VILLAGE OF WEBBERVILLE
115 S. Main St.
MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Webberville Village Council was called to order by President Samuel Schulte, at 6:00pm on September 28, 2026, in the Ford Building at 124 W Grand River

Roll was called:
Present: Deborah Hurley, Mike McEwan, Sandra Schoenborn, Lana Stanfield, President Samuel Schulte

Others Present:

Jessica Kuch	Clerk/Treasurer
Josh Rockey	Z-Solutions
Jacob VanBoxel	McKenna
Scott Gould	Village Attorney
Andrew Nephew	Resident
John Leonard	Resident
John Vincent	Resident
Ann Marlette	Resident
Jeff Martin	Resident
Douglas Thayer	Resident
Jill Baillargeon	Resident
Tanja Scifers	Resident
Linda Erwin	Resident
Sgt Dell	Ingham County Sheriff
Undersheriff Bouck	Ingham County Sheriff
Deputy Hedger	Ingham County Sheriff
Deputy Wagner	Ingham County Sheriff
Chief/Deputy Southworth	Ingham County Sheriff
Andrew Roth	WKAR

The Clerk declared a quorum
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Village President Samuel Schulte

Approval of Agenda
Motion by Stanfield, second by Schoenborn to approve the agenda as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Hearing
Recommended by President Schulte, so moved by Stanfield, second by Schoenborn to open the public hearing for the Engine Brake Ordinance at 603pm. Ayes: Hurley, McEwan, Schoenborn, Stanfield, Schulte. All Ayes. Motion carried.

- A resident who lives near Grand River Avenue and Gramer Road commented on concerns regarding engine braking and truck traffic in the area. The resident stated that engine braking is loud and can cause their home to rattle. The resident noted that

other communities have ordinances regarding engine braking and expressed appreciation for Council looking into the matter.
- Another resident on Gramer Road agreed with the previous comments regarding engine braking and the noise from trucks traveling through the area.
- Another resident expressed agreement with the previous comments and stated that engine braking from some trucks can be heard as far as the traffic light.

Recommended by President Schulte, so moved by Stanfield, second by Schoenborn to Close the public hearing for the Engine Brake Ordinance at 605pm. Ayes: Hurley, McEwan, Schoenborn, Stanfield, Schulte. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Recommended by President Schulte, so moved by Stanfield, second by Schoenborn to open the public hearing for the Law Enforcement Services Agreement and possible Re-Establishment of the Webberville Police Department at 605pm. Ayes: Hurley, McEwan, Schoenborn, Stanfield, Schulte. All Ayes. Motion carried.

- A representative of the Ingham County Sheriff's Office expressed appreciation for the opportunity to speak and stated that they would like to continue the relationship with the community. The representative also stated that they were available to answer questions.
- Another speaker stated that they did not believe the expense of establishing a Village police department would be beneficial to taxpayers and stated that they were satisfied with the current law enforcement services. The speaker also stated that neighbors were satisfied with the Sheriff's Office.
- A resident provided background regarding the Village's previous police department and discussed experiences from that time. The speaker questioned whether the Village wanted to return to having its own police department and referenced the expenses and issues associated with doing so. The speaker stated that the Ingham County Sheriff's Office has been professional and good to work with.
- A resident discussed their previous involvement with law enforcement services and the development of the contract with Ingham County. The speaker questioned the figures presented and also questioned what would happen if the Police Chief or an officer were unavailable. The speaker also questioned the costs associated with a police vehicle, including insurance, maintenance, and replacement, and raised the possibility of unionization and legal issues. The speaker stated that the County currently handles these matters and discussed the Sheriff's Office as professional service.
- A speaker who lives in the Village and works for the schools stated that they appreciate the Sheriff's Office. The speaker stated that the Sheriff's Office has been a resource for the school and an asset in working with students and some adults. The speaker described situations where officers checked on matters and followed up afterward and stated that this made them feel safe. The speaker also stated that they were present when the Village previously had its own police department and expressed concerns about the services provided at that time. The speaker stated that they have not had a bad relationship with the Ingham County Sheriff's Office and have heard positive comments from students. The speaker questioned whether the Village would have the same capabilities or level of trust with its own police department.
- Another speaker stated that, regardless of which option the Village chooses, speed limit enforcement needs to be addressed and commented on traffic traveling at high speeds through the Village.

- A speaker who has lived in the Village stated that it is reassuring to know that law enforcement is available in the community. The speaker referenced previous experiences living in places where law enforcement was not always available and stated that the County appears to be working for the Village and that the services are worth the cost.

Recommended by President Schulte, so moved by Stanfield, second by Schoenborn to Close the public hearing for the Law Enforcement Services Agreement and possible Re-Establishment of the Webberville Police Department at 618pm. Ayes: Hurley, McEwan, Schoenborn, Stanfield, Schulte. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment
None

President Comment
Appreciates everyone for showing up and coming in for this meeting.

