

**WELDON TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING**

**August 15, 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: Gary Sauer, Irene Dunham-Thayer, Stephanie Randolph, Scott Williams, Fran Griffin, Ron Evitts, Chuck Saer, Erin Aldrich, Robert Aldrich, Adam Rood, Craig Meredith**

**CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: C. Aldrich suggests changing “Election Salaries” to “Board of Review Salaries” on Bills, adding MTA Workshops to New Business, and a DEQ Campground Construction Permit to Correspondence. G. Stevens moves to approve Agenda with those changes; S. Meredith seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

**MINUTES OF JULY ELECTION COMMISSION: R. Hitesman moves to accept Minutes of July Election Commission; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

**MINUTES OF JULY BOARD MEETING: G. Stevens asks that on the second page, top line, the word “note” be changed to “night.” With that correction, G. Stevens moves to accept the Minutes of July Board Meeting; R. Hitesman seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT: S. Bobek discusses personal property taxes over the last twenty years which have not been collected, in excess of \$20,000. She will begin collecting all past taxes possible, which letters made available by the Michigan Township Association. G. Stevens moves to accept Treasurer’s Report as presented; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

**GUEST/ PUBLIC INPUT (up to 5 minutes per guest) Gary Sauer reports on proposed changes being made to the county planning commission. He hopes the townships will have more representation in the future. The Maples had their inspection, and was cited for several items, including the roof. No waiver was required. Discussion. The Maples has gone through mediation regarding the roof, and will head into arbitration, as there was no settlement through mediation. Discussion of Veterans Memorial. \$1100 was donated at the**

opening ceremony. Discussion of Distributed Antennae System and township possibly needing an ordinance to regulate. Clerk will check with MTA regarding sample ordinances.

#### **REPORTS:**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:** C. Meredith presents Zoning Administrator's Report. Two LUP's were issued to Colfax, one to Weldon for a screened-in porch with a step. He is following up on several violations, one in Weldon in the Meadow Pines Subdivision. Discussion.

**JPC:** S. Bobek reports Shelley Greene will stay on the planning commission as secretary. The Joint Planning Commission is looking for a new attorney. They are still working on a zoning amendment regarding signage. S. Bobek suggested they wait on the ordinance to see what Weldon will do, but the board did not wish to wait. Discussion.

**NUISANCE ABATEMENT REPORT:** Chris Bobek presents his report. Discussion of 14160 Lindy Road property. The township has received another complaint regarding the property. Discussion. Supervisor will speak with landowner. If blight is not cleaned up by September 1<sup>st</sup>, the nuisance abatement officer will issue a citation. Discussion of property blight by owners who are separating. C. Bobek will stop by again to speak with homeowners and send them a letter.

**LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT:** R. Hitesman gives Liquor Inspection Report.

**BUDGET REPORT:** C. Aldrich presents budget report. Discussion.

**SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:** R. Hitesman discusses Networks Northwest Community Growth Grant. Clerk will submit grant for the cemetery.

Supervisor discusses water trail system article in Township Focus, in regards to the Betsie River.

Discussion of Upnorth Music Festival and the Twisted Trails Recreational Facility. Supervisor has asked Mr. Figura to draft an Injunctive Order prohibiting the festival from occurring in Weldon Township. Almira Township also wanted an Injunctive Order, so will split the cost of creating it with Weldon Township.

#### **CLERK COMMENTS:**

Clerk discusses need for new door mailboxes. Clerk discusses need to copy clerk on emails that should be part of the township record. Clerk contacted Blarney Castle, and discusses propane tank charges. Blarney Castle will buy back fuel oil, but the township needs to have the tank removed. The flag pole has arrived. Clerk will contact Mr. Lipinski about putting up the flag pole. Clerk needs to return state flag for a different size.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Board reviews and discusses painting quotes received. S. Bobek moves to accept Scott Kidder's quote, G. Stevens seconds. Clerk takes roll call vote: Gary Stevens, yes; Sue Meredith, yes; Ron Hitesman, yes; Carrie Aldrich, yes; Sally Bobek, yes. Motion passed.

Board discusses Ordinance Proposal. S. Bobek reports being disappointed on the Joint Planning Commission, Colfax and Village of Thompsonville meetings. Discussion. C. Aldrich states for the record that at any point going down the road, this process of leaving the Joint Planning Commission can be reversed, until it is final. She also was disappointed with the way Weldon's suggestions were received. G. Stevens moves to adopt Ordinance

08152017 to proceed to withdraw from the Joint Planning Commission, S. Bobek seconds. Discussion. R. Hitesman asks for a roll call vote for Ordinance 08152017 Ordinance For Withdrawal From the Greater Thompsonville Joint Planning Commission. Clerk takes roll call vote: Ron Hitesman, yes; Sue Meredith, yes; Gary Stevens, yes; Carrie Aldrich, yes; Sally Bobek, yes. Motion passed. Discussion of forming a planning commission and board of appeals. Clerk will post ad in the paper.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion of opportunity to respond to U.S. Census Bureau in preparation of their 2020 census. Board will let the county respond.

S. Bobek discusses Pension Beneficiary Forms to be filled out for Brighthouse Financial. Clerk will keep forms and send copies to Brighthouse Financial.

Clerk discusses cleaning out old records and having them destroyed by CDM Shredding.

S. Bobek discusses appropriate times for public comment at board meetings. Discussion.

Discussion of sample ordinances regarding terrestrial native species. Board will discuss at September meeting.

Clerk presents three upcoming workshops provided by MTA. Discussion.

**BILLS:**

Craig Meredith, Day Use Park, Lawn Care	250.00
David Kane, Website Maintenance	60.00
Julie Lonn, Town Hall Cleaning	50.00
Gary Stevens, Cemetery Maintenance	300.00
Chris Bobek, Nuisance Abatement August	200.00
Sue Meredith, Special Meeting Per Diem	100.00
Gary Stevens, Special Meeting Per Diem	100.00
Sally Bobek, Reimbursements	24.91
Baird, Cotter & Bishop, P.C.	3895.00
AcenTek	177.83
AFLAC, July Payment	281.50
MTA	150.00
VISA	96.78
Cherryland Electric Co-op	49.23
City of Traverse City	395.00
BS&A Annual Service Support Fee	767.00
Carrot-Top Industries, Inc.	245.25
Colfax Twp	190.13
Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk	8.40
The Pioneer Group	91.80
Board of Review	32.00
Election Salaries, August 8, 2017	740.25
Dick Figura, PC, review of Corr. w/ Treas. & Clerk	54.00
Jessica Nuytten, Assessor	1120.00
Board Salaries	<u>3075.00</u>
<b>TOTAL BILLS AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$12,463.08</b>

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Board of County Road Commissioners Minutes June 22, 2017**

**Board of County Road Commissioners Minutes July 13, 2017**

**Betsie Valley District Library July Meeting Minutes**

**DEQ Campground Construction Permit to Lucas and Kymberly Reynolds**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: C. Bobek discusses chairs available from A. Papanos in Thompsonville. R. Hitesman and C. Bobek will look at them and bring them to township if they like them.**

**C. Meredith discusses need for Transient Activity Permit for the Benzie Radio Control Flyers airshow. Discussion. C. Bobek will submit insurance information and an application to clerk.**

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

**TIME: 9:34 PM**