

## Webber Township

Regular Meeting

03-10-22

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

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Attendance Roll Call:** Jim Cochran absent, Dan Cousar absent, Pat Williams, Kathy Young, Ernie Wogatzke present.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by Pat Williams, supported by Kathy Young to approve the agenda, with the addition of Misc. bills. All in favor Motion carries (3 yea, 2 absent).

**Approval of the Minutes:** Motion made by Kathy Young, supported by Pat Williams to approve the minutes of Feb. 10, 2022, Feb. 14, 2022, March 2, 2022 and March 9, 2022. Roll call vote: Jim Cochran absent, Dan Cousar absent, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 3 yea, 2 absent, motion carries.

### **Approval of Accounts Payable:**

**General Fund:** Motion made by Pat Williams, supported by Kathy Young to approve the general fund. Roll call vote: Jim Cochran absent, Dan Cousar absent, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 3 yea, 2 absent, motion carries.

**Fire Fund:** Motion made by Kathy Young supported by Pat Williams to approve the fire fund. Roll call vote: Jim Cochran absent, Dan Cousar absent, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 3 yea, 2 absent, motion carries.

**Water/Sewer Fund:** Motion made by Kathy Young, supported by Pat Williams to approve the Water/Sewer fund. Roll call vote: Jim Cochran absent, Dan Cousar absent, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 3 yea, 2 absent, motion carries.

**Refuse Fund:** Motion made by Pat Williams, supported by Kathy Young to approve the refuse fund. Roll call vote: Jim Cochran absent, Dan Cousar absent, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 3 yea, 2 absent, motion carries.

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

### **Correspondence:**

**Guest Speakers:** Jane Allison & Deb Olsen from the DDA, gave highlights on what they would like to accomplish for projects. They would like our ideas, if we have any, including an approximate cost amount. They had a handout available for their projections. Any project ideas are due to the DDA by April 1, 2022.

Matt Levandoski of Prein & Newhof was supposed to give a presentation. He did send us a detailed report and cost estimate of our partnership with the village for grant monies. Total approximate cost for our share would be \$32,400.00. Grant monies would pay back 75% of that.

Tony Farr/Rader gave a presentation on a community garden project. He said that there are things that can be started now. There is favorable response. Anyone interested in donating time, money or anything else may call the township. As of this date, the garden will be behind the township offices. Perks include soil improvement, diversity in plants, better environment, better wild life. Motion by Kathy Young supported by Pat Williams to start a community garden. Roll call vote: Jim Cochran absent, Dan Cousar absent, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 3 yea, 2 absent, motion carries.

**Resignations:** The Twp. Board received resignations from Trustee Jim Cochran, and Zoning Administrator Larry Reed. Motion by Pat Williams, supported by Kathy Young to accept the resignations of the Trustee, Jim Cochran, and Zoning Administrator Larry Reed. Roll call vote: Jim Cochran absent, Dan Cousar absent, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 3 yea, 2 absent, motion carries.

**Appointment of Township Trustee:** Three applications were considered, Tony Gagliardo, Christine Crossthwaite and Kelly McCune. Motion made by Kathy Young supported by Pat Williams to appoint Kelly McCune as the Township Trustee. Roll call vote: Jim Cochran absent, Dan Cousar absent, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 3 yea, 2 absent, motion carries.

#### **Department Reports:**

**Fire:** Chief Dailey requests the board to approve FDIC training for 3-4 firefighters in Indianapolis. Cost would be \$25.00 per person, plus mileage (approx. \$191.16), and 2 nights for a motel room. Estimated cost would be about \$1100.00. Motion made by Pat Williams, supported by Kathy Young to approve up to \$1100.00 cost of sending 3-4 firefighters to the training. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune absent, Dan Cousar absent, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 3 yea, 2 absent, motion carries.

**Sewer/Water:** Sam Philipp could not attend, but left the board with a report. There is a broken pump at GEO. The cost of the repairs are \$2988.18. Motion by Kathy Young, supported by Pat Williams to approve the cost of the pump Repair (\$2988.18). . Roll call vote: Kelly McCune absent, Dan Cousar absent, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 3 yea, 2 absent, motion carries.

**Co. Road Comm.:** N/A

**Co. Comm:** Bob Sanders gave report. Highlight was an ORV grant available; applications taken April 1-June 30, 2022. Awards would be given by Aug. 31, 2022. GIS mapping program hopes to be on the website by 4-15-22.

