

Webber Township

Regular Meeting

January 13, 2022

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance Roll Call: Dan Cousar, Pat Williams, Kathy Young, Ernie Wogatzke present. Nicole Oisten is absent.

Agenda Approval:

Motion made by Dan Cousar, supported by Kathy Young to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carries.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Pat Williams, supported by Dan Cousar to approve the minutes of December 1, 2021, December 7, 2021, December 9, 2021 and January 12, 2022, with corrections being made on the December 9, 2021 minutes. Roll call vote: Nicole Oisten absent, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 4 yea 1 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: Nicole Oisten absent, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 4 yea 1 absent motion carries.

Fire Fund: Motion made by Pat Williams, supported by Dan Cousar to approve the fire fund. Roll call vote: Nicole Oisten absent, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 4 yea 1 absent motion carries.

Water/Sewer Fund: Motion made by Pat Williams, supported by Kathy Young to approve the Water/sewer fund. Roll call vote: Nicole Oisten absent, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 4 yea 1 absent motion carries.

Refuse Fund: Motion made by Kathy Young, supported by Dan Cousar to approve the refuse fund. Roll call vote: Nicole Oisten absent, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 4 yea 1 absent motion carries.

Treasurer's report: Given by Pat Williams.

Correspondence: Letter from the state informing us that we are eligible to be a Charter Township. Letters of Resignation.

Guest Speaker: Rosemary Dionne. Mrs. Dionne spoke on the issues regarding replacing a mobile home that burned in September. There was a lot of misinformation on this issue, and due to this the zoning admin. made an error. She is appealing to the board to help them out. She states that they have purchased an older, completely refurbished single wide mobile home

to replace the double wide home that burned down, and bought all appliances. Dan Cousar (trustee) states that the zoning administrator and/or supervisor gave Mrs. Dionne wrong information costing them a lot of money and not allowing a home to be replaced. He asks the board "how can we make this right?" "It is our error".

Motion made by Pat Williams, supported by Kathy Young to return Mrs. Dionne's check for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Roll call vote: Nicole Oisten absent, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 4 yea 1 absent motion carries.

Motion made by Dan Cousar, supported by Pat Williams to allow the family to move forward with replacing their home (from double wide to single wide) because of incorrect information given by township officials/employee. Roll call vote: Nicole Oisten absent, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 4 yea 1 absent motion carries.

Department Reports:

Fire Dept.: Chief Dailey gave us a run report. Chief Dailey reports that they applied for a grant and was awarded \$8100.00. They would need to spend the total of \$8100.00 and then the grant would reimburse them for \$4050.00. He presents the grant packet to the clerk for signatures. Motion by Pat Williams, supported by Kathy Young to approve the spending of \$8100.00 for the awarded grant. Roll call vote: Nicole Oisten absent, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 4 yea 1 absent motion carries.

Chief also states that a FEMA grant for \$700k has been submitted to the state. It will probably be June/July before any decision is made.

Sewer/Water/Maintenance: Sam says that everything is good with sewer/water and that the ADA bathroom is pretty much complete.

Road Comm.: Gary Truxton reports that the Road commission just purchased a blade truck for \$315k. Leroy will be meeting with the governor on infrastructure.

Co. Commissioner: Bob Sanders reports that the GEO tax tribunal is requesting half of the assessed value. They have a 911 strategic plan, and that the fire departments may go to 800 MHz. EMS had more runs than a year ago.

Sheriff Dept.: Sheriff Martin reports that the 2 bodies found last month were Covid positive (+). There was a shooting at Majestic Pines, there is a new Animal Control agent (Brittney). We have a new school officer. Two new potential officers are awaiting results from the background checks. The sheriff department is sponsoring a new officer. A new officer in training will work for the Lake County Sheriff department.

Grant Writer: Dan Cousar reports that the American Rescue Plan has awarded the township a total of \$115k. \$57k has been received with the other half coming later this year. Legislation is encouraging that money be spent on those that were a necessity during Covid 19 shut down. I.e., fire fighters, water/sewer operators.

Co. Park/Rec.: Ernie Wogatzke reports that we have moved to step #2! He states there are things we can do now, but that we cannot do anything attached to the grants. Prein/Newhoff will advise for the next step. Its possible a sub-committee will be formed.

Zoning Administrator: Supervisor reads the written report provided by the Zoning Administrator.

Planning Comm.: Pie reports the committee received 3 of their amendments back.

