

**WELDON TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING**

**July 11, 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: Fran Griffin, Robert Aldrich, Rebecca Koteskey, Kent Stevens**

**CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Clerk adds two bills to the agenda, one from Dick Figura and one from Cherryland Electric, adds Assessor Policy to New Business, and Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes and Scrap Tire Collection to Correspondence. R. Hitesman moves to approve the Agenda as amended; S. Bobek seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

**MINUTES OF JUNE BOARD MEETING: R. Hitesman moves to accept the June Minutes as presented; S. Bobek seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL JUNE MEETING: R. Hitesman moves to accept the Special June Minutes as presented; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT: S. Bobek presents the treasurer's report. Discussion. S. Bobek discusses a payment for interest and penalties to Benzie County Treasurer of \$46.68 from the tax account, due to a payment recorded incorrectly last summer. R. Hitesman moves to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

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

**Rebecca Koteskey, of Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network, speaks regarding Invasive Species. Discussion. She presents two samples of Ordinances for the township's review. She leaves material regarding invasive species in the township hall.**

**Robert Aldrich questions how many sites are permitted at the Betsie River Campground. Discussion. The special use permit allows for 15 campsites at the campground. Discussion of community garden.**

**REPORTS:**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: C. Meredith presents Zoning Administrator's Report. Discussion of possible need for a Stop Work Order on an addition on Lindy Rd.**

**JPC: Joint Planning Commission did not meet in July 2017.**

**NUISANCE ABATEMENT REPORT: C. Bobek presents Nuisance Abatement Report. Discussion of 6667 Weldon Rd. property, 14400 Lindy Rd. property and 9326 Old King Road**

property. Discussion of fireworks being set off in the middle of the note. Mr. Bobek will investigate. Discussion of 14160 Lindy Rd. property. C. Bobek would like to issue a citation, as there are still many, many vehicles on the property. Mr. Steven's speaks regarding his special use permit. Discussion of language of Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. Clerk will attempt to locate the special use permit for that property for the board's review.

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

**Discussion.**

**BUDGET REPORT:** C. Aldrich presents Budget Report.

**SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:**

Discussion of email from Honor Bank regarding food pantry donations. Township has received one bid for painting the town hall. More bids will be requested, and painting will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Discussion of removing fuel tank and where to place propane tank. Board will look into removing pine tree behind township hall and putting the tank in its place. Discussion. R. Hitesman will contact Tim Moon to look at pine tree, and remove if necessary. Chris Bobek will look at ceiling in furnace room, which has mold on it. S. Bobek will take extra equipment in furnace room to ReStore. G. Stevens moves to continue using Blarney Castle for propane, renting the tank, and use money saved to remove pine tree behind town hall; S. Bobek seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

Discussion of Thompsonville Summerfest. Board will continue to have a booth in the future. S. Meredith and C. Aldrich will choose the candy next year. G. Stevens commends Robert Aldrich on the flyers created about the community garden. C. Meredith would like a mower with a rear bagger, to go between rows in community garden.

Discussion of Conservation Resource Alliance's Betsie River Survey. R. Hitesman reads portions of survey aloud. Discussion of Frisbee Disc Golf piece given to the township by Gordie Frasier & Associates. Township will donate to Village of Thompsonville if they would like it. R. Hitesman will contact Village.

**CLERK COMMENTS:**

Public Accuracy Test is July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Baird, Cotter & Bishop completed their audit. They told clerk everything looked good, but there has been no official report received yet. AMAR assessor audit was completed today. Jessica Nuytten has given a report on audit to the township, with suggested changes Township could comply with. C. Meredith suggests clerk contact Building Department to give J. Nuytten's contact information.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Discussion of Joint Planning Commission and suggested changes to discuss with the three entities. Board will meet with the three entities on Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Board members will discuss potential applicants for their own planning commission.

Clerk presents costs for new flag poles and flags. Discussion. G. Stevens moves to purchase a 25' flag pole with an outdoor Michigan flag, as well as an indoor Michigan flag and stand; S. Meredith seconds. Clerk takes roll call vote: Gary Stevens, yes; Sue Meredith, yes; Ron Hitesman, yes; Sally Bobek, yes; Carrie Aldrich, yes. Motion passed. Discussion of outdoor lighting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion of carpets and shades. Board will discuss after town hall has been painted.

Discussion of assessor policy as requested by assessor. C. Aldrich moves to accept the Weldon Township Assessor Availability Policy; S. Bobek seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

**BILLS:**

Craig Meredith, Day Use Park, Lawn Care, Water Bills	334.00
David Kane, Website Maintenance	60.00
Julie Lonn, Town Hall Cleaning	50.00
Gary Stevens, Cemetery Maintenance	300.00
Chris Bobek, Nuisance Abatement July	200.00
Ron Hitesman, reimbursements	26.60
Sue Meredith, Special Meeting Per Diem	150.00
Chris Jones, Deputy Treasurer/1 hour	10.00
Michigan Election Resources	94.69
Bayside Printing	90.35
Michelle Thompson, Benzie County Treasurer	3,415.50
Northern Fire & Safety	40.00
AcenTek	125.13
AFLAC, May Payment	281.50
Personnel Concepts	37.90
VISA	231.29
MI Dept of Treasury	759.78
United States Treasury	2,556.45
Benzie County Road Commission	3,453.15
Cherryland Electric Co-op	63.69
Figura Law Office	432.00
Jessica Nuytten, Assessor	1120.00
Board Salaries	<u>3075.00</u>
<b>TOTAL BILLS AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$15,675.74</b>

G. Stevens moves to pay the bills; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

MI Township Par Plan regarding dividend distribution.

Board of Commissioner Minutes dated June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

NW MI Housing Summit 2017, to be held October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Department of Natural Resources regarding ATV trails. Discussion.

Betsie Valley District Library May Meeting Minutes.

DEQ tire pickup July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** R. Hitesman moves to adjourn; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

**TIME:** 9:12 PM