

Webber Township
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Baldwin, MI 49304
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March 9, 2023
Regular Meeting

Call to Order: 6:15 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited at the Public Hearing

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

Motion by Kathy Young, supported by Pat Williams to open the regular board meeting. All in favor, motion carries.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Kathy Young, supported by Pat Williams to approve the agenda with additions. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune yea, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 5 yea, 0 nay motion carries.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Pat Williams, supported by Kelly McCune to approve the minutes of 2-7-23, 2-9-23, 2-22-23, 3-8-23 and the addition of 12-19-22, with corrections. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune yea, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 5 yea, 0 nay motion carries.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Motion by Pat Williams, supported by Kathy Young 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 carries.

Motion by Kelly McCune, supported by Kathy Young 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 carries.

Motion 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 carries.

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 carries.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Pat Williams.

Guest Speaker: Larry Lewis spoke on internet connections. Motion by Pat Williams, supported by Dan Cousar to support the Robin (Spectrum/Charter) drive to get broadband in our community. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune yea, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 5 yea, 0 nay motion carries. The clerk states that she has already done the letter of support that Mr. Lewis is asking for.

Correspondence: N/A

Public Comment:

Questions concerning GEO and our water/sewer system. Why comments are not stated and by whom. Questions regarding properties in the limited commercial and commercial are they the same for tax purposes?

Department Reports:

Fire

Chief Al Dailey gives run report for the last month. Chief states that #542 truck was "fixed", but it wasn't right. They had to take it back. The estimate to fix the problem is \$2560.22. Motion by Pat Williams, supported by Kelly McCune to approve \$2560.22 to fix truck #542. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune yea, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 5 yea, 0 nay motion carries.

Chief Dailey reports that they have a new hire for the fire department. His name is Carey Holmes. He has firefighter 1 & 2 and also officer skills. He asks that the board approve the hiring. Motion made by Pat Williams, supported by Kelly McCune to approve the hiring of Carey Holmes to the Webber Twp. Fire Dept. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune yea, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 5 yea, 0 nay motion carries.

Webber Fire Department was called for an assist for one adult and one child stuck in their home with no heat and no food. Firefighters took the side by side out and helped by shoveling, and doing other things necessary to provide safety. When they left, there was heat and food in the household. The firefighters were recognized for going over and above their normal call of duty.

Co. Road Comm: N/A

Co. Comm: Bob Sanders gives a brief report. Orv park is ready to start construction, the school resource officer is now full time, district courtroom is renamed to Wickens, renovations will be taking place at the courthouse. The TRV has a \$409k payoff. Should be paid off in 2024. They are looking at a possible juvenile detention center, there.

Sheriff Dept: There is a deputy in attendance tonight. He outlines some scams on social media especially targeting the elderly. He also gives tips and advice to protect your homes.

Grant: Dan Couser reminds the board that we have a report due by the end of April, detailing what the ARPA funds have been used for. Two things are required (EUI): I.D. # and the entity involved

Co. Park/Rec: Prein/Newhof are moving forward with construction.

Zoning Admin.: Chris Jacobs gave a report on permits issued for land use, camping permits, two of which are in the restricted area (previous permits allowed, renewals every year), and 1 citation letter. He has also completed the Zoning Administrator Certificate program.

Planning: Jackie Jacobs gave a report on planning committee. They are finishing the bylaws and a final should be ready in April. Members of the planning committee have different ideas on the 24ft issue (dwelling), they may need to create an ordinance. A rental ordinance was discussed and most members of the committee are not in favor of it. Non-conforming building/structures were also discussed.

The Zoning amendment for Watercourse is done. There is one typo. Motion by Pat Williams, supported by Kathy Young to approve the Zoning Watercourse amendment with the correction. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune yea, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 5 yea, 0 nay motion carries.

LCEDA: N/A

DDA: N/A

Twp. Park/Rec: we need to call a meeting and get started on our annual GO DAY.

Ongoing Business:

We have an estimate to put the electric in the pole barn. Goodrich Electrical LLC estimates that it will cost \$2055.00. Motion by Pat Williams, supported by Kelly McCune to approve \$2055.00 for Goodrich Electrical to put electric in. 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:

Training for personnel. The supervisor feels that our deputy's should have some training so that they can fill in for the treasurer and/or clerk if they need to be absent for a time. Motion by Dan Cousar, supported by Kathy Young to approve extra hours (5 per month) to train our deputy's. We will revisit this at the next meeting. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune yea, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 5 yea, 0 nay motion carries.

Capital Improvement meeting: Meeting is set for march 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at the twp. Hall.

Reminder of the upcoming Public Hearing for the Fire assessment on April 13, 2023 at 5:30 p.m..

BOR meets on march 13th & 14th at 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Turf Care: We need to approve the park for spraying of insects The cost for the year is \$1654.37. Motion by Pat Williams, supported by Kelly McCune to approve \$1654.37 for turf care to take care of the Youth Park. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune yea, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 5 yea, 0 nay motion carries.

Elections: The clerk reports some of the changes being made in upcoming elections, which include running a precinct for 9 days prior to election day, or combining with other precincts, but if started by combining, you need to do it every time. Clerk asks the public to think about it and pass on their thoughts to her office.

Planning Essentials, will be done here at the Hall, county wide townships are welcome. Motion by Kathy Young supported by Pat Williams to approve the per diem for planning members. Roll call vote: Kelly McCune yea, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 5 yea, 0 nay motion carries.

Adjourned: 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Young, clerk