

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
May 10, 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: Carol Merrill, Fran Griffin, Chris Bobek, Gary Sauer

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: R. Hitesman moves to approve agenda; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

MINUTES OF APRIL BOARD MEETING: R. Hitesman moves to approve Minutes of April board meeting; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: S. Baker presents Treasurer's Report. CD has been purchased through Honor Bank, no statement has been received. S. Baker reports BS&A will set up .NET software Monday May 16 at 9:00 a.m. Discussion of Treasurer's Report heading. G. Stevens moves to approve Treasurer's Report; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

GUEST/ PUBLIC INPUT (up to 5 minutes per guest) G. Sauer reports on Board of Commissioner's meeting. Report on Veteran's Memorial. Honor Guard will be at the American Legion at noon on Memorial Day. Tire grant has been sent to Lansing. Village is hoping to get a trailer in Thompsonville for tire pickup. Discussion of Memorial dedication items township could purchase, board will discuss again at next meeting. Discussion of Broadband information. Broadband speaker will present information at next board meeting.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: C. Meredith presents Zoning Administrator report. He has been working with Crystal Mountain regarding The Inn, discussion of setbacks. C. Meredith will meet with Tim Abbott who bought tax-reverted property from the county, which he is selling on eBay to an individual named Tom Woodward from Flint. Clerk will send copy of Dirks' Special Use Permit to Home Specialists LLC. regarding a garage. C.

Meredith has received a permit for Steve Cox regarding putting in a pole barn. He has contacted Brian Bury. C. Meredith is also dealing with a trespass issue at King Road.

JPC: S. Meredith report JPC approved permit for Dave Casey, contingent on receiving an original copy of the application for a retail building. Flyers are ready for JPC Assistance Program for cleanup days for Weldon and Colfax Township. Discussion of housing development for affordable housing and workforce housing, presentations to be received within the next 60 days. Brian Childs has made an application for the campground. Discussion.

BUDGET: C. Aldrich presents budget report. There are no concerns. She is putting together reimbursement for the May 2016 election by the State. R. Hitesman moves to accept budget report, S. Baker seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

INVESTMENT REPORT: No interest, no statement has been received.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT REPORT: C. Bobek presents report. 6676 Weldon Road has seen much improvement. Property owner would be interested in participating in a beautification contest or award.

LIQUOR INSPECTION REPORT: R. Hitesman presents liquor inspection report for Mountain View MiniMart, Crystal Mountain Resort and Progressive Ventures. Discussion of Crystal Mountain training of employees regarding liquor sales.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: R. Hitesman reviews Service & Monitoring Contract with Fortress Security. Jim Evans recommends that a phone line be put into the lobby of the hall, so if the alarm is set up, Fortress Security can call the town hall and ask for a code number, in case the alarm has been mistakenly triggered. Discussion. Further discussion of location of code box. Clerk will contact Fortress Security to add longer time to turn off alarm upon entry, and inquiring whether the location of the code box can be moved.

R. Hitesman met with village council to discuss new contract for fire protection services. Discussion of contract language. G. Stevens moves to accept the contract for fire protection with the Village of Thompsonville, S. Baker seconds. Discussion of contract language and Headlee Rollback. Rollcall vote: Gary Stevens, yes; Sue Meredith, yes; Sheryl Baker, yes; Ron Hitesman, yes; Carrie Aldrich, yes. Motion passed.

CLERK COMMENTS:

C. Aldrich has sent two emails to Dick Figura inquiring as to taxes taken out for seasonal employees, and if the township could do that for contract employees, in lieu of them needing to provide their own indemnity insurance. Clerk will report again after Mr. Figura has replied.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

S. Baker discusses .Net Software quote. Discussion of cost of purchasing additional key for zoning administrator. S. Baker will ask company about cost for additional license to zoning administrator.

Up North Summit, no board members are able to attend.

C. Aldrich has received no submissions for the Weldon Township Logo Contest.

Regarding MI PAR Plan suggestions, R. Hitesman will have fire chief do fire inspection for the township. He has asked county road commission regarding cost of Swim At Your Own Risk signage. A 18 x 12” sign is available for \$28.00, 24 x 18” for \$45.85. R. Hitesman is going to contact Heller Signs for a quote. Discussion of sign verbiage. C. Meredith will check on state requirements for sign language. C. Aldrich will contact MI PAR Plan and ask him to come to next month’s meeting to answer questions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Benzie County Sheriff’s Department has submitted a Summer Patrol Contract for the township’s review. Discussion. G. Stevens moves to deny request for Summer Patrol Contract; S. Baker seconds. All ayes, motion passed. R. Hitesman will contact Sheriff’s Department to inform.

C. Aldrich discusses quotes for asphalt sealing and parking line marking for Day Use Park, as presented by Craig Meredith. Discussion. G. Stevens moves to accept the CNA Asphalt and Maintenance, by Craig Long, proposal, with the understanding he paints the handicap parking area in blue; C. Aldrich seconds. Roll call vote: R. Hitesman, yes; S. Meredith, yes; S. Baker, yes; G. Stevens, yes; C. Aldrich, yes. Motion passed.

CURRENT BILLS:

Julie Lonn, Cleaning Services	10.00
Craig Meredith, Day Use Park, Mowing, Water Bill	213.00
Chris Bobek, Nuisance Abatement Officer	200.00
VISA	251.60
AcenTek	128.38
David Kane, website maintenance	60.00
Gary Stevens, Cemetery Maintenance, Reimbursement	551.83
Fortress Security	3485.08
Cherryland Electric	57.62
Planning & Zoning News	300.00
Blarney Castle Oil Co.	403.95
Benzie County Clerk Dawn Olney	1.95
Carol Merrill, Assessor	1120.00
Township Board	<u>2105.69</u>
TOTAL	8884.10

G. Stevens moves to pay bills; S. Baker seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Application to obtain Real Estate for a Public Purpose. Discussion. Board does not wish to attempt to purchase property at this time.

MI Dept of Transportation Annual Rural and Tribal Elected Officials Meeting Discussion of Black Bridge being put back on State bridge list. R. Hitesman will attend meeting.

David E Wilson, CPA, letter of interest to do auditing for township

Board of County Road Commissioners Minutes March 24, 2016

Board of County Road Commissioners Minutes April 14, 2016

NW MI Housing Solutions Network, Understanding PILOTs: June 8 9-10:30 a.m. R. Hitesman will attend Traverse City program.

Forestry Assistance Program information from Kama Ross regarding Oak Wilt Prevention. Discussion of placing Oak Wilt information on website. C. Aldrich will contact website administrator.

Betsie Valley District Library Board Meeting Minutes March 8, 2016

Thank You Note from the Library. Discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: C. Bobek discusses important of continuing to push request for repair of Black Bridge. C. Merrill discusses important of posting oak wilt information. C. Meredith questions about details of Cleanup Day. Discussion. R. Hitesman will research and get back to him.

ADJOURNMENT: G. Stevens moves to adjourn; S. Baker seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

TIME: 9:03 PM