

# Webber Township

## Regular Meeting

September 9, 2021

**Call to Order:** 6:00 p.m.

### Pledge of Allegiance

**Attendance Roll Call:** Nicole Oisten, Dan Cousar, Pat Williams, Kathryn Young, Ernie Wogatzke, present.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Pat Williams, supported by Nicole Oisten, to approve the agenda with additions of Guest Speaker Gary Truxton, and adopting a policy to direct spending of the funds from The American Rescue Plan. All in favor, motion carried.

### Approval of Accounts Payable

**General Fund:** Motion made by Pat Williams, supported by Kathryn Young to approve the General Fund. Roll call vote: Nicole Oisten yea, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathryn Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 5 yea, 0 nay, motion carried.

**Fire Fund:** Motion made by Dan Cousar, supported by Nicole Oisten to approve the Fire fund. Roll call vote: Nicole Oisten yea, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathryn Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 5 yea, 0 nay, motion carried.

**Water/Sewer Fund:** Motion made by Pat Williams, supported by Nicole Oisten to approve the Water/Sewer Fund. Roll call vote: Nicole Oisten yea, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathryn Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 5 yea, 0 nay, motion carried.

**Refuse Fund:** Motion made by Pat Williams, supported by Kathryn Young to approve the Refuse Fund. Roll call vote: Nicole Oisten yea, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathryn Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 5 yea, 0 nay, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Given by Pat Williams

### Correspondence:

LCRC Brining meeting is set for October 26, 2021. EGLE sent reminder letter that drinking water monitoring is due September 30, 2021. Response from County Planning Commission that they received an amendment to the Recreational Camper Ordinance: #2019-319-A, and that they have no recommendations at this time.

**Public Comment:** Announced at 8 min, 34 seconds into the meeting (6:08:34 p.m.). Ruth had a question regarding the general fund (treasurer's report). Pat Williams explained the discrepancies regarding the auditor's/accountants and will research to find the answer. She said she will go line by line to find the answer and will try to have the answer at next month's meeting. No further comments made at this time.

**Guest Speaker:** Gary Truxton. Upset over the money spent for disciplinary action of the fire chief (attorney fees). He feels the board should never have taken any action on the issue. He

claims false figures on the FOIA request. Clerk explains that the FOIA came in before that latest billing from the attorneys and that she knew there would be more charges. She gave him what she had at that point. He was given a copy of the attorney's invoice. He feels the supervisor should go over each FOIA request and the response submitted, because he is the top guy. Supervisor offers to review FOIA concerns from here on out. He was very critical of the supervisor.

\*At this point, public states that public comment and correspondence was skipped. Per the meeting recording, as stated above, public comment was offered at 6:08:34 p.m. and Ruth asked a question during that time. Trustee Cousar has a protest at this time. He asks if there was a mistake (on the public side), would you still pass public comment? He asks if the public made a mistake, would the board go back and allow public comment? Supervisor states that he could do that. Public states that it should be in the record that the board is not allowing them to speak. Per the recording and as stated above, public comment was addressed and a question answered.

**Public Comment (repeated);** concerns over ZBA meeting, Webber Township page (not Facebook Page) being blocked (?), Public confusing the Facebook page with the organization page. Concerns on placement in the agenda of where the public comment falls. \*note: The attorney recommended the placement of the public comment.

#### **Department reports:**

**Fire:** Supervisor Wogatzke gave report for the fire chief. A written run report was provided by the chief prior to the meeting. Very busy month with all the storms & storm damages. Fire Chief is requesting an extra payment on the fire building to be made, for the principle. His concern is that there is enough money in the current budget to do this. Treasurer states there is. Motion to approve the extra payment of \$55,000.00 made by Pat Williams, supported by Dan Cousar. Roll call vote: Nicole Oisten yea, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathryn Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 5 yea, 0 nay, motion carried.

**Sewer/Water:** Ernie gave report (Sam out sick). Interruptions from the public. Cost of the boring is related to the public.

**Co. Road commissioner:** a lot of storm damage. Crews working a lot of hours, including the fire department.

**Co. Commissioner:** not here.

**Sheriff Dept.:** Sheriff gave report. Gives thanks to Webber Fire Department for all their help this last month. Three fatalities this last month. Two structure fires. Victim Services report. New uniforms coming. Social media misinformation. Lien channel, firefighters cannot access, options. Charity drives.

**Grant Writer:** Dan Cousar gave report. FEMA, can't get into the account. Password doesn't work. Former grant writer said they were continuing to pay out more distribution, Webber not on the list. \$2250.00 grant received for turnout gear; cost paid up front then reimbursed. Some details on what the Rescue Plan money can be spent on.

**Co. Parks/Rec.:** Ernie gave report. Still waiting for grant. Possible community center, walkways for lakes & streams.

**Zoning Admin.:** Given by Ernie per written report. Public interruption continues.

**Planning Comm.:** Dan gives report regarding reducing restrictions on acreage to build. Reducing the size of dwelling (width), current is 24 ft wide. Changes to camping ordinance is mostly typos. Public encouraged to attend meetings. Public comment and interruptions continue.

**LCEDA:** N/A

**DDA:** N/A

**Parks/Rec.:** Meeting next Tues.

**Ongoing Business:**

Spending on the fire department. Cleanup of the three houses. Chili cook off update: 10-1-21, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Charity change, to two firefighters that lost their house in the storm, instead of the fire dept.

**New Business:**

Cemetery Mower: repair work will cost \$1420.00. Motion made by Kathryn Young, supported by Pat Williams to approve the repair work on the cemetery mower for \$1420.00. Roll call vote: Nicole Oisten yea, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathryn Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 5 yea, 0 nay, motion carried.

Cemetery Sexton: Contract has been up for 2 years. Will research when his contract should have renewed.

Township Association Meeting to be held at Webber Township Hall, September 22, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

Adopt a policy directing how to spend the Rescue Plan Money. Set up a workshop to discuss details. Workshop set for 10/7/21 @ 6:00 p.m.

Request by Ruth, Carole & Kevin to come in and review records. Appointment set for Tues. 9-14-21 @ 9:30 a.m. \*note: no one showed for this appointment. Kevin did call and apologize, and rescheduled his appointment.

Motion made by Pat Williams, supported by Dan Cousar to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourned: 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Young, clerk.