

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
January 10, 2017**

**MINUTES
Tuesday
7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER:
TIME: 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE: **Board**
Ron Hitesman, Supervisor X Carrie Aldrich Clerk X ; Sally Bobek, Treasurer X ; Sue Meredith, Trustee X ; Gary Stevens, Trustee X .

GUESTS: Craig Meredith, Charles Kraus, Judith Kraus, Bruce Sharp, Becky Sharp, Fran Griffin, Dana Adsit, Melody Rust, Chris Bobek

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Clerk adds \$12.50 payment to the bills, adds MTA Expo to New Business, and returning deposit to Newbergs in New Business. R. Hitesman moves to approve changes to the agenda; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER BOARD MEETING: Discussion. G. Stevens moves to accept Minutes as presented; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: S. Bobek presents her treasurer's report. Discussion. C. Aldrich moves to accept treasurer's report as presented; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

GUEST/ PUBLIC INPUT (up to 5 minutes per guest) Chris Bobek will take down holiday decorations as soon as the weather improves.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: C. Meredith reports a Natural River violation by Mark Pellegrino for putting in steps, which was a DNR violation. There was a sign violation by Iron Fish Distillery, east of Stone Road. Spoke with R. Anderson and expected the sign to be down by now, but it's still up. There is a violation on King Road, by Paul Eno. There are some accessory use violations by Mr. Eno. Discussion.

JPC: S. Bobek reported for JPC. Kim and Luke Reynolds own Mountain Valley Motel, and wish to put in a campground. The area is not zoned for a campground, but JPC may amend ordinance, and sent a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds advising them of this. The Parks and Rec Commissioner from the State of Michigan attended the JPC meeting

and discussed putting in a motorcycle track, which would go through Weldon or Colfax. It would be on state land. They will come back in the future as plans progress. The JPC will meet Thursday to review the sign ordinance.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: R. Hitesman presents liquor inspection report. No violations were noted.

BUDGET: C. Aldrich has been struggling with Quickbooks and has no valid budget report to present at this time. Clerk has been working with Baird, Cotter & Bishop to resolve the issues. Clerk may need to upgrade Quickbooks program. Clerk has run the tax W-2's, but will need to doublecheck them.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: There has been no response to the Board of Review Ad in the Record Patriot, or the Ad looking for an assessor. Discussion. Clerk will continue to run the Board of Review Ad and Assessor Ad, and will put notice for assessor up at the courthouse on the community board. The JPC needs a member of the Weldon Board to be represented. Sally Bobek is interested in replacing Sue on the JPC Board as Weldon's representative. Robert Aldrich is interested in being an alternate on the JPC Board. Discussion. C. Aldrich moves to accept Sue Meredith's resignation from the JPC; G. Stevens seconds. Four ayes, Sue Meredith abstains, motion passed. R. Hitesman moves that Sally Bobek take the position of Weldon Township Board Member to the Joint Planning Commission, and Rob Aldrich be appointed as an alternate member to the JPC; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed. Sue Meredith notes Weldon Township has always had full representation on the board. S. Bobek reports Peg Minster is the Chairman of the Board, and Don Suchocki is the Vice President. MTA is having a workshop for Building Better Budgets, February 1st in Gaylord, which the supervisor would like to attend. Discussion. S. Bobek moves to allow supervisor to attend seminar in Gaylord for Building a Better Budget; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed. Discussion of statement by Henry Ford, "Coming Together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success." Discussion of making something like this statement a motto for Weldon Township. Discussion of having a township flag made to take to the annual conference.

CLERK COMMENTS: Clerk needs to file all year-end tax information online. W-2 information has been sent to the Social Security Administration. State of Michigan's website is down until January 17th for Sales, Use and Withholding, but the deadline is February 28th. Clerk is working on 1099's as the final part of the tax reporting process. Clerk found she was off on the third quarter 941 report, and needed to file a 941x, on which the township owed an extra \$40+. W-2's will be sent out soon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion of Civil Infractions Ordinance, and supplementary documents sent by Shelley Greene, from Colfax Township. Discussion. Board will table voting until next month.

