

**WELDON TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 12, 2016  
PROPOSED MINUTES  
Thursday  
7:00PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**TIME: 7:00 P.M.**

**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: Chris Bobek, Sally Bobek, Fran Griffin, Mark Walter, Shelley Green, Robert Aldrich, Craig Meredith**

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

**Sally Bobek discusses cleaning up cemetery plot at Weldon Cemetery. Discussion. Cemetery caretaker will clean area.**

**Mark Walter speaks regarding campaign for 101<sup>st</sup> District Representative.**

**CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: C. Aldrich would like to add four bills to the agenda, Dave Kane \$60 for website work, Cherryland Electric \$60.67, Electric Systems AutoMark Insurance \$31.60, Honor Bank CD \$150,000. S. Baker moves to approve the agenda, with the amended changes to bills, G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

**MINUTES OF MARCH BOARD MEETING: R. Hitesman moves to approve Minutes of the March Board Meeting, S. Baker seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH BUDGET MEETING: R. Hitesman moves to approve Minutes of March Budget Meeting, C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT: S. Baker presents Treasurer's Report. G. Stevens moves to accept Treasurer's Report, C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

**REPORTS:**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: C. Meredith presents Zoning Administrator's Report. N. Ling has requested information regarding setbacks at Crystal Mountain. A. Pawloski has requested a Special Use Permit. Steve Cox has contacted zoning administrator regarding a temporary address for permits he needs to obtain. BCRC will be replacing culverts on Haze Road. Residents affected will use Betsie River Campground during closure of Haze Road. R. Hitesman and C. Meredith met with Tom Frost from Production Industries. He would like Weldon to hold on any action regarding Production**

**Industries for the time being. Mr. Josue Arguella has received a LUP for a storage shed on Third Street. Make-A-Wish Foundation has contacted Mr. Meredith regarding putting a pool and deck in. A SUP has been granted to Village of Thompsonville to fence in parts of the airport. C. Meredith presents a list of all of the Zoning Decisions for June 2015 through March 2016. He was contacted by Crystal Mountain, and they have enough spaces to accommodate broadband towers, with no new towers needing to be erected.**

**JPC: S. Meredith presents JPC Report. D. Casey presented an application for Retail/Outdoor/Gun Shop store for a C-1 zoned site. JPC will have a special meeting April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to review application. B. Childs presented brief overview of project for Betsie River Campground. JPC discussed cleanup days regarding Colfax and Weldon Township. They will be using Gallagher Road and Industrial Drive. Weldon's representative Don Suchocki's term expired March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016. He is willing to stay on as Weldon's representative to the JPC.**

**BUDGET: C. Aldrich presents Budget Report. No concerns to report.**

**INVESTMENT REPORT: C. Aldrich presents investment report. Investment check will be sent after meeting, to be invested in Honor Bank CD.**

**NUISANCE ABATEMENT OFFICER: C. Bobek reports regarding 2676 Weldon Road. Certified mail was sent and received, advising of 30 days to show improvement to the property. C. Bobek presents list of properties of interest for nuisance, for the board's review. Discussion. Clerk reads Minutes into the record from September 2015. Discussion. R. Hitesman suggests forming a committee to re-evaluate and come up with suggestions on zoning. Discussion. R. Hitesman concludes that Board will wait for a complaint from the public before moving forward with action from the nuisance abatement officer. S. Meredith again suggests a committee to review ordinances.**

#### **SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:**

**R. Hitesman reports on April 5<sup>th</sup> broadband meeting in Frankfort. Crystal Mountain has been contacted by a vendor regarding renting space for a broadband tower. That company contacted R. Hitesman regarding putting a broadband relay station on top of the water tower. That is the Village of Thompsonville's decision. Discussion.**

**R. Hitesman discusses bid from American Waste Contract for Cleanup Day May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Discussion. R. Hitesman moves to accept American Waste's bid for \$43.00 per yard for compacted yard waste, for the cleanup day. C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

**R. Hitesman discusses Fortress Security's system at the township hall. Jim Evans, from Fortress Security, would like to have a special meeting with the board to set up each board member's individual security code and discuss system. Discussion regarding notice of special meetings. Discussion of Open Meetings Act. No special meeting date will be set.**

**CLERK COMMENTS:**

**An audit date has been set for July 20, 21, 2016, with Baird, Cotter & Bishop, P.C.**

**Benzie County Road Commission submitted a brining quote. Discussion regarding road changes and charges. R. Hitesman will discuss potential changes with the county road commission. R. Hitesman moves to allow Benzie County Road Commission to brine roads in Weldon Township for \$497.50/mile. C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

**Weldon Township has received invoice for Planning and Zoning News renewal for \$300. Discussion. R. Hitesman moves to pay invoice to Planning and Zoning Center renewal for \$300, S. Baker seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

