

VILLAGE OF WEBBERVILLE
115 S. Main St.
MEETING MINUTES-**Amended**

The regular meeting of the Webberville Village Council was called to order by President Samuel Schulte, at 6:00pm on January 13, 2026, in the Webberville Village Hall.

Roll was called:

Present: Mike McEwan, Sandra Schoenborn, Lana Stanfield, Deborah Walter, President Samuel Schulte

Others Present:

Jessica Kuch	Clerk/Treasurer
Scott Gould	Village Attorney
Josh Rockey	Z-Solutions
Bruce Wallace	PEA Group
Chris Khorey	McKenna
Deputy Wagner	Ingham County Sheriff
Deputy Dell	Ingham County Sheriff
John Leonard	Resident
Andrew Nephew	Resident
Dan McCarthy	Resident
Ryan Jones	DPW Supervisor

The Clerk declared a quorum

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Village President Samuel Schulte

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Walter, second by McEwan to approve adding agenda item Vac Truck discussion as item number four. Ayes: McEwan, Schoenborn, Stanfield, Walter. Nays: Schulte. Motion carried.

Recommended by Schulte, so moved by Schoenborn, second by McEwan to approve adding agenda item recognizing the vacant DDA seat and Appointment of Andrew Nephew to DDA board as item number five. Ayes: McEwan, Schoenborn, Stanfield, Walter, Schulte. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Stanfield, second by Schoenborn to approve the agenda as amended. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Hearing

Recommended by President Schulte, so moved by Schoenborn, second by McEwan to open the public hearing for the Village Master Plan approval at 6:03pm. All ayes.

No Comment

Recommended by President Schulte, so moved by Stanfield, second by Schoenborn to Close the public hearing for the Village Master Plan approval at 6:04pm. All ayes.

Public Comment

A question was raised regarding why a meeting appeared as cancelled on the website. It was clarified that the cancelled meeting referenced was a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) meeting.

President Comment

None

Consent Agenda

Recommended by President Schulte, so moved by Stanfield, second by Schoenborn to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: McEwan, Schoenborn, Stanfield, Walter, Schulte. All Ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. **Police Report** – Deputy Wagner – Reported on monthly activity. Deputy Vincent was contacted by the prosecutor’s office regarding a possible bond/PPO violation involving an inmate. A fraud complaint was also reported.
2. **DPW Report** – Council reviewed the report.
3. **Clerk/Treasurer Report** – Jessica Kuch – Reported that the monthly newsletter transitioned from print to digital. Noted that the Village is approaching the end of the fiscal year and will begin preparation for the next fiscal year budget.
4. **WDDA Report** – Josh Rockey – Reported that work on the Ford Building is progressing. Planning is underway to begin the Summit Street parking lot project in the spring.
5. **Building/Zoning Report** – Council reviewed the report.
6. **N.I.E.S.A. Report** – Sandra Schoenborn – Provided a year-end summary of 17,043 runs in 2025, an increase from the prior year. Reported on a grain bin rescue and the use of newly received equipment on that rescue. Noted that full-time grant-funded employees began reporting to their shifts on January 7, 2026. The county fire academy began in January 2026.
7. **Attorney Report** – Scott Gould – Reported that the White Rose matter remains pending and that a meeting was held with White Rose’s attorney. Discussed access options for the parking lot behind the pharmacy, noting an easement as the preferred option for the Village, while the property owner prefers a license. The differences between an easement and a license were reviewed, including recordation considerations with the Ingham County Register of Deeds.
8. **Engineer Report** – Bruce Wallace – Reported that required bonds for the Main Street project have been received and the contract has been executed. Scheduling for spring construction was discussed. Also reported on reviewing improvements for Summit Street.
9. **Advocate Report** – N/A

Resolution 2026-03 The Village of Webberville Land Use and Recreation Master Plan

Recommended by President Schulte, so moved by Stanfield, second by Schoenborn to adopt Resolution 2026-03 the Village of Webberville Land Use and Recreation Master Plan as presented. Ayes: McEwan, Schoenborn, Stanfield, Schulte. Nay: Walter. Motion carried.

Zoning Definition Updates

Recommended by President Schulte, so moved by Stanfield, second by Schoenborn to approve setting a public hearing to for zoning definitions for February 10, 2026. Ayes: McEwan, Schoenborn, Stanfield, Walter, Schulte. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-01 Budget Amendment

Recommended by President Schulte, so moved by Stanfield, second by Schoenborn to approve resolution 2026-01 for the 2025-2026 mid-year budget amendment. Ayes: McEwan, Schoenborn, Stanfield, Walter, Schulte. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Vac Truck

Trustee Walter inquired whether the materials included in the DPW report reflected a cost comparison between owning a Village vacuum truck and using a contractor. It was explained that the materials were provided to give Council a general overview of pricing. It was reported that discussions with the Michigan Rural Water Association (MRWA) indicated portions of the water rate study contribute to the capital improvement plan. Based on current savings levels and projected water and sewer rates, it was noted that funding may be insufficient to meet future sewer system needs within approximately nine years. Additional information was identified as necessary, including utilization rates, ownership costs, and contractor pricing, to evaluate available options. The potential financial impact on the capital improvement plan was noted, including possible effects on ready-to-serve charges. Options discussed included contracting services for a defined period to compare costs with ownership. It was noted that further analysis is needed before any decision is made. The Village will continue working with MRWA to obtain more detailed cost information.

Vacant DDA seat and the Appointment of Andrew Nephew to DDA board

Recommended by President Schulte, so moved by Stanfield, second by Schoenborn to approve resolution 2026-02 recognizing the Vacant WDDA seat and Appointment of Andrew Nephew to DDA board. Ayes: McEwan, Schoenborn, Stanfield, Walter, Schulte. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Several items of concern were raised for Council consideration. Questions were asked regarding whether there is a pending legal matter involving the Village and a former employee, and whether any Village officials are named. The Village Attorney responded to the inquiry during president comment. Concerns were expressed regarding legal expenditures and attorney fees, including matters related to White Rose, and the potential financial impact on taxpayers. It was noted that EGLE-related fees were paid using public funds, and questions were raised regarding whether this could present future issues. Additional concerns were raised regarding Hydro Vac equipment and related property considerations. Budget oversight and the potential for legal expenses related to a personnel matter were also raised.

President Comment

It was stated that there is a legal matter currently being handled through the Village's insurance provider. The Village Attorney addressed the inquiry. Regarding the White Rose matter, it was

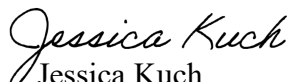
reported that the issue remains pending due to a judgment having been secured for attorney fees in favor of the Village, which is currently being disputed.

Council Comment

It was reported that the EGLE fine has been resolved. Discussion on the matter was previously deferred until EGLE issued its decision. Questions were raised regarding the preparation of a resignation letter for the former employee. It was noted that if a resignation letter has not yet been submitted, an official letter will be dispatched, and Council action will not be required. Questions were also raised regarding the possibility of recovering the fine.

Adjourn

Motion by Schoenborn, second by McEwan to adjourn the meeting at 6:59pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried


Jessica Kuch
Clerk/Treasurer