Discussion of insurance through Michigan Townships PAR Plan. Adam Gandolfi, the insurance representative, would like to meet with the board to go over their insurance plan. Discussion. The board will hold a special meeting to discuss insurance on Monday, January 23, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. Clerk will post notice.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk discusses returning deposit to Newbergs for the baby shower they held at the town hall. They cleaned the hall up afterwards and took their garbage with them. S. Bobek moves to return their deposit; S. Meredith seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

Treasurer wishes to add deputy treasurer, Chris Jones, to bank signatory at Honor Bank, so she can sign checks in Sally Bobek's stead. Clerk does not wish to add her deputy clerk at this time. Discussion. C. Aldrich moves to add Chris Jones, the Deputy Treasurer, as a Signatory on the township accounts; R. Hitesman seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

Discussion of purchasing a laptop and case for the township treasurer. G. Stevens suggests to allow purchase of laptop computer for \$300 or less. Discussion of need for updated Office program for supervisor's computer. Treasurer will see if township can get another version of Dot.Net for supervisor under our current license.

Discussion of updating Capital Improvements Plan. Discussion of township using public broadband at town hall. Discussion of putting doorbell in at the town hall. Chris Bobek will plant plots for BACN in the Community Garden. Discussion of boiler inspection and safety valve repair. R. Hitesman moves to have the boiler safety valve fixed or replaced; S. Bobek seconds. All ayes, motion passed. R. Hitesman moves to replace the front door and frame at the township hall; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

Discussion of holding JPC Public Hearing for public input on Weldon staying in the Joint Planning Commission. Clerk will contact Mr. Figura regarding proper wording. The Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on January 26, 2017.

2017 Board of Review Training notice by the MTA, at Evergreen Resort in Cadillac for February 21st, 2017. Supervisor moves to have himself to attend, with the Board of Review Members, as well as one book; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

MTA Annual Expo in Lansing, April 2017. Supervisor and Clerk wish to go for one day, Sue Meredith and Sally Bobek wish to go for the three days. Discussion. Discussion of per diems for board members. Room and food costs will be reimbursed to Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer; Trustees receive a per diem for each day they attend a workshop. Mileage is also reimbursed.

The board discusses creating a township flag. Clerk will send Sue Meredith a copy of the township logo.

Discussion of Fire Department payment going through general checking before disbursement. County Treasurer has advised to pay fire department directly from tax account. Clerk and Treasurer will discuss delinquent tax payments to fire department with accountant and County Treasurer before disbursement. G. Stevens moves to pay the bills, minus the payment to the fire department; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

CURRENT BILLS:

Craig Meredith, snowplowing & Day Use Park	315.00
Dave Kane, Monthly Website Fee	60.00
Julie Lonn, Monthly Cleaning Fee	12.50
AcenTek	219.45
AFLAC	222.48
Cherryland Electric CoOp	48.62
Board of Review Salaries	21.00
MI Dept of Licensing, Heater Inspection	60.00
Dustin's Computer Repair	60.00
Personnel Concepts, OSHA Poster	12.92
Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk	356.24
Team BOB's Plumbing & Heating	631.00
Sally Bobek, Reimbursement	77.78
Ron Hitesman, Liquor Inspector	500.00
VISA	754.49
Village of Thompsonville Fire Department	9,179.39
United States Treasury, Quarterly Taxes	1,871.66
State of Michigan, SUW Quarterly Taxes	641.01
Carol Merrill, Assessor	1,120.00
Board Salaries	2,105.69
TOTAL	\$9,090.34

CORRESPONDENCE:

**Minutes of Benzie County Road Commissioners, November 16, 2016
Betsie Valley District Library Minutes and Operating Statement
Conservation Resource Alliance Newsletter
Thank you note from MacGirr Family**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

TIME: 8:30 PM