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

REPORTS:
1. **Zoning Report- Jacob Vanboxel –** There have been updates to administrative documents, including the zoning compliance permit, pre-application process, and development guide. Code enforcement updates included work on two ongoing issues involving a sidewalk and a property with junk and junk vehicles. Several new permits were received, including a site plan review for the Aldi solar project and a second meeting to review a special use permit for an industrial facility in the Industrial District.
2**. Attorney Report – Scott Gould-** No Reports
3. **Engineer Report –** No Reports
4. **Advocate Report – Lana Stanfield –** Reported that Tom Coe was named Citizen of the Year and received an award. Smart911 information was included in the meeting packet. Smart911 is a free service that allows residents to provide information that may be helpful to 911 responders. The Village plans to make information about the service available online and at the Village Office counter.

Engine Brake Ordinance
Recommend by Schulte, so moved by McEwan, second by Schoenborn to approve the Engine Brake Ordinance as amended. Ayes: Hurley, McEwan, Schoenborn, Stanfield, Schulte. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement Services Agreement and possible Re-Establishment of the Webberville Police Department

a. **Resolution 2026-17: Non-Renewal of the Law Enforcement Services Agreement with Ingham County**

b. Resolution 2026-18: Intent of the Village of Webberville to Re-Establish the Webberville Police Department and Directing Preparation of a Transition and Implementation Plan

President Schulte presented information regarding the current Law Enforcement Services Agreement with Ingham County and the possibility of re-establishing the Webberville Police Department. The presentation included a review of the current and previous agreements, the cost of the County contract, and projected first-year and ongoing costs of operating a Village police department. Information was also provided regarding surrounding communities with their own police departments. President Schulte reported that the feasibility review has been completed and discussed the proposed transition and implementation process, including a potential target of full operation by June. Discussion also addressed the potential for the Village to handle additional ordinance enforcement, retain ticketing revenue, and explore partnerships with other communities or the school.

Public Comment

- A resident asked about improvements to Gramer Road. President Schulte stated that the project remains on the Village's list of projects.
- A speaker raised concerns regarding the Village's budget, cost of living, legal and administrative expenses, and the potential costs and responsibilities associated with establishing a Village police department. Questions included vehicle needs, officer availability, staffing, professionalism, training, turnover, and potential liability.
- A resident asked whether temporary speed bumps could be considered for Pardee Road. President Schulte discussed maintenance concerns and stated that the Board could consider the option. Discussion also included staffing and turnover experienced by the Village's former police department.
- Residents questioned whether the current County contract could be negotiated, including the proposed 8% increase, and asked what other options would be available if the contract were not renewed. Comments also addressed supervision, accountability, and the responsibilities the Village would assume by operating its own department.
- A speaker discussed the familiarity and presence of the Ingham County Sheriff's Office in the Village and raised questions regarding response availability, staffing, school safety, and whether a new Village department would provide the same level of service and community familiarity. Another speaker suggested exploring a potential arrangement with Williamston and asked that the Village continue its due diligence regarding available options.
- Additional comments addressed the possibility of increased administrative responsibilities, potential lawsuits, and the importance of considering the long-term costs of operating a Village police department.

Council Discussion

Council discussed the current County contract, the projected costs and responsibilities associated with establishing a Village police department, staffing and turnover, accountability, liability, mutual aid, response availability, potential alternatives, and the impact on the Village budget. Discussion also included the proposed contract increase, the possibility of extending the current contract, potential contributions from other entities, and the support services provided by the Ingham County Sheriff’s Office.

Recommend by Schulte, so moved by Stanfield, second by Schoenborn to approve tabling the Law Enforcement Services Agreement and possible Re-Establishment of the Webberville Police Department Resolution 2026-17 and Resolution 2026-18. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-19: Establishing Revised Planning and Zoning Review Fees
Recommend by Schulte, so moved by Stanfield, second by Schoenborn to approve Resolution 2026-19: Establishing Revised Planning and Zoning Review Fees as presented. Ayes: Hurley, McEwan, Schoenborn, Stanfield, Schulte. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Special Event Permit: Homecoming Parade 2026
Recommend by Schulte, so moved by Stanfield, second by Schoenborn to approve the special event permit for the homecoming parade on October 9, 2026, as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Aldi Site Plan Review
Recommend by Schulte, so moved by Stanfield, second by Schoenborn to approve the Aldi Site Plan Review as presented. Ayes: Hurley, McEwan, Schoenborn, Stanfield, Schulte. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Special Event Permit: Tootsie Roll Drive
Recommend by Schulte, so moved by Stanfield, second by Schoenborn to approve the special event permit for the tootsie roll drive from October 9-10th, 2026, as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment
A resident commended the DPW for there work clearing branches following the recent storm. Another resident reminded Council that it was not many years ago that the County had considered reducing law enforcement coverage in the Village to 40 hours. A resident also spoke regarding an opening at the Trustee level, stating that they had been informed there may be a vacancy, expressed concern regarding the matter, and stated that the comments from the Board were appreciated.

President Comment
The President thanked everyone who took the time to attend the meeting, noting that the Village does not often have an audience. The President stated that the comments and feedback received were appreciated.

Council Comment
None

Adjourn
Motion by Schoenborn, second by McEwan to adjourn the meeting at 752pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried

Jessica Kuch
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Clerk/Treasurer