

Webber Township

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January 12, 2023

Regular Meeting

Call to Order: 6:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was done at the Town Hall Discussion prior to the commencement of the regular meeting.

Present: Kelly McCune, Dan Cousar, Pat Williams, Kathy Young and Ernie Wogatzke.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion made by Pat Williams, supported by Dan Cousar to approve the agenda with addition of accepting resignations under New Business. All in favor, motion carries.

Approval of the Minutes: Motion by Pat Williams, supported by Kathy Young to approve the minutes from Dec. 8, 2023, regular meeting (with corrections), and the Jan. 11, 2023 Finance meeting. All in favor, motion carries.

Approval of Accounts Payable.

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

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

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Given by Pat Williams.

Correspondence: regarding road brining, health dept permits @ the park.

Public Comment: regarding General fund, trash contract, assault and insurance, and board members having lunch together as friends.

Department Reports:

Fire: Chief Dailey gave a run report from last month. Chief requests that we spend \$650.00 on a printer for the fire department, instead of renting the xerox. They would get more benefit out of a different one, and it would be cheaper in the long run. A public member states she has a brand-new printer that she will donate to the fire department. Chief reports that they went through the Spencer Manufacturing plant, where the fire trucks are manufactured.

Sewer/Water: Sam gives report and states that the cost of repair of the fire hydrant that Consumer's power backed over is \$4452.00 He asks for approval to move forward with this, Consumer's power will reimburse the township for all costs. Motion by Pat Williams, supported by Kelly McCune to approve the \$4452.00 for the hydrant. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune yes, Dan Cousar yes, Pat Williams yes, Kathy Young yes, Ernie Wogatzke yes. 5 yes, 0 nay, motion carries. Sam states that the tires on the Chevy truck are pretty worn and need to be replaced. Cost would be \$1139.49. Motion by Kathy Young, supported by Kelly McCune to approve \$1139.49 for new tires for the truck. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune yes, Dan Cousar yes, Pat Williams yes, Kathy Young yes, Ernie Wogatzke yes. 5 yes, 0 nay, motion carries.

Road Comm: Gary Truxton states that the road commission is taking advantage of the decent weather and is out marking the trees on Merrillville Rd. in preparation of furthering the improvement on that road this spring.

County Comm: Clyde Welford introduced himself and will rotate meetings with our other commissioner. He thanked everyone for their support. He asked about ideas for the TRV (RRP), he has some, but would welcome more that he could take to the county commissioners.

**At 7:03 p.m. a member of the public became disruptive and obnoxious and refused to quiet down and let the board conduct business. Supervisor Wogatzke called for a recess while law enforcement was notified that an assist was needed.*

**At 7:16 p.m., with the help of law enforcement, the board resumed business at hand*

Sheriff: N/A

Grant Writer: Trustee Cousar reminded the board that another report is due for the ARPA funds in March or April. There may be more funds coming, but that is not a sure thing. Treasurer states that we need to decide what to do with the \$34,000.00 remaining. Trustee states that we need to come up with projects or ideas, mainly from the Capital Improvement Plan. Supervisor Wogatzke states that we need to get a meeting together this month to discuss the Capital Improvement Plan, including the cemetery, fire department, and water/sewer. February actually works better for the fire chief. Capital improvements are \$5,000.00 or more. We would need to sit down with the public and see what they would like to do, more roads have been mentioned.

Co, Park/Rec: Not much going on, they are going after the sparks grant. They have applied for \$100K for projects at the training park. DNR reviewing specifications for both our grant and the county.

Zoning Admin: Chris gave a report on permits issued, letters sent for violations, and reminders to renew camping permits.

Planning: Trustee McCune reports that the By-Laws were voted on with corrections, votes were done for officers, but they will have to be re-voted after the board accepts the resignations of

previous committee members. No discussion on the watercourse ordinance, they haven't heard back from the county yet.

Cemetery: Ernie gave a report, containing the estimate from Wetherell for marking the cemetery rows and plots. The quote from Wetherell is \$3,200.00 and includes corner markers for blocks A-U, and placing a marker in the ground at every 10th plot. Motion by Kathy Young, supported by Pat Williams to approve the \$3200.00 for Wetherell to complete the marking of the cemetery. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune yea, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 5 yea, 0 nay, motion carries. Headstones need to be laid out in the same direction. We need to do a burn at the cemetery to get rid of the brush. Assistant Fire Chief Jeremy Anderson, offered the departments help in doing the burn. It would be good training, and with the weather as it is, they could probably do it sooner than later.

LCEDA: N/A

Parks/Rec: N/A

Ongoing Business:

Answers to Last month's questions: Pat Williams explains from the accountants the online Audit and how it was misinterpreted.

Bids for flooring (clerk, treasurer, supervisor offices).

Only 1 bid came in. Gilberts gave a bid of \$5986.28 for all three offices. It would be \$6003.24 more to abate the flooring. They state that if we strip the wax off the floors we wouldn't need to abate the current flooring. Motion by Pat Williams, supported by Kelly McCune to approve the \$5986.28. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune yea, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 5 yea, 0 nay, motion carries.

Jeanne Drive Assessment: We need to open an account for the assessment for Jeanne Drive.

Motion by Kathy Young, supported by Kelly McCune to open a separate account for the Jeanne Drive Assessment funds, with same signers as other accounts. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune yea, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 5 yea, 0 nay, motion carries.

Insurance Renewal: Ken Lind agent for EMC insurance goes over our policy. Not much changes. He does stress the fact that we should seriously think about adding Cyber Insurance. He gave tips for the fire department and for the cemetery. He Recommends General Cyber Liability insurance. Motion by Kathy Young, supported by Pat Williams, to approve adding General Cyber Liability to our policy, for \$2300.00 per year. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune yea, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 5 yea, 0 nay, motion carries. Motion to renew the insurance policy (before the addition of Cyber coverage), made by Pat Williams, supported by Kathy Young (total premium would be \$32,775,00 per year). Roll call vote: Kelly McCune yea, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 5 yea, 0 nay, motion carries.

New Business:

Accept resignations. Motion by Kathy Young, supported by Pat Williams, to accept the resignations of Lena Lyle, Piedad Medina, Ben Hill and Dan Cousar. Roll call vote: Kelly

McCune yea, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 5 yea, 0 nay, motion carries. **Attorney says that oral resignation was enough, we do not need it in writing.* Supervisor Wogatzke recommends Quantina Forest to the Planning Committee. Motion by Pat Williams, supported by Kelly McCune to approve the recommendation of the supervisor of Quantina Forest to the Planning Committee. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune yea, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 5 yea, 0 nay, motion carries.

Adjournment: Motion by Kathy Young, supported by Kelly McCune to adjourn. All in favor, motion carries **note: motion to adjourn is not needed.*

Adjourned: 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Young, Clerk