned the Election Closet in preparation for the four elections in 2024. Files were purged per the newly updated MBE Retention Schedule. Deb asked public for input on best way to dispose of the purged files. Most Townships use burn barrels. Shredder service is also an option. Based upon Public Input, we will use a shredder service.

Upcoming Scheduled Meetings: January 17, 2024- Public Hearing, Jan 25, 2024-Township Association Meeting in Chase.

Motion to Adjourn made by Pat with Support by Kelly.

**Adjourned:** 7:18PM

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L Hanes, Clerk