LCEDA: N/A

DDA: N/A

Parks/Rec: N/A

Ongoing Business:

Covid Rescue funds: As stated earlier the township received \$57,620.00. Motion made by Dan Cousar supported by Kathy Young to put the money in a separate savings account until we decide what to do with it. Roll call vote: Nicole Oisten absent, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 4 yea 1 absent motion carries.

Angel Williams: Discussion on "when is enough, enough". As of today's date (01-13-22) it has been six months since the court order. Standards need to be set. It is agreed that we stand by the 60-day court order, but if it is monumental, we will allow 6 months before soliciting bids to clean up. The board has been more than fair and very lenient. She remains non-compliant. Motion made by Pat Williams, supported by Kathy Young to solicit bids for the property cleanup. Roll call vote: Nicole Oisten absent, Dan Cousar nay, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 3 yea 1 absent 1 nay, motion carries.

A-1 Services Court order cleanup: Motion made by Kathy Young, supported by Pat Williams to move forward with a "show cause" hearing. Roll call vote: Nicole Oisten absent, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 4 yea 1 absent motion carries.

Adoption of Recreational Camper Ordinance: Zoning portion; Motion made by Pat Williams, supported by Kathy Young to adopt the zoning portion of the recreational camper ordinance. Roll call vote: Nicole Oisten absent, Dan Cousar abstained, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 3 yea 1 absent 1 abstained, motion carries.

Adoption of Fire Dept. SOP's: members of the board have a few questions and would like to address this in another meeting that is convenient with the chief.

Insurance renewal: The clerk states that she took the initiative to pay for the township insurance renewal, because it would have cancelled on January 1, 2022.

Road Brining: Motion made by Pat Williams, supported by Dan Cousar to approve the \$12432.48 for the 2022 road brining. Roll call vote: Nicole Oisten absent, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 4 yea 1 absent motion carries.

Flooring bids: Two bids received. Gilbert Carpet plus bids \$14664.20 for flooring, plus and abatement of \$8328.00, plus \$425.00 for a air quality test after the abatement. *(the old floor tiles do contain asbestos, the glue does not) for a total bid of \$23417.20. Sweet tile gave us a bid of \$38932.00 total cost. Motion by Pat Williams, supported by Kathy Young to approve the bid for Gilbert Carpet Plus for \$23,417.20. Roll call vote: Nicole Oisten absent, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 4 yea 1 absent motion carries.

New Business:

Non-zoning Ordinances to consider. Single wide mobile homes and adding enforcement to the camper ordinance. This will be sent back to the planning commission.

Resignation letters: Supervisor Wogatzke reads letters of resignation from Trustee Nicole Oisten, and Zoning Administrator Mike Oisten. Motion to accept the resignation of Nicole Oisten (Trustee) made by Kathy Young, supported by Dan Cousar. Roll call vote: Nicole Oisten absent, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 4 yea 1 absent motion carries.

Motion made by Dan Cousar supported by Kathy Young to accept the resignation of Mike Oisten (zoning administrator). Roll call vote: Nicole Oisten absent, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 4 yea 1 absent motion carries.

Motion made by Kathy Young, supported by Dan Cousar to place Ads in the local paper for the 2 open positions (trustee, and zoning administrator), Trustee being a partial term. Roll call vote: Nicole Oisten absent, Dan Cousar yea, Pat Williams yea, Kathy Young yea, Ernie Wogatzke yea. 4 yea 1 absent motion carries.

Public Comment: Kevin Newell states that the trustee and zoning positions are treated the same for time limit to fill. Bonnie Povialitis suggests we put an ad in the Bulletin board news, as it gets out to the outlying areas. Gary Truxton claims we are breaking the law because he never received 2 attachments on a FOIA request. It is explained that the letter he received should have been part of the packet that the clerk mailed. He states his attorney will contact the supervisor because he signed the letter. Carole Hill had a question concerning the Ted Hartleb insurance agency (EMC). Carole Hill had a question regarding a reimbursement in the form of a check (Consumer's Power). Carole Hill accuses Pat Williams of borrowing money from the township and not paying it back. Shaun Munson had concerns and opinions about mobile homes and a trailer park, due to an incorrect map. Ruth Riley had concerns about complaints she filed 8 weeks ago. Tony Gagliardo had questions about the general fund balance. Tony has opinions, concerns and suggestions about a mobile home park. He asks if the inspection has been done on the ADA bathroom. Charlie Pratt voices concerns about the Sewer/water/maintenance supervisor not attending meetings.

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

Adjourned: 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Young, clerk