

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING**

July 12, 2016

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: absent.

GUESTS: Chris Bobek, Sally Bobek, Fran Griffin, Kelly Long, Gary Sauer

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

Kelly Long announces she is running for Benzie County Treasurer. She is available after the meeting to answer any questions.

Gary Sauer reports the County Board of Commissioners has been working on their budgets. There are issues with health insurance that they're working on. Discussion of The Maples progress. Inspections have been done, everything went well. The fire marshal said "It looks like we have a strong possibility of getting this through." They are hoping for an occupancy permit to be approved.

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: C. Aldrich suggests adding three bills to the agenda, to be paid. Motion made by S. Meredith to accept agenda, with those additions; seconded by S. Baker. All ayes, motion passed.

MINUTES OF JUNE BOARD MEETING: S. Baker moves to accept the Minutes of the June board meeting; S. Meredith seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: S. Baker read the treasurer's report into the record. Discussion of delinquent property disbursement needing to be done. C. Aldrich moves to accept treasurer's report; R. Hitesman seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: C. Meredith presents Zoning Administrator's Report. There have been several inquiries for land use permits. He sent a violation notice to Michael Carpenter regarding his fence. He will tear it down and put up a proper fence. Doug Kagey has contacted zoning administrator about purchasing property owned by David Casey. He would like to move his salvage yard to the new property, which is an operation which would not be allowed in that area. Mr. Meredith incorrectly sent a violation notice to a gentleman on Gunn Road. He will be sending an apology, and R. Hitesman will speak with the homeowner. Tom Frost, from Production Industries, has informed Mr. Meredith they have closed on a building facility south of Traverse City, by Chums Corners. Mr. Frost said they are working with Mr. White to find something else to go into the property they were going to use in Weldon Township. Mr. Meredith is discussing Production Industries reseeding the area they cleared for their special use permit. Production Industries is not moving because of any fault with Weldon Township.

They found facilities that better met their needs in Traverse City, Michigan. Production Industries will be moving out of Frankfort, Michigan. Discussion of blowing sand by airport runway. Mr. Meredith will keep in touch and report further at the next meeting. Discussion of Kent Steven's property and letter pending from C. Meredith. The letter is to go out this week. Discussion. Mr. Meredith has contacted, emailed and left messages for Brian Bury regarding the Carmean Road, Betsie River access, which is closed off to canoers and kayakers. He is waiting for Mr. Bury to contact him for further discussion.

JPC: S. Meredith presents JPC report from July 7, 2016. All Weldon representatives were in attendance. Dave Casey found original application and gave to Shelley Greene. He is putting up siding. Mark Eidelson will come review issue on the Anderson Property, September 22, 2016, and he will also review the Master Plan. JPC is asking for an amendment to the zoning fee schedule, to add \$40 for a sign permit. Shelley Greene will get the township a new fee schedule, if approved. Joyfield Township Zoning Board would like to use the language from Section 8.25 and 8.26 from the Joint Ordinance regarding wind and communications. JPC asks that each entity vote on that request. R. Hitesman moves to approve \$40 for a sign permit for the JPC and add it to the current fee schedule; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed. S. Baker moves to allow Joyfield Township to use Section 8.25 and 8.26 from the joint ordinance regarding wind and communication for their zoning ordinance; C. Aldrich seconds. Discussion. All ayes, motion passed.

BUDGET: C. Aldrich presents budget report. There are no concerns. Township Audit is scheduled for July 20th and 21st. R. Hitesman moves to approve budget report; S. Baker seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT REPORT: Chris Bobek presents Nuisance Abatement Report. Mr. Magee has an event coming up on the 17th of July he will need a permit from the Township for. He talked to Mr. Magee about not having the music go too late at night. Discussion.

LIQUOR INSPECTION REPORT: R. Hitesman presents liquor inspection report. R. Hitesman inspected in June and on July 4th at Crystal Mountain. Discusses Crystal Mountain fireworks event and people bringing alcohol, and Crystal Mountain's attempts to discourage alcohol being brought to that event. Discussion. S. Baker moves to accept liquor inspection report as presented; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: R. Hitesman met with Crystal Mountain employees Barb Zimmerman and Tom Stevenson regarding broadband. Village of Thompsonville will deal with Colli (phonetic) about putting a receiver on their tower. Crystal Mountain will speak with different representatives for broadband to look at their options. They will keep R. Hitesman in the loop during the process. R. Hitesman met with Tim Moon to cut down trees at the Day Use Park. Mr. Moon advises selective cutting of aspen and poplar trees from the Day Use Park, as some of them are dead and will continue to deteriorate. Board of Review scheduled for July 19th, 4:00 p.m. Corrections of mutual mistakes of fact or clerical errors will be dealt with. Board has received a letter from the road commission Mr. Tom Watts and another gentleman on Patterson Road, where access has been stopped to the Benzie River. BCRC and Mr. Watts are in negotiations to decide how that issue will be resolved. Discussion. Our security company would like a phone to be placed in the front room, in case an employee of Weldon Township sets off the alarm. Discussion. C. Aldrich will inquire as to cost of additional phone line and report at next meeting. Signs

for Day Use Park should come soon. Discussion of Crystal Mountain broadband provider and Weldon input.

CLERK COMMENTS: C. Aldrich reports audit to be on July 20th and 21st, with S. Baker and C. Aldrich scheduled to work with the auditors. Public Accuracy Test has been scheduled for Friday, July 15th, at 5:30 p.m. It has been properly noticed. Election Inspector training has been scheduled for July 22, 2016, 3-5 and 6-8 at Benzie Government Center. Township clerks to do training, instead of Benzie County Clerk. Last month, the township lost electricity, in S. Baker's office. Electrician reported that an element burned out in a wall outlet, without flipping the breaker. The electrician advises having all outlets inspected, as well as the breakers in the breaker box. Discussion. Clerk's computer would not power up, so she took it to Dustin's Computer Repair, in Honor, Michigan. He said the power supply was going. A new power supply would be \$250-\$300, or he felt that clerk could spend twice that amount and get a new computer. Discussion. C. Aldrich moves to allow Paul Hunt, electrician, to check plugs and breakers at town hall; S. Baker seconds. All ayes, motion passed. Discussion of new computer for clerk. S. Baker moves that clerk should get a new computer. R. Hitesman asks that supervisor receive a computer for his office, as well. S. Baker amends her motion to provide a new computer for clerk and one for the supervisor, with a cap of \$1200, and have the treasurer's computer inspected; C. Aldrich seconds. Discussion. All ayes, motion passed. Clerk will buy an external hard drive to backup computer. S. Baker will donate a printer and monitor to the township. R. Hitesman moves that office equipment for supervisor's office be added to the agenda under New Business; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion of Veteran's Memorial of Benzie County, purchasing a memorial item by Weldon Township. S. Baker moves that Weldon Township donate a war date tile and stand; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

C. Aldrich has an update to Mark McGee's Application for Transient Activity Permit. Discussion. R. Hitesman moves to approve Application for Transient Activity Permit; S. Baker seconds. Discussion of liability insurance. R. Hitesman will contact Mr. McGee for further clarification. Application is tabled.

C. Aldrich presents Social Media Policy, Employee Manual, and Sample Park Rules Ordinance, as suggested by MI PAR Plan. To be discussed at August Regular Meeting.

C. Aldrich discusses Technical Assistance Planning grant proposal for cemetery, from Networks Northwest. Clerk will submit a grant application by July 31, 2016, with cost estimates for cemetery software, land clearing and well included. Discussion.

Discussion of MTA On The Road Training to be held October 26, 2016 at Crystal Mountain. C. Aldrich, S. Baker, S. Meredith and R. Hitesman would like to attend. Clerk will ask G. Stevens.

Discussion of what is needed to set up supervisor's office. Clerk will contact ACE Communications regarding possible phone system and cost. C. Aldrich moves to allow supervisor \$350 to finish outfitting his office with phone, chair and desk items; S. Baker seconds. All ayes, motion passed. Discussion of location of supervisor's office.

CURRENT BILLS:

Julie Lonn, 1 ¼ Cleaning of Twp Hall	12.50
David Kane, Monthly Website Maintenance	60.00
Gary Stevens, Cemetery Maintenance	90.00
Craig Meredith, Day Use Park, Twp Mowing	253.00
Chris Bobek, Nuisance Abatement Officer	200.00
Ron Hitesman, Reimbursements	20.10
Benzie County Treasurer, Printing Summer Taxes	3361.50
United States Treasury, Quarterly Taxes	1774.94
Michigan Dept. of Treasury, Quarterly Taxes	671.02
Transworld Network	16.90
AcenTek	125.60
Pioneer Group, Logo Contest	150.00
AFLAC, June Payment	286.05
VISA	107.65
Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk	1.65
Crystal Copies, Broadband Inserts	16.70
Tim Moon, Tree Removal	100.00
Paul Hunt, Golden Electric, Electric Wall Plug	52.00
Carrie Aldrich, Reimbursement Computer Repair	50.00
Cherryland Electric Co-Op	54.16
Ron Hitesman, Quarterly Liquor Inspector Payment	500.00
Carol Merrill, Assessor	1120.00
Board Salaries	<u>2105.69</u>
TOTAL	11129.46

C. Aldrich moves to pay the bills; R. Hitesman seconds. Discussion of postage for summer tax mailing paid from tax account, to be reimbursed from general checking. Discussion of tax bill from Benzie County Treasurer.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Benzie County Planning Commission Annual Report
Benzie County Road Commission Meeting Minutes June 9, 2016. Discussion of Lindy Road project. R. Hitesman to question about a guardrail for bridge.
DNR Forest Management Unit Information
Betsie Valley District Library Board Meeting Minutes May 10, 2016

PUBLIC COMMENT: S. Bobek reports on progress by Cemetery Committee. She asks the board authorize a township hall meeting for public input. R. Hitesman moves the township hold a public meeting scheduled for August 13, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed. Clerk will put a notice in the paper and notify the Record Patriot.

C. Bobek questions regarding air conditioning. He asks that ground faults be put in the bathrooms by the electrician.

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

TIME: 9:03 PM