

**WELDON TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 12, 2016  
MINUTES  
Tuesday  
7:00PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**TIME: 7:00 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Board**

**Ron Hitesman, Supervisor X Carrie Aldrich Clerk X ; Sheryl Baker, Treasurer X ; Sue Meredith, Trustee X ; Gary Stevens, Trustee X .**

**GUESTS: Gary Sauer, Sally Bobek, Chris Bobek, Fran Griffin, Ron Evitts**

**CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Clerk requests to add \$9.80 to the bills, for a reimbursement for stamps. R. Hitesman moves to approve the request, G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

**MINUTES OF DECEMBER BOARD MEETING: G. Stevens moves to accept Minutes, S. Baker seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer presents report. G. Stevens moves to accept treasurer's report as presented, C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

**GUEST/ PUBLIC INPUT (up to 5 minutes per guest)**

**Gary Sauer reports the Board of Commissioners has voted for Chairman and Vice Chairman, Roger Griner and Frank Walterhouse. Meeting times are the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Cory's Big Dog Towing has closed on Bud's in Honor. Brownfield has the development plan in hand.**

**Ron Evitts' position on Brownfield Board is up in April. He asks if someone local would consider serving on the board.**

**REPORTS:**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Craig Meredith presents administrator's report. He met with Steve Cox regarding a nonconforming lot. Steve is working with Brian Bury to obtain his permit. There has been discussion of the sale of the campground and what would be involved with purchasing that.**

**JPC: S. Meredith reports Capital Improvements Plan is being put together, as well as the action plan. The Committee will discuss the campground with Dick Figura,**

regarding obtaining a special use permit. Regarding the retail area at the Crystal Mountain Inn project, in the PUD plan, there will be a specialty store selling meats, wines, breads, etc.

**BUDGET:** C. Aldrich presents the budget report. Clerk has met with Amanda Ferwerda, of Baird, Cotter and Bishop, P.C., regarding overages. Amanda suggests the board either make a resolution at the end of the fiscal year to correct the budget or make a resolution to amend the budget each time there is an overage.

**INVESTMENT REPORT:** S. Meredith has met with President of Honor Bank, who has offered .50 interest rate for 18 months, for \$100,000 to \$150,000.

**SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:**

R. Hitesman has met with two security companies and received quotes, from EPS in Traverse City and EDT, a national company. Both quotes are presented and discussed. Board asks that R. Hitesman meet again with companies regarding camera coverage for side door entrance. R. Hitesman will also contact Fortress Security, a local company.

Benzie County Veterans Affairs Committee is working on a Veterans Park behind Case & Watson's in Benzonia. They are selling different items in the park, which Weldon could have name placement on if they purchased one. Discussion.

R. Hitesman met with a member of Bauckham & Sparks, and asked them to send him a sample of a citation book. They sent an entire citation book and a bill of \$22.52. Discussion.

**CLERK COMMENTS:**

C. Aldrich, Rob Aldrich and Dave Kane met and transferred weldontwp.org website to Weldon Township's control. D. Kane is currently the administrator. Website Host contract suggested by Dave Kane presented. Discussion. C. Aldrich will check with township insurance company regarding Permissions and Releases clause.

Clerk has discussed Social Security question with Cindy Davis at MTA. Township needs to change pension amount to reflect work done by liquor inspector and board member's work with JPC, as social security should not be taken out of those paychecks, as well.

Clerk discusses Department of Treasury letter regarding 945 yearly filing for 2011, 2014. Clerk will respond to Department of Treasury regarding those years.

MTA offers two webinars for Cemetery Management, \$95 total cost. The clerk and Sally Bobek would like to take those webinars together, to gather information about cemetery management. Discussion. S. Baker moves to allow clerk to purchase the two webinars for \$95, R. Hitesman seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

Clerk informs board the forms for reelection are available in her office.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Discussion of list of suggestions for Capital Improvement Plan to be presented to the Joint Planning Commission.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**C. Meredith reports Craig Johnson from EMS announced at Village meeting that February 11<sup>th</sup> at Village Hall there will be a community CPR class free of charge. It will take approx. 3 ½ hours and will be from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

**C. Meredith suggests the Township check with American Waste regarding Weldon Cleanup Day. Don Suchocki has resigned, and American Waste has not been open the last few weeks.**

**CURRENT BILLS:**

**G. Stevens moves to pay the bills, R. Hitesman seconds. All ayes, motion passed. G. Stevens questions per diem to R. Hitesman. Clerk will check with MTA to clear up per diem question.**

Township Board	\$2605.69
Carol Merrill	1120.00
Craig Meredith, Snowplowing	30.00
AcenTek	131.46
AFLAC November 2015	286.05
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Bauckham, Sparks	22.52
VISA	384.55
Julie Lonn – Cleaning	12.50
Blarney Castle	276.21
United States Treasury, FUTA	2.76
United States Treasury, Form 941	1912.65
Michigan Department of Treasury	487.25
Chris Bobek, per diem and mileage	233.83
Ron Hitesman, per diem Ordinance Seminar	45.00
Accident Fund	879.00
Baird, Cotter & Bishop, P.C.	285.00
Sheryl Baker, stamps reimbursement	9.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,010.32</b>

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**MTA Seminar Strategic Planning, Meeting Township Needs, Battle Creek, MI on March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

**MTA Official Notice of Educational Conference, January 20-22, 2016.**

**Betsie Valley District Library Board Meeting Minutes.**

**Benzie County Planning Commission and Master Plan Update Committee, Transportation Focus Group January 20, 2016.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: R. Evitts reports local MTA group met regarding broadband. Weldon was not contacted, and will contact Jim Sheets to be put on contact list. Regarding Hayes Road, a resident complained about a section being made seasonal. Discussion. R. Hitesman will attend road commission meeting Wednesday morning. R. Evitts suggests board look into cost center budget versus line item budget. Clerk will ask accountant.**

**ADJOURNMENT: G. Stevens moves to adjourn, C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

**TIME 8:31 P.M.**