

**Webber Township**

2286 W. Springtime St.

Baldwin, MI 49304

231-745-3471

Regular Meeting

June 9, 2022

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:** Kelly McCune, Dan Cousar, Pat Williams, Kathy Young, Ernie Wogatzke present.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Kathy Young supported by Dan Cousar to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Kelly McCune supported by Dan Cousar to approve the minutes of May 12, 2022 (regular mtg.) and the finance meeting of June 8, 2022. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune yea, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 5 yea 0 nay motion carried.

**Approval of Accounts Payable:**

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

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

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

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

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

**Correspondence:** Posted at GEO: slated for closing Sept. 30, 2022. They are trying to get contracts to stay open. Tax Commission: Webber Twp. Failed the poverty exemption. Our assessor (Mark Barnett) has taken care of the problem with a resolution. It is resolved.

**Department Reports:**

**Fire:** Chief Dailey gave run report.

**Sewer/Water:** Sam: 6.8 million gal. pumped in May 2022. Park is ready for GoDay. GEO cleaning headworks, will take 5-6 weeks.

**Co. Road Commission:** Gary Truxton reports that road brining is underway. Project on Merrillville road is coming along.

**Co. Commissioner:** Bob Sanders reports levied taxes are approved. The two commissioners for Webber township will rotate meetings. ORV: 68<sup>th</sup> St. to village possible opening. EMS: 01-03-22 103 more runs than last yr. Bob gave run down of time responses. GIS: up and running. Bob is running (unopposed) for County Commissioner on the Republican ticket.

**Sheriff Dept.:** N/A

**Grant Writer:** Dan Cousar states that we should discuss other projects we might want to do other than just roads.

**Co. Parks/Rec.:** Partnership with the Village of Baldwin with Prein & Newhof to design plans, trails, bathroom.

**Planning Comm:** Dan Cousar gives report. Questions (clerk) about why the ordinance amendments are taking so long to complete. Discussion from the board. Dan says that it boils down to lack of efficiency, but also says the board is also lacking in the same respect. By-laws need updating.

**LCEDA:** N/A

**DDA:** N/A

**Twp. Park/Rec.:** Park is ready for GoDay. Motion by Kathy Young, supported by Kelly McCune to approve payment of \$550.00 to Pixie Ponies and \$775.00 for Nature Discovery. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune yea, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 5 yea 0 nay motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Zoning Admin.:** Zoning Administrator has resigned giving no public reason. It is decided that we should run another ad in the Lake County Star. The clerk will submit an ad next week.

**Aflac Fireman's Ins.:** motion by Pat Williams, supported by Kathy Young to approve the Option #1 for the firefighters. Discussion continues, and is felt that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Option would be better fit. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune nay, Dan Cousar nay, Pat Williams nay, Kathy Young nay, Ernie Wogatzke nay. 0 yea, 5 nay motion failed. Motion made by Kelly McCune supported by Kathy Young to approve the Option #2 with the split. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune yea, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 5 yea, 0 nay motion carries.

**Tire Collection:** The township collected 509 tires this year. This is down from previous years, and could be a good sign.

**Refuse Spring Cleanup** They are still picking items up.

**New Business:**

**Marijuana Application:** Application received from Great Lakes Cannabis Management for Adult Use Retail license. Motion by Pat Williams, supported by Kathy Young to approve the

application. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune yea, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 5 yea, 0 nay motion carries.

**Cleaning Person:** Applications were reviewed by the board. Motion by Dan Cousar supported by Pat Williams to hire Nicole Cross to take over the cleaning of the township. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune yea, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 5 yea, 0 nay motion carries.

**Property Offers:**

1934 W. 36<sup>th</sup> St. Joshua Whipple makes written offer of \$11,509.52. His goal is to renovate and resell the property/structure. Motion by Pat Williams, supported by Kathy Young to approve the sale of the property. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune yea, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 5 yea, 0 nay motion carries.

1910 W. 36<sup>th</sup> St. No clear offer is presented. Motion by Kathy Young, supported by Dan Cousar to table this offer until further information is received. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune yea, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 5 yea, 0 nay motion carries.

Offer from Dan Cousar to purchase from the township Lake Wood Acres 11-454-034-01 2, block 54, lots 34, 35, 36, 41. SEV is \$1200.00 and that is what Dan has offered. However, the township has \$4900.00 invested. Dan is not ready to move on this right now.

Motion to adjourn made by Kathy Young, supported by Dan Cousar. All in favor. Motion carries.

**Adjourned:** 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Young, clerk