

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
November 1, 2016
MINUTES
Tuesday**

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: Fran Griffin, Chris Bobek, Sally Bobek, Shelley Greene, Ron Evitts, Charles Saer, Robert Aldrich

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: C. Aldrich adds three bills to the Bills To Be Paid, on the Agenda. R. Hitesman moves to approve the agenda, with the bill changes; S. Meredith seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER BOARD MEETING: C. Aldrich moves to accept the Minutes of the October board meeting; S. Baker seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING: S. Baker moves to accept Minutes of Special Election Commission Meeting; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: S. Baker presents the Treasurer's Report. C. Aldrich moves to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; S. Meredith seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

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

Bill Kennis, Director of Benzie Bus, presents Annual Report. Discussion.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Zoning Administrator does not have a written report to present, as Weldon Township's meeting is before the Joint Planning Commission's this month. Weldon has had three Land Use Permits applied for this month. The first one is to Mark Griner, who was applying for a residential permit, for an addition on a commercial body shop. The second is for Andrew Knudsen in the Village of Thompsonville for a pole barn, assessor's use. The third is to Pine Grove Homes for a Mr. Touringo (phonetic), for a property on Nesson City Road, for a walk-out basement and 1900-square-foot home.

JPC: There is no Joint Planning Commission report, as the meeting will be held the upcoming Thursday.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: R. Hitesman presents the Liquor Inspection Report.

BUDGET: C. Aldrich presents the Budget Report.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT REPORT: Chris Bobek presents the Nuisance Abatement Report. There has been improvement on the Old King Road property, and he has received no new complaints. Discussion.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

R. Hitesman suggests having heat tape on roof before the winter. Discussion. He will contact Mr. Lipinski to have that done. An insurance representative, David Meachum, has contacted Mr. Hitesman and would like to give the township a quote on property insurance. Discussion. He will meet with Mr. Meachum this Thursday. Mr. Hitesman discusses that the board may need to consider medical marijuana and how it will affect Weldon Township in the future. Discussion. MTA training at Crystal Mountain was well-attended, with lots of good information. Mr. Hitesman personally thanks Sheryl Baker for everything she has done over the last four years as treasurer. Sheryl Baker says she is very thankful to be ending her time as treasurer, but it has been a pleasure working with the board. It has been an interesting learning experience. No one is running against Sally Bobek for the November General Election, and she will take over November 21st 2016.

CLERK COMMENTS:

C. Aldrich reports on the Ordinance Committee review of the Joint Planning Commission and whether Weldon would want to remain a member of the JPC. Both Tim and Dick Figura attended the review meeting and answered questions regarding cost of leaving the Joint Planning Commission, what the board would have to do to withdraw, and what processes they would need to put into place to go forward.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

C. Aldrich spoke with the Figura Law Firm. They will send a breakdown clarifying in plainer language the Civil Infraction Ordinance. Discussion. Civil Infraction Ordinance to be discussed next month.

C. Aldrich discussed the Transient Activities Ordinance with the Figuras at the Ordinance Review Committee meeting. The Figuras felt that a business operating in its normal course of business would not need a transient activities permit, including weddings and festivals conducted by that business. However, an event operated by individuals not associated with that business, yet on the business site, would need to apply for a transient activities permit.

An event conducted by a business, beyond their usual business plan, would need to apply for a transient activities permit.

NEW BUSINESS:

R. Hitesman presents an application for a firework permit by Crystal Mountain, for December 31, 2016. R. Hitesman moves to approve the application; S. Baker seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

S. Meredith presents a request for a Land Division Split, from Craig Meredith. Discussion of whether Weldon Township will continue handling land division splits. Discussion regarding the land division split presented by Dave Cauldon and George Beneshik (phonetic). R. Hitesman will meet with Assessor Carol Merrill to discuss who will do property splits in the future.

S. Meredith asks if we should have an exit audit of the tax account, as we will be getting a new treasure. This will protect the current treasurer and the new treasurer, moving forward, if there are any problems. R. Hitesman moves the township contact Baird, Cotter & Bishop to do an audit on the tax account, as there is a turnover of treasurers; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed. Discussion of swearing in of election officials after the November 8 2016 General Election. Discussion of oath requirements for the Joint Planning Commission.

CURRENT BILLS:

Cherryland Electric Co-Op	58.36
David Kane, Monthly Website Maintenance	60.00
Chris Bobek, Nuisance Abatement Officer	200.00
Craig Meredith, Day Use Park Maintenance	150.00
Craig Meredith, Township Lawn Care	50.00
AFLAC	286.05
Acentek	217.01
Carol Merrill, Assessor	1120.00
Board Salaries	<u>2105.69</u>
TOTAL	4247.11

C. Aldrich moves to pay the bills; R. Hitesman seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Northwest Continuum of Care, Invitation to attend Pledge to End Veteran Homelessness, by Michigan State Housing Development Authority and Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency

Betsie Valley District Library Operating Statement

Networks Northwest, Benzie County Master Plan

State of MI Dept. of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Survey

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sally Bobek can no longer be on the Board of Review if she serves as Weldon Township's Treasurer, so a new member of the Board of Review may be needed. Also, Sally Bobek is willing to continue looking for grants through a website available through her work. Discussion.

Ron Evitts reports there will be a Veterans Memorial Service November 11, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. behind Case & Watson in Benzonia, Michigan.

Shelley Greene discusses Civil Infraction Ordinance board is reviewing. The Joint Planning Commission is going to discuss adopting a Civil Infraction Ordinance.

Chris Bobek again discusses holiday decorations on the township hall. Discussion. Chris Bobek and Sue Meredith will be on a decorations committee. C. Aldrich moves to allow \$100 for purchasing decorations at the township hall; S. Baker seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

Rob Aldrich is looking for applicants for the community garden he hopes to open Spring 2017. Discussion. There is room for 10-15 families, he believes.

S. Greene questions whether the Joint Planning Commission will be involved or charged for any part of the exit audit. Discussion. They should not be.

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

TIME: 8:05 PM