



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Board Meeting October 17, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

The Webster Township Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor John Kingsley on October 17, 2023, at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130. Members present: Supervisor John Kingsley; Clerk Barb Calleja; Treasurer John Scharf; Trustees Dan Munzel, John Westman, Shelly Vrsek; Zoning Administrator Sri Komaragiri; Deputy Clerk Donna Whitney, Deputy Supervisor Rick Kleinschmidt; and 16 citizens. Absent: Trustee Jeff Harms.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Approval of Minutes

Motion Munzel second Westman to approve the minutes of the Webster Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on September 19, 2023, as amended correcting a meeting date. All ayes and motion carried. Absent: Harms

Supervisor Remarks

Approve Agenda

Motion Scharf second Munzel to approve the agenda as amended adding new business item J, Natural Features Committee appointment. All ayes and motion carried. Absent: Harms

Call to Public

Treasurer's Report

Motion Calleja second Westman to accept the Treasurer's report and pay bills as presented, as well as those anticipated bills received before our next meeting scheduled for November 14, 2023. Roll call vote, all ayes and motion carried. Absent: Harms

Consent Agenda Reports

1. Planning Commission – Report Received
2. Planning, Zoning & Enforcement Report - Report Received
3. Sheriff's Report – Report Received
4. Zoning Board of Appeals – No Report Received
5. PDR Committee/PDR Estimate – Report Received, Estimate Received
6. Fire Department – Report Received
7. WAVE – Report Received
8. Assessor – No Report Received

Motion Scharf second Munzel to accept and file the Consent Agenda Reports as presented. All ayes and motion carried. Absent: Harms



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Old Business

A. Siren Discussion

Report given by resident Steve Bemis on siren testing. Four proposals will be considered at the November 14, 2023 Board Meeting.

B. Discussion on Amendment to Licensed Home-Based Business Ordinance, 23-bGTA-05

Discussion will continue at the November 14, 2023 Board Meeting, with an emphasis on criteria for granting approval or exceptions.

C. Revised Early Voting Agreement

Motion Vrsek second Munzel to authorize the clerk to execute the revised agreement for early voting election services between Washtenaw County and Webster Township.

Roll call vote, all ayes and carried. Absent: Harms

New Business

A. Hackbarth Fireworks Permit

Motion Munzel second Scharf to approve the private Hackbarth fireworks to be held on December 17, 2023 between 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. for a 10-minute show, in the 4700 block of Gregory Rd. provided the Sheriff and Fire Departments will be notified. Close neighbors and the public will be notified via social media and letters. No rain date.

Roll call vote, all ayes and motion carried. Absent: Harms

B. Approval of Development Agreement: St. Joseph Catholic Church Building Expansion

Motion Vrsek second Westman to approve the fourth amendment to the St. Joseph Catholic Church development agreement as presented.

Roll call vote, all ayes and carried. Absent: Harms

C. Ordinance Discussion: Regulating sale and use of coal-tar in Webster Township

Discussion. Item needs further review.

D. Ordinance Discussion: Family Care Accessory Housing

Discussion. Item needs further review.

E. Senior Center Board Member

Motion Kingsley second Munzel to postpone and inquire how many board members may serve.

Roll call vote, Calleja aye, Kingsley aye, Scharf nay, Westman nay, Vrsek aye, Munzel aye, motion carried. Absent: Harms

F. Snow Removal Contract

Postponed until November 14, 2023 Board Meeting.



G. Winter Tax Insert

Motion Calleja second Scharf to authorize the expenditure of \$1040, in addition to the regular tax bill mailing cost, for up to 4 pages of informational township flyers to be mailed with the winter tax bill.

Roll call vote, all ayes and carried. Absent: Harms

H. PDR expenditure adjustment

Motion Westman second Calleja to rescind the April 19, 2023 motion to approve the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$1850, for the purchase of a conservation easement on property described in application 2023-2.

Roll call vote, all ayes and carried. Absent: Harms

Motion Westman second Munzel to approve the expenditure of PDR funds, not to exceed \$1,033, to cover closing costs, recording fees and title insurance for property described in application 2023-2.

Roll call vote, all ayes and carried. Absent: Harms

I. Preemption of Local Control of Renewable Facilities, Resolution No. 22-23

Motion Scharf second Westman to approve Resolution No. 22-23, as amended, to oppose legislation that eliminates local government authority on the siting and permitting of, but not limited to short-term rentals, industrial solar installations, industrial wind turbine installations, and sand & gravel mining.

Roll call vote, all ayes and carried. Absent: Harms

J. Natural Features Committee appointment

Motion Kingsley second Westman to appoint Dan Brown to the Natural Features Committee, replacing Jason Fenzel, for a term that ends December 2025.

All ayes and motion carried. Absent: Harms

Correspondence

Call to Public

Trustee Vrsek announced that Dexter District Library director Paul McCann has received the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Concerns of Board Members

Adjourn

Motion Westman second Vrsek to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Calleja, Clerk