

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
June 13, 2017
PROPOSED 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: Richard Figura, Fran Griffin, Becky and Bruce Sharp, Debra Franke, Hope Clifton, Mike Rademacher, Jessica Nuytten, Charles Kraus, Judith Kraus, Stephanie Randolph, Scott Williams, Ron Evitts, Gary Sauer, Kent Stevens

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: C. Aldrich requests to add two documents to the Correspondence. R. Hitesman moves to accept the Agenda, with that amendment; S. Bobek seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

MINUTES OF MAY BOARD MEETING: G. Stevens moves to accept the May Board Minutes; S. Meredith seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: S. Bobek presents the Treasurer's Report. Discussion. She reports the tax issue where taxes were applied to the wrong account has been resolved. C. Aldrich moves to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; R. Hitesman seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

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

Becky Sharp reads a statement into the record regarding her wish that Weldon Township remain in the Joint Planning Commission.

Mike Radepacher of GFA awards Weldon Township a Frisbee-golf net which they won at the MTA Conference. He speaks regarding Gordie-Frazier's services.

Ron Evitts reads a letter from Shelley Greene and Rob Evitts into the record, regarding participation in a joint legislative meeting between the three entities, Weldon Township, Colfax Township and the Village of Thompsonville. Discussion.

Rob Aldrich speaks regarding the Community Garden. Discussion.

Jessica Nuytten, Weldon Township Assessor, introduces herself to visitors and explains different aspects of assessing.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: R. Hitesman reads the zoning administrator's report into the record. Discussion.

JPC: S. Bobek speaks regarding the JPC June meeting. Because of a potential conflict of interest, Mr. Figura will be helping them find a different attorney. The sign ordinance is still being reviewed by Land Plan. Shelley Greene stepped down as secretary, and no one has come forward to replace her. They may need to hire a recording secretary. Discussion by C. Aldrich regarding the budget report they receive every month, and that they agreed she had not misrepresented any number to them at their budget meeting. They had misread the budget report and apologized.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT REPORT: Chris Bobek presents the Nuisance Abatement Report. 6676 Weldon has been cleaned up but has become cluttered again. Mr. Bobek sent a letter, and the property still looks bad. The property will be purchased by one of the tenants, and Mr. Bobek will follow up after that. If the owner doesn't clean up after a month of ownership, he will be issued a citation. Discussion. On 14400 Lindy, Mr. Bobek has sent a letter and spoken to owner, and he has been cleaning up. Owner will continue cleaning up, and Mr. Bobek will keep checking the situation. 9326 Old King Road has been an ongoing issue. Mr. Bobek spoke with homeowner and he has cleaned it up. A new complaint has been received on 14160 Lindy. The complainant wishes to remain anonymous. Mr. Bobek would like to send a letter regarding property owner required to clean up yard between highway and his workshop. If not cleaned up within 30 days, Mr. Bobek will issue a citation. Discussion. Mr. Hitesman confirms that a ticket will be issued if property is not cleaned up in 30 days after the receipt of the letter by the property owner.

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

BUDGET REPORT: C. Aldrich presents the Budget Report. Discussion of overages. Township can correct budget by the end of the fiscal year. Discussion. Clerk will contact Baird, Cotter & Bishop, P.C. regarding moving money forward to the budget to pay for a new furnace.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: S. Bobek presents the Fire Department Report from Michael MacGirr, up to April 30th. Mr. MacGirr says he will make the report available at least quarterly for the township's review. Discussion.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: R. Hitesman discusses Weldon putting a table up for the Thompsonville Summerfest. Discussion. Mr. Hitesman will purchase candy, Rob Aldrich will put together a Community Garden flyer. The township will have a suggestion box. Discussion of the AMAR review upcoming for the assessor. Assessor discusses process. Mr. Hitesman reads letter into the record from Peg Minster, regarding possible withdrawal from the Joint Planning Commission.

CLERK COMMENTS: C. Aldrich discusses the annual audit scheduled to begin June 22, 2017 by Baird, Cotter & Bishop, P.C. Discussion regarding Weldon's taxation value increase. The township does not need to publish Minute synopsis yet in the paper.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Review of boiler quotes received by township. Discussion. Sally Bobek moves the township purchase the Lochinvar NKC-110 boiler for \$9,994.54 from Nye Plumbing & Heating, Inc.; Sue Meredith seconds. Clerk takes roll call vote:

Sally Bobek, yes; Carrie Aldrich, yes; Ron Hitesman, yes; Sue Meredith, yes; Gary Stevens, yes. Motion passed. Discussion of tank size and selling oil back to Blarney Castle. Mr. Hitesman is going to report on prices on purchasing gas tanks next month.

