

2017-2018
WELDON TOWNSHIP
BUDGET HEARING PROPOSED MINUTES
March 14, 2017
6:30 p.m.

Ron Hitesman, Supervisor, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Ron Hitesman, Supervisor; Carrie Aldrich, Clerk; Sally Bobek, Treasurer; Sue Meredith, Trustee and Gary Stevens, Trustee

GUESTS: Chris Bobek, Craig Meredith, Fran Griffin, Becky Sharp, Rick Smith, Bruce Sharp, Mike Fruge', Charles Kraus, Judy Kraus, Catherine Fruge', Joe Bremer, Debra Franke, Michael Foust, Irene Dunham-Thayer, Shelley Greene, Stephanie Randolph, Scott Williams, Don Suchocki, Robert Aldrich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: S. Bobek moves to approve the agenda; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

Pay Schedule: Supervisor	\$8,000.00
Clerk	\$14,500.00
Treasurer	\$9,600.00
Trustees (2)	\$2,400.00 x 2
Per Diem (trustees)	\$100.00/mtg
Liquor Enforcement	\$2,200.00/yr
Election-Chair	\$15.00/hr
Election-Member	\$12.00/hr
Deputy Clerk	\$10.00/hr
Deputy Treasurer	\$10.00/hr
Nuisance Officer	\$200/month Apr-Oct

C. Aldrich moves continue using the Record Patriot as township's newspaper for notices; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed. (3:57)

C. Aldrich moves to charge \$1 per fax per page; R. Hitesman seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

C. Aldrich moves to charge \$1 per page for copies; S. Bobek seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

R. Hitesman moves the township board continue to meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

R. Hitesman moves to continue using Honor Bank as township's financial institution; S. Bobek seconds. S. Meredith abstains, all other board members vote aye, motion passed.

R. Hitesman moves to continue to retain Figura & Figura as the township attorney of record; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

C. Aldrich moves to pay no more than \$10 a parcel for a new assessor for the next fiscal year; S. Bobek seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

C. Aldrich discusses costs of cemetery care. C. Aldrich moves to pay \$150 per cutting for cemetery care; S. Bobek seconds. Gary Stevens abstains, rest of the board votes aye, motion passed.

Discussion of Betsie Valley District Library contribution in the amount of \$1500/year. G. Stevens moves to not pay the yearly contribution to the library; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

S. Meredith moves to allow mileage reimbursement of state standard of .535/mile; R. Hitesman seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

C. Aldrich moves to continue employing Baird, Cotter & Bishop, P.C. as the township auditors; R. Hitesman seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

G. Stevens moves to continue employing Craig Meredith to maintain town hall lawn care and plowing; C. Aldrich seconds. Discussion. Sue Meredith abstains, rest of the board votes aye, motion passed.

C. Aldrich moves to continue using David Kane for the township website maintenance at \$60/month; R. Hitesman seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

C. Aldrich moves to employ Julie Lonn as cleaning person for the township, at \$50/cleaning; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

C. Aldrich presents and discusses reports for Fund Revenue and Expenditures. Discussion.

R. Hitesman discusses JPC Annual Budget of \$18,700. Weldon's 71% is \$7,676.76, Colfax's portion is \$2,486.84, Village of Thompsonville's portion is \$648.74, with a rollover of \$7,887.66.

Discussion of pay schedule for board members.

C. Aldrich moves to pay the trustees \$200 per meeting, \$100 per diem; R. Hitesman seconds. Clerk takes a roll call vote: Ron Hitesman, yes; Sally Bobek, yes; Carrie Aldrich, yes; Sue Meredith, abstains; Gary Stevens, abstains. Motion passed.

Discussion regarding JPC having a Board of Appeals. Therefore, Weldon does not need to include it in their budget.

Discussion of median income listed by MTA for supervisor position. R. Hitesman discusses his role and duties in the township. Discussion. C. Aldrich moves to raise supervisor's salary to

\$8,000 per year; S. Bobek seconds. Clerk takes a roll call vote: Gary Stevens, yes; Sue Meredith, yes; Sally Bobek, yes; Carrie Aldrich, yes; Ron Hitesman, yes. Motion passed.

S. Bobek discusses treasurer's wage and the median income reported by the Michigan Township Association. Discussion. C. Aldrich moves to approve the Weldon Township Treasurer position to be paid at \$9,600 a year; R. Hitesman seconds. Clerk takes a roll call vote: Ron Hitesman, yes; Carrie Aldrich, yes; Sue Meredith, yes; Gary Stevens, yes; Sally Bobek, yes. Motion passed.

Clerk discusses clerk's pay scale and duties, as well as the median scale provided by the Michigan Township Association. Discussion. S. Bobek moves to raise the clerk's salary to \$14,500 a year; R. Hitesman seconds. Clerk takes a roll call vote: Gary Stevens, yes; Ron Hitesman, yes; Sue Meredith, yes; Sally Bobek, yes; Carrie Aldrich, yes. Motion passed.

Discussion of duties of chairman of the Board of Review.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: Rick Smith speaks regarding salary raises. He suggests getting a third-party to look at the raises. Discussion.

Joel Bremer speaks as an applicant to the Weldon Assessor position.

R. Aldrich speaks regarding board raises and when the last increases were. Discussion.

Discussion of library millage.

ADJOURNMENT: R. Hitesman moves to adjourn; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

TIME: 7:43 p.m.