**WEBBER TOWNSHIP**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES OF**

**MAY 13, 2021**

**Call to Order: By Ernie Wogatzke at 6:00 p.m.**

**Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Ernie Wogatzke**

**Attendance Roll Call: Nicole, Dan, Pat and Ernie all present. Kathy Young absent**

**Timed meeting:** This meeting will not go past the 8:00p.m. hour.

**Approval of the Agenda**: Motioned by Dan supported by Pat; motion carried.

**Approval of the minutes:** April 8, 2021 regular meeting, Special meeting April 26, 2021 and May 12, 2021 Finance meeting. Motioned by Pat and supported by Dan; motion carried.

**Approval of the Accounts payable: (roll call vote)**

**General fund Account:** Dan motioned Nicole supported, Nicole-yes, Dan-yes, Pat-yes, Kathy-absent, Ernie-yes; motion carried.

**Fire Fund Account:** Pat motioned Nicole supported; Nicole-yes, Dan-yes, Pat-yes, Kathy-absent, Ernie-yes; motion carried.

**Sewer & Water Account:** Pat motioned and Dan supported; Nicole-yes, Dan-yes, Pat-yes, Kathy-absent, Ernie-yes; motion carried.

**Refuse Fund Account:** Nicole motioned and Nicole supported; Nicole-yes, Dan-yes, Pat-yes, Kathy-absent, Ernie-yes; motion carried.

**Treasures Fund Report:**

In regards to rolling over the Preferred CD, Dan motioned, Nicole supported; Nicole-yes, Dan-yes, Pat-yes, Kathy-absent, Ernie-yes; motion carried.

Correspondence: EGLE re; Water system & Sanitary Sewer Survey, no deficiencies. Action plan with GEO if they were to close, they wanted to know our system is self-sufficient. 2 Public hearing notices from Consumers Energy company, a letter from Sheriff Martin’s office re: ORV cheat sheet, 2 letters of request to purchase Twp. Property from Michael Demond and James Graham and a letter from WMSRDC re; the new ORV Park renovations.

**The floor was open to public comment:** Charlie, what is check # for. Check from Ins Co. for Gov’t lake clean up. Check from Insurance Co. returned to owner. No other comments.

**Department Reports:**

Fire Dept: 9 runs in April, the department will be helping with the Blessing of the Bikes. Chief on medical leave for a couple of weeks.

S/W & Maintenance: 5,800 gallons of water, 2 requests for city hook up and 2 possible applicants for Maintenance Assistant job.

Ernie mentioned the need for a signed performance resolution from MDOT for all work on M-37, this is needed yearly. Pat motioned Dan supported; Nicole-yes, Dan-yes, Pat-yes, Kathy-absent, Ernie-yes; motion carried.

Co. Road Commissioner-no report

County Commissioner- Bob Sanders reported that the County Court House is now open to the public except the 3rd floor. He reported on the response times of the local fire departments. Webber Township has the best time at 4 minutes and 56 seconds. The average response time is 10 minutes county wide. There has been an increase in building permits in Lake Co. He spoke about the progress in getting broadband to this area and mentioned some of the people spearheading the effort in our area. There are rescue funds being made available by the Federal Gov’t. Webber Township could be in line to receive up to $100,000. Lake Co. economic development-distributed to 23 small business grants. 2-$50,000 zero interest loans. Big green house in town might be coming down in the future. Equalization $59,000 a 7.33% increase from last year. Mutual Aid contract with other counties around us is being worked on.

Sheriff Depart-not available. A letter stating that the current undersheriff will be leaving us was forwarded.

Grant Writer-not available

Co. Parks & Rec-moving forward with grants

Zoning Administrator Mike-7 land use permits, 4 garages, 2 New Homes, 1 deck, 108 camping permits, moving forward on 6 citations. Dan motioned to continue on citations, Pat supported, Nicole-yes, Dan-yes, Pat-yes, Kathy-absent, Ernie-yes; motion carried. They spoke about shirts for the Zoning and Maintenance Dept. approximate cost would run about $475.70 for all, 15 shirts total, these could be used out in the field to identify Mike and Sam and Mario as employees with the authority for people who are not aware of their jobs. Motion was made by Pat and supported by Dan to permit the shirts in the budget. Nicole-yes, Dan-yes, Pat-yes, Kathy-absent, Ernie-yes; motion carried.

