

**WELDON TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 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 absent.**

**GUESTS: Gary Sauer, Fran Griffin, Irene Dunham-Thayer,  
Gary Sauer speaks regarding the Brownfield and the EDC merging, Betsie Valley Trails dedication, Expert Fulfillment Company expansion, update on the Benzie County Board of Commissioners**

**CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: C. Aldrich wishes to add three bills to the Agenda: Tom Lipinski, \$45.44; Cherryland Electric, \$53.91; Gary Stevens, \$150.00. S. Bobek wishes to add JPC Ordinance to Old Business. C. