

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING**

August 9, 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: Robert Aldrich, Fran Griffin, Chris Bobek, Sally Bobek, Norman Fred, Tracy Lord, Carol Merrill, Shelley Greene, Dawn MacGirr

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: C. Aldrich wishes to add a bill for an election worker to be paid for two hours of work, \$24.00. With that addition, G. Stevens moves to accept the Agenda, S. Baker seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

MINUTES OF JULY SPECIAL MEETING: S. Meredith moves to accept Minutes; seconded by G. Stevens. All ayes, motion passed.

MINUTES OF JULY BOARD MEETING: S. Baker moves to accept Minutes; seconded by R. Hitesman. 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.

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

Norman Fred discusses Boardman River Clean Sweep. He asks if Boardman River Clean Sweep can a trashcan at the Day Use Park, at their expense, from May to September. Discussion. He will contact Republic Waste to discuss taking care with the asphalt at the park. After one year, the Township will begin paying for trash pickup, if they wish to keep the trashcan at the park. If the township wishes to keep the trashcan there for the winter, they may do so at their own expense. G. Stevens moves to allow Boardman River Clean Sweep to place the trashcan at the Day Use Park; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

Rob Aldrich works for Iteris, and discusses a community garden proposal, to foster community and education of gardening skills. He will put up social media sites and invite others to participate. Members will donate a percentage of their produce to food shelters.

He wants to know if Weldon Township has property he could use for a community garden startup. Discussion.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Craig Meredith presents zoning administrator's report. One permit has been granted at Crystal Mountain to Matt Hartman for a garage. There has been much interest in two tax-reverted properties at Leisure Drive. An individual has inherited 55 acres in the area of Joyfield Road and Dair Mill, and will likely be building a house soon. He has been working with Sharon Black about property owned on Lindy Road, and the potential for putting in a dog kennel. Regarding the Day Use Park, there has been a great deal of litter left there. He picked up an envelope with an individual's address on it, among the trash. Discussion. C. Meredith will take the envelope to the DNR. He will meet with Frank Post of Benzie County Emergency Services regarding a pole that has been placed on the chairlift at Crystal Mountain. They should have applied to JPC prior to that being placed. Discussion.

JPC: S. Meredith reports on the Joint Planning Commission's meeting on August 4, 2016. They will be meeting with Mark Eidelson on September 22 to review the Master Plan and work on several amendments. Joyfield Township has received approval from all three entities to use sections of the ordinance for their ordinance. Eugene Allen has entered into a contract with an internet company to provide high speed internet service residents. An antenna will be added to the water tower. Doug Kagey asked about moving impound business to a property that is R3, not commercial. JPC will discuss further at September meeting. Tire collection day is August 20 at the Nordbeck building.

BUDGET: C. Aldrich presents budget report. No concerns. She has some questions for the auditors on how to make journal entry adjustments.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT REPORT: Chris Bobek presents nuisance abatement report. The campground violated their transient activity permit, playing noise much later than allowed, both nights. Discussion. R. Hitesman warns against giving Mark MacGee another permit. S. Meredith suggests sending him a certified letter prior to Labor Day informing him he may not have another large activity without a permit, or he will be issued a citation from the township. Discussion.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

R. Hitesman attending the Village of Thompsonville's board meeting, where they were discussing individuals being about late at night, driving repeatedly through parking lots, knocking on doors, going in people's yards. Mr. Allen is wondering if anyone is interested in establishing a neighborhood watch program. Mr. Allen has been working with the Weber Foundation regarding a village-wide cleanup. Mr. Hitesman will assist with talking to residents regarding cleanup. The Village discussed hiring two blight officers. He spoke with the road commission regarding guard rails on north side of Lindy Rd, by campground. The road commission will not be putting in guard rails. Discussion. R.

Hitesman will contact the road commission regarding how much it would cost for the township to put guard rails in.

CLERK COMMENTS:

Clerk and treasurer met with Baird, Cotter & Bishop for the audit. Clerk has questions about how to do the journal entries and will email BC&B for more information. The election went well, but one worker was sick. C. Aldrich will schedule at least five workers for the next election. C. Aldrich presents information from Acentek regarding having one call-in number for the township, and the caller can choose which individual they would wish to speak to, and the call would be routed to that office. Discussion. S. Baker moves to accept proposed phone bundle from Acentek; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed. C. Aldrich has heard noises in the ceiling and believes there is an animal in the building. She will call a pest control company. C. Aldrich asks if anything has changed on zoning administrator's W-2, as taxes will begin to be taken out for his work on Day Use Park.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Weldon Township received one entry for the logo contest. C. Aldrich moves that the applicant, Emma Pearl, be awarded the \$100 award for the contest; G. Stevens seconds. Clerk takes roll call vote: Gary Stevens, yes; Sue Meredith, yes; Ron Hitesman, yes; Carrie Aldrich, yes; Sheryl Baker, abstains. Motion passed.

Township board reviews social media policy as suggested by the Michigan PAR Plan. C. Aldrich moves to accept the social media policy as presented; S. Baker seconds. Discussion. All ayes, motion passed.

Township board reviews sample park rules ordinance, as supplied by Michigan Township Association. Discussion. G. Stevens moved to table park rules ordinance until a future date, if necessary; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

Township board reviews employee manual, as supplied by Michigan PAR Plan. Discussion. G. Stevens moved to table employee manual until a future date, if necessary; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

R. Hitesman discusses donating mechanical room supplies to Habitat for Humanity. Various items will be donated.

R. Hitesman moves to contact Tom Lipinski to repair carpet in main room; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

R. Hitesman reviews 911 Service Plan Amendment from the County Board of Commissioners. Discussion. R. Hitesman moves to allow the County to continue their 911 Service Plan for Weldon Township; S. Baker seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

Township board discusses 2nd Road Brining by Benzie County Road Commission. G. Stevens moves to allow a second brining; S. Meredith seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

Township board reviews Benzie County Road Commission 2016-2017 Budget/Road Projects sent to township. Discussion. R. Hitesman will contact road commission regarding Black Bridge on Haze Road.

Craig Meredith discusses special use permit for Production Industries from Weldon Township, which will expire August 16th. JPC's will expire in October. Production Industries will not be coming to Weldon Township. He recommends both entities contact Tom Frost regarding reseeding the property which they cleared. ATV's are riding out there, causing damage to the ground and possibly causing blowing sand issues. Clerk will send Mr. Frost a letter regarding this issue.

CURRENT BILLS:

Julie Lonn, 1 Cleaning of Twp Hall	10.00
David Kane, Monthly Website Maintenance	60.00
Gary Stevens, Cemetery Maintenance	90.00
Craig Meredith, Day Use Park, Twp Mowing	214.00
Election Workers	736.71
Carrie Aldrich, computer reimbursement	560.00
Chris Bobek, Nuisance Abatement Officer	200.00
BS&A Software, annual support fee	760.00
Ron Hitesman, Reimbursements	278.96
Weldon Township Tax Account	587.66
AcenTek	125.86
Pioneer Group, Logo Contest, Accuracy Test	166.94
City of Traverse City, HazMat Annual Fee	395.00
Transworld Network	16.90
AFLAC, August Payment	286.05
VISA	537.00
Paul Hunt, Golden Electric, Electric Work	200.00
Cherryland Electric Co-Op	58.78
Personnel Concepts	20.00
Election Source	245.00
Benzie County, Veterans Memorial	400.00
Board of Review	21.00
Dornbox Sign, Inc.	56.06
Carol Merrill, Assessor	1120.00
Board Salaries	<u>2105.69</u>
TOTAL	\$9,306.67

Sue Meredith questions whether township can legally donate to the Veterans Memorial. Clerk will contact MTA and withhold check at this time. With that noted, G. Stevens moves to approve the bills; R. Hitesman seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Board of County Road Commissioners Meeting Minutes June 23, 2016
Email regarding Spring 2016 Michigan Public Policy Survey (MPPS)
MSHDA Blight Information seeking proposals. Board discusses.
Betsie Valley District Library Board Meeting Minutes June 14, 2016

PUBLIC COMMENT: Carol Merrill reports on Section 19. She is still working on investigating the parcels. At this time, she has a 20-foot gap between two parcels in the northwest corner. She has gone through warranty deeds, and will now work on quit-claim deeds. She is confident no one is being overtaxed. She will keep the board informed.

Chris Bobek notes that the township chairs are in disrepair. Discussion.

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

TIME: 8:54 PM