Discussion of Greater Thompsonville Area Zoning Ordinance Adoption. The wrong ordinance number was re-adopted at the May board meeting. Township can wait to adopt next month.

Mr. Figura discusses Joint Planning Commission and the steps that need to be followed to withdraw. The board has had a public hearing regarding withdrawing, to receive public input. The board needs to make a Findings of Fact to support Motion to Withdraw from the Joint Planning Commission. The township is paid up regarding its debt to the Joint Planning Commission. If Weldon withdraws, they will need to form their own planning commission, adopt a zoning ordinance and a master plan. Weldon will need to pay for corrections to “make right” the documents which will need to be changed for the remaining members of the Joint Planning Commission. Then the township would enact a formal ordinance officially withdrawing from the Joint Planning Commission. Mr. Figura read the Findings of Fact into the record, titled Resolution of Intent to Withdraw from the Greater Thompsonville Joint Planning Commission. Discussion of Weldon’s cost of withdrawal from Joint Planning Commission. Discussion. Ron Hitesman moves to have Weldon Township continue within the Joint Planning Commission as it is now. He received no second. Discussion of having another meeting between the three entities. Discussion. C. Aldrich moves to adopt Resolution #06132017, Resolution of Intent to Withdraw From The Greater Thompsonville Joint Planning Commission; G. Stevens seconds. Clerk takes a roll call vote: Ron Hitesman, yes; Sue Meredith, yes; Sally Bobek, no; Carrie Aldrich, yes; Gary Stevens, yes. Motion passed with four yeses, one no. Ron Hitesman will set up a meeting with the four entities before the next board meeting.

Gary Sauer speaks regarding the Maples, which is now open. He discusses DAS, the Distributed Antenna System. CRA is attempting to limit the number of towers and locations. There will be a meeting to further discuss this matter. Discussion of The Maples mediation to resolve roofing issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of purchasing a state flag for Town Hall, both inside and out. Clerk will look into pricing for flags and flag poles.

Discussion of painting of town hall. Supervisor will get bids from painters for next month.

Discussion of upcoming MTA Fundamentals of Assessment & Taxation sessions. Board does not wish to attend at this time.

Discussion of Supervisor’s and Clerk’s Professional Development Retreat put on by MTA, with Trustee’s Development upcoming in August. Board will not have anyone attend at this time.

MTA is asking Weldon Township to adopt Principles of Township Government.

Discussion. S. Bobek moves to adopt Principles of Township Government; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

BILLS:

Craig Meredith, Day Use Park, Lawn Care, Water Bill	278.00
David Kane, Website Maintenance	60.00
Julie Lonn, Town Hall Cleaning	50.00
Gary Stevens, Cemetery Maintenance	300.00
Chris Bobek, Nuisance Abatement/April, May, June	600.00
AcenTek	219.51
AFLAC, May Payment	281.50
VISA	730.39
Richard Figura, P.C.	526.50
American Waste, Weldon Cleanup Day	2795.00
Rob Aldrich, reimbursement	35.99
Sally Bobek, reimbursement	89.32
Dustin's Computer Repair	45.00
Ron Hitesman, Quarterly Liquor Inspection Payment	500.00
MTA Yearly Dues	1233.30
Cherryland Electric Co-op	71.56
The Pioneer Group	212.00
Jessica Nuytten, Assessor	1120.00
Board Salaries	<u>3075.00</u>
TOTAL BILLS AMOUNT:	\$12,223.07

Gary Stevens moves to pay bills; Carrie Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed. Discussion that if the cemetery needs an additional cutting because of a lot of rain, Gary Stevens may cut more than once a month.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Review of letter from Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Review of Benzie County Road Commission Minutes April 27, 2017; May 11, 2017; May 25, 2017
Review of Betsie Valley District Library Minutes April 11, 2017
Review of MTA May 16, 2017 letter from G. Lawrence Merrill
Review of letter from Networks Northwest regarding RTF Program.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Gary Sauer questions whether the board votes aloud to pay the bills or if signing the bill approval page is enough.

Chuck Kraus asks about audit availability. Discussion.

ADJOURNMENT: Gary Stevens moves to adjourn; Sally Bobek seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

TIME: 9:18 PM