

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
June 14, 2016
PROPOSED 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: Michael Morin, Robert Aldrich, Hope Clifton, Dawn Olney, Carol Merrill, Chris Bobek, Sally Bobek, Fran Griffin

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: C. Aldrich asks one correspondence, one item of new business, and six Cleanup day bills be added to the agenda. S. Meredith moves to accept items on the agenda; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

MINUTES OF MAY BOARD MEETING: R. Hitesman moves to accept Minutes of May board meeting; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: S. Baker presents treasurer's report. G. Stevens moves to accept treasurer's report; S. Meredith seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

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

Michael Morin from MI PAR Plan speaks regarding suggestions for township. Discussion. He will email sample social media policy to township.

R. Hitesman reports on broadband information. Discussion.

Dawn Olney discusses running for re-election for Benzie County Clerk.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: C. Meredith presents zoning administrator's report. The Day Use Park parking lot has been painted and sealed. Craig Long did paint blue handicap lines. Dave Lemmien, regarding signing, has asked that Weldon put up No Overnight Camping signs at the park. R. Hitesman asks the board's permission to have a tree removed at the Day Use Park. C. Aldrich moves that supervisor contact Tim Moon regarding removing the tree, for a cost of under \$100; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

JPC: S. Meredith presents JPC report. She would like it noted for the record that all of Weldon Township's representatives were present at the meeting, as they always are, and she is very proud of that fact. R. Hitesman discusses Betsie River Campground discussion he had with the Department of Environmental Quality. Mr. Magee has a legitimate Betsie River Campground Permit, for 15 sites. Discussion.

BUDGET: C. Aldrich presents budget report. There are no concerns at this time.

INVESTMENT REPORT: None.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT REPORT: R. Hitesman reads in the Nuisance Abatement Report.

LIQUOR INSPECTION REPORT: R. Hitesman presents liquor inspection report. He inspected Beer and Brat Fest at Crystal Mountain, as well as Progressive Ventures at Crystal Mountain. He inspected the Mountain View MiniMart. No issues to report. He had a discussion with the new distillery at Manistee County. They may work with Crystal Mountain when they do their tips training program.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: R. Hitesman attended two meetings this month, one regarding PILOT Program and one regarding Michigan Department of Transportation Future of Michigan. Work is being done on 115 from Beulah to Frankfort. They will be taking out trees along 115. Road construction on Lindy Road will begin after the Fourth of July. R. Hitesman spoke with Fortress Security regarding key pad issue. He reads email from Jim Evans into the record. Discussion on amount of time to disable keypad. Clerk mentions alarm has not been set several times in the past week. Discussion of further training with Rebekah Lodge. R. Hitesman met with Mike MacGirr for a fire inspection audit. Mr. MacGirr suggests township have smoke detectors in every room. Mr. Moran says that is not necessary. Mr. MacGirr suggests mechanical room get cleaned out. Township needs boiler inspected. Cabinets need to be moved from in front of electrical panel. Township will need to purchase fire extinguisher signs. Township should post evacuation signs in the building. R. Hitesman got prices from Steve Heller and County Road Commission regarding signs for Day Use Park. One sign will say No Overnight Camping, one will say Swim At Own Risk. G. Stevens moves to purchase signs 18" x 12" through the County Road Commission; seconded by S. Baker. All ayes, motion passed. R. Hitesman reports Weldon Township Taxable Value. Frank Post, Benzie County Emergency Services Coordinator, has sent R. Hitesman an email stating Benzie County has 22,000 sand bags available, if the need arises. Discussion of letter regarding Patterson Road property, with fencing barring river access. They have until June 30th to remove encroachments, per County Road Commission. Tire pickup date is August 20th in Thompsonville. If more than ten tires are hauled at one time, it is a violation of the state law. Discussion.

CLERK COMMENTS: C. Aldrich requests new Minutes Book, discusses pricing. G. Stevens moves township purchase new Minutes Book with pages numbered, S. Baker

seconds. All ayes, motion passed. Mr. Figura has responded to township question regarding independent contractors versus yearly employees. Baird, Cotter and Bishop sent email regarding issue, as well. Discussion. Clerk will send W-4's to contractors to make them seasonal employees. R. Hitesman moves to make 1099 employees township employees, to have taxes taken from their wages, C. Aldrich seconds. Clerk takes roll call vote: Gary Stevens, abstain; Sue Meredith, aye; Ron Hitesman, yes; Sheryl Baker, yes; Carrie Aldrich, yes. Motion passes. Discussion of email from Fortress Security, regarding location of code box at township hall. Clerk would like to purchase flowers to flower boxes at township hall. No objections.