Planning Commission report by Dan Cousar. Several discussions about sub-committees’ reports, round 1 and moving on to round 2. To be placed in Zoning book. Fischer Bottled Gas representee was a visitor requesting information on future site plan review. Elections Pie remains chairperson, Ben co-chair and Kelly is secretary. Discussion on Camping Ordinance if returned it was discussed it a bit. Public Hearing for storage facilities to be added in commercial district is set for May 28 to be added as permitted or special use is still in question.

Economic Development: covered by Bob

DDA: Webber not being told when their meetings are. Not getting minutes from their meetings. Ernie hasn’t heard about their annual meeting.

**RESIGNATIONS:** Sandy Clarke has submitted a letter of resignation; Kelly McCune also has stated she will be resigning at the end of this month.

**Ongoing Business:** Recreational Camping Ordinance (zoning)- While not totally complete and there are items that need to go back to the Planning Commission the board voted to accepted it, with the following vote; Pat motioned to accept; Dan supported; Nicole-yes, Dan-yes, Pat-yes, Kathy-absent, Ernie-yes; motion carried.

The board proceeded to issue a 90-day moratorium sighting the parts that needed work. Effective May 13, 2021 To read no **new** camping and to allow for a small shed. On the moratorium, specific changes referring to paragraph 5 in the restricted zone, accessory structures not allowed specifically one shed at least 8X10 in the restricted zone, number 4, In this way camping can continue and the important parts can be effective. Dan motioned to accept; Pat supported; Nicole-yes, Dan-yes, Pat-yes, Kathy-absent, Ernie-yes; motion carried.

Star Link internet provider- This is a low orbiting satellite that will bring high speed internet to the township as well as the Fire Dept. One time parts fee and connection fee, then one monthly fee and discontinue at any time without penalty. Recommended by IT Dave McCall. Pat motioned to accept, Dan supported; Nicole-yes, Dan-yes, Pat-yes, Kathy-absent, Ernie-yes; motion carried.

2 Bid openings for 36th St. clean out. Come to find out both bids were the same one. One Bid for $11,900 mailed to township was not received yet.

2 Bidder broke down his bid.

Discussion issue was tabled till next week. Dan motioned; Nicole supported; Nicole-yes, Dan-yes, Pat-yes, Kathy-absent, Ernie-yes; motion carried.

The scrap tire clean up is scheduled for July 17th and approved.

**New Business:**

Budget workshops and Budget hearing Dates: Budget work shops Wednesday June 2, 2021 at noon.

June 16, 2021 at noon. Annual meeting Saturday June 26th at 9:00 a.m.

Pat motions to accept the meeting times. Dan supports; Nicole-yes, Dan-yes, Pat-yes, Kathy-absent, Ernie-yes; motion carried

Performance Evaluation Dates. (Fire chief, Maintenance & Zoning and the cleaning lady).

Job Evaluations will be done on May 26th at the Board meeting. Abby at 3:30, Mike at 4:00, Sam at 4:30, and Chief at 5:00.

There are 3 new forms for employee evals.

1. Evaluation for Webber Township,

2. Performance improvement Plan, and

3. the Employee write up sheet (if necessary).

Discussion about the cost of Site plan reviews and public hearings. Discussion to continue at budget meetings.

**Land purchase requests,**

Michael Demond (lots 76 & 77 of Whalen Lake resort for $1000). Will be sent counter offer of assessed value $2300.

James Graham lock smith. Wants to buy property. Twenty-Two Block 58, Lakewood Acres is in Township name. Lots 11 & 30 Block 48 of Lakewood acres, offer $500; Tabled. Dan motioned to table Pat supported, motion carried.

Allowing Project/Uses ahead of new zoning-Discussion ensued. Put a clause into book to allow similar business to go ahead and start setting up shop prior to authorization?

Mike stated that a lot of the newer zoning ordinances to fit property. Sighting the co-existence of businesses.

No urgency in this process, do not rush. Contact with Andy Moore with Williams and Works about putting a note about streamlining allowing new business into our area. Andy will be up here June 7th for the Planning Commission meeting.

Sewer & water expansion to the Industrial Park- Feasibility study needs to be done. Township will need easements on private properties. North on M-37 to 32nd St. to the curve. Ernie to find out what the cost of study will be to start the project.

**Adjournment**-Pat motioned to adjourn; Dan supported; all in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Piedad Medina

Deputy Clerk

Webber Township