**Sheriff Dept.:** Sheriff Martin was in attendance. He reports that they are going to swapping out their current firearms for new ones. The ammo for new ones is cheaper and easier to find. Police and Firefighters are going to be switching to 800mgz radios, expected completion date is December 2023. The sheriff's can/bottle drive has given \$36, 000.00 in donations. The department is again going to do T-shirts for the Blessing of the Bikes, with all proceeds going to a charity.

**Grant Writer:** absent. The board feels that we need another public input meeting to decide where we want to spend the ARPA grant money. A report of intent is due by 4-30-22. A special

public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. The clerk will post it on the door.

**Co. Park/Rec.:** Howard was here and gave a brief report.

**Zoning Admin.:** N/A

**Planning Comm.:** N/A The board would like to send the planning committee and zoning board of appeals committee to a training in Battle creek, hosted by our attorney's.

**LCEDA:** N/A

**DDA:** Guest speakers, mentioned previously

**Parks/Rec.:** Ernie gives a report. Project ideas not included in the grant application include: a large grill for the pavilion, fire pit, vaulted toilets, and to refinish the pavilion. Any ideas are welcomed and appreciated.

**Ongoing Business:**

Clerk's pay for non-statutory duties (FOIA). The clerk reports that she has logged 20 hours of FOIA work since she first brought up being compensated because of the unusual amount of FOIA requests. She gives two references and MCL's that allow for payment of non-statutory duties. She states that she would accept \$15 per hour, since this is what we charge those requesting FOIA, Motion by Pat Williams, supported by Ernie Wogatzke to approve the payment of 20 hrs. already completed, and continuing pay for FOIA requests. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune absent, Dan Cousar absent, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 3 yea, 2 absent, motion carries.

**Zoning Administrator:** The board decides to advertise in the Lake County Star for the position of Zoning Administrator.

Motion made by Kathy Young, supported by Pat Williams to allow Ernie Wogatzke to stand in temporary for ZA. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune absent, Dan Cousar absent, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 3 yea, 2 absent, motion carries.

**GEO Tax Tribunal:** At the attorney's suggestion, the board approved up to \$3000.00 for an appraisal of the GEO Correctional Facility.

**New Business:**

**Planning Commission/ZBA training in Battle Creek:** Motion made by Pat Williams, supported by Kathy Young to send members of the Planning commission and zoning board of appeals to the training. Mileage to be reimbursed for 3 cars and up to 9 people to attend. Total cost up to \$910.00. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune absent, Dan Cousar absent, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 3 yea, 2 absent, motion carries.

**Confirm Deputy Treasurer:** Motion made by Kathy Young, supported by Ernie Wogatzke to approve the appointment of Christina LaPan as the new Deputy Treasurer. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune absent, Dan Cousar absent, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 3 yea, 2 absent, motion carries.

Motion made by Kathy Young, supported by Pat Williams to approve adding Nicole Cross and Christina LaPan to the bank signatures. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune absent, Dan Cousar absent, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 3 yea, 2 absent, motion carries.

**Spring Cleanup:** The first 4 Tuesdays in May will be spring cleanup. It will be done in quadrants this year. If you miss your time, there will be dumpsters at the township, but residents are responsible for getting their stuff to the dumpsters.

**Joint Meeting:** The Board would like to set up a joint meeting with the Planning Committee. April 7, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. is decided on.

**Misc. Bills:** There was a bill missed last month. Turfcare Mole man is our contracted party for the cemetery and the park. A quote of \$963.56 is a discounted rate if we get it in by next week. Motion by Pat Williams, supported by Kathy Young to approve the \$963.56. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune absent, Dan Cousar absent, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 3 yea, 2 absent, motion carries.

Cemetery Sexton Bill Ghent provided us with a quote to remove a white oak tree that has fallen, and the stump to be grinded out. Cost is \$750.00. Motion made by Kathy Young supported by Pat Williams to approve the cost of \$750.00 to remove the tree and grind up the stump. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune absent, Dan Cousar absent, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 3 yea, 2 absent, motion carries.

Public Comment: Kelly Smith introduced himself to the Public. He a Republican candidate for State Representative. He will be replacing Scott VanSingel, should he be successful. A brochure was provided for anyone interested and to the board.

Motion made by to adjourn by Kathy Young, supported by Pat Williams. All in favor, motion carries.

**Adjourned:** 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Young, clerk