The electricity is out in half of the township hall, in the sockets. Discussion. R. Hitesman moves to contact an electrician to check and fix problem; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

Clerk requests that the back office in hall be made the supervisor's office. Documents in township should be solely under clerk's control, not kept in a shared office. Discussion of assessor's files staying on supervisor's office. Discussion of cleaning out office for supervisor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No entries have been received for the logo contest, and the time for entry has expired. Supervisor suggests putting an ad in the paper and open the contest up to any Weldon Township resident. G. Stevens suggests the deadline for submissions be August 1st.

Discussion of Veterans Memorial of Benzie County. S. Meredith will discuss purchasing a bench with JPC. Board will discuss again at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

MI Twp PAR Plan has sent Board of Director Election Ballot, for Glen Lile, Supervisor of East Bay Charter Township. R. Hitesman moves to support Glen Lile to represent Zone 3 in the Michigan PAR Plan Board of Directors Election, C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

June 2nd letter from Jim Sheets regarding Benzonia Township Broadband survey. Discussion of using MTA funds for printing copies.

Discussion of upcoming Benzie Area Community Services Showcase August 6, 2016. R. Hitesman moves that Weldon Township elects not to have a booth at the Benzie Area Community Showcase, seconded by G. Stevens. All ayes, motion passed.

C. Aldrich presents 2016 Reduction/Fraction 2016 Work Sheet, and L4029 for board's approval for supervisor and clerk to sign, which will allow Weldon Township to levy the maximum allowable millage rate for taxes. S. Baker moves to allow signatures for L4029, G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

Craig Meredith has been contacted by Ben Berney, from a communication tower company. He would like to put a tower in a one-mile circle, the center of which would be in the Weldon Township Cemetery. He believes the company is Verizon. He will be contacting the JPC and the township board to further discuss this matter.

R. Hitesman reports that Sue Meredith would like to attend a conference for cemetery management. S. Meredith is going to look into a webinar for the information. R. Hitesman moves to allow S. Meredith to attend to conference, if she would like to go; S. Baker seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

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

CURRENT BILLS:

Julie Lonn, Cleaning Services	10.00
Craig Meredith, Day Use Park, Mowing, Water Bill	284.90
Chris Bobek, Nuisance Abatement Officer	200.00
Benzie County Road Commission	3461.36
Michigan Election Resources	22.10
BS&A Software	7090.00
AFLAC May 2016	286.05
AFLAC June 2016	286.05
VISA	146.90
AcenTek	129.03
Cherryland Electric Co-Op	53.74
American Waste	2150.00
David Kane, website maintenance/yearly fee	360.00
Gary Stevens, Cemetery Maintenance	180.00
Michigan Township Association	1215.98
Blarney Castle Oil Co.	403.95
Ron Hitesman, Mileage Reimbursement	75.60
Weldon Cleanup Day	270.00
Carol Merrill, Assessor	1120.00
Township Board	<u>2105.69</u>
TOTAL	19,851.35

CORRESPONDENCE:

Board of County Road Commissioners Minutes April 28, 2016

Board of County Road Commissioners Minutes May 12, 2016

Board of County Commissioners Minutes May 26, 2016

Benzie County Road Commission re: Patterson Rd

Betsie Valley District Library Board Meeting Minutes April 12, 2016

Notice of Authorization by Benzie Conservation District regarding monitoring stations in the Betsie River.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Carol Merrill discusses Section 19 of Weldon Township, concerning property description concerns by residents. There are overlapping surveys, with no easy solution. She is willing to do research to figure out how the problem started. The township could do a Supervisor's Re-Plat, with the cost being above \$20,000, with the ultimate cost being \$30,- \$40,000. The township's concern would be if they were double taxing for the same piece of land. However, it is not the township's responsibility to clean up Section 19. The county surveyor is the only entity that has the right to reset the marker. Carol Merrill will talk to John Smendzuik, the county surveyor.

Chris Bobek speaks regarding the broadband being a good idea for the area. He feels the township should support it. Discussion.

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

TIME: 9:06 P.M.