**Met with Michael Morin from MI PAR Plan. He has sent suggested changes for township, a sample Park Rules Ordinance, Sample Township Cemetery Ordinance, and a Sample Employee Manual. Discussion regarding suggested changes. Clerk will contact Mr. Figura regarding contract employees and taxes. Discussion regarding insurance for contract employees.**

**Discussion regarding fire safety inspection by Michael MacGirr and fire extinguisher inspection.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Production Industries Industrial facilities tax exemption discussion with Tom Frost, Ron Hitesman and Craig Meredith. Nothing is to be done at this time.**

**American Waste to do Recycling Cleanup day May 21<sup>st</sup> 9-1 p.m.**

**S. Meredith asks if zoning ordinance can be put on website. Clerk will notify Dave Kane of request.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**R. Hitesman moves that Don Suchocki be reappointed to JPC as Weldon Township's representative for a three-year term, until March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

**S. Baker would like to attend June 7-9 MTA Up North Summit in Harris, Michigan. Discussion. S. Meredith would like to go, as well. S. Baker points out board members would have to go up on the 6<sup>th</sup> and rent a room for the evenings of June 6-8. G. Stevens moves that R. Hitesman, S. Meredith and S. Baker will attend Up North Summit on June 7-9, 2016. C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed. Board will discuss again who will attend at the May 2016 board meeting.**

Before summer tax season starts in June, S. Baker needs to get Dot Net computer software updated for the tax program. Discussion. S. Baker will contact Dot Net about upgrading before June. She will also ask how many keys the township can obtain. C. Meredith would be interested in obtaining a key for JPC, as zoning administrator.

G. Stevens moves to pay current bills, R. Hitesman seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

**CURRENT BILLS:**

Sue Meredith, Gary Stevens, Budget Meeting Per Diem	90.00
Julie Lonn, Cleaning Services	12.50
Craig Meredith, Day Use Park, Snowplowing	165.00
Chris Bobek, Nuisance Abatement Officer	200.00
Richard Figura, PC	54.00
Northern Fire & Safety	92.00
VISA	696.20
The Pioneer Group	101.04
The Pioneer Group, yearly subscription	35.40
AFLAC	286.05
Transworld Network	10.36
AcenTek	129.78
Village of Thompsonville, water department	336.00
Ron Hitesman, Liquor Enforcement	500.00
State of Michigan	489.59
United Treasury Service	1733.57
Joint Planning Commission, yearly contribution	8594.55
Village of Thompsonville, Fire Department	30558.96
David Kane, website maintenance	60.00
Cherryland Electric	60.67
Election Systems & Software	31.60
Honor Bank, CD Investment	150,000.00
Carol Merrill, Assessor	1120.00
Township Board	<u>2105.69</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>197,462.96</b>

G. Stevens requests that R. Hitesman submit a liquor inspector report monthly, and that the report be added to the agenda. Discussion. Clerk will add Liquor Inspection Report to the Agenda each month.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**MI Department of Transportation Rural Transportation Planning Process survey information**

**Board of County Road Commissioners Meeting Minutes**

**Notice of Hearing – Electric Customers of Consumer Energy Company**

**Retirement party for Marlene Wood, Recycling Coordinator, April 22, 2016, 5:30 – 11:00 P.M. at PRA Hall. Information is posted in town hall.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: C. Bobek discusses logo contest for Weldon Township, with a prize of \$100. C. Bobek offers to distribute flyers and discuss contest with Benzie High School principal. C. Aldrich thanks him for his willingness to always step up and help at the township. Discussion. C. Aldrich moves that Weldon Township have a logo contest, open to Weldon Township students, with a cash prize of \$100 for the winner, and that Weldon Township reserves the right to reject or change the winning design, or any and all entries, submitted in the contest; R. Hitesman seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

**C. Meredith reports Kirk Davidson, from Crystal Mountain, has informed him Phase II is temporarily on hold. C. Meredith is working with Kirk and Jim McGinnis to prepare a letter for their financial institution to make sure they meet all of the requirements Weldon Township would require for them. C. Meredith has received one quote regarding the resealing at the Day Use Park, of the three requested. He has requested quotes from Scott Keeley, Craig Long from Nesson City and Griz's Sealing out of Mesick. He asks whether the township has insurance on the Day Use Park or if it is insured through the State of Michigan.**

**S. Bobek has been working with Eugene Allen to organize Music in the Park in the summer. It will be the last Monday in June, July and August. Discussion.**

**Mark Walter invites residents to look at his website, [markwalterformichigan.com](http://markwalterformichigan.com).**

**Discussion regarding Cleanup Day parking and logistics.**

**ADJOURNMENT: G. Stevens moves to adjourn, R. Hitesman seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

**TIME: 9:05 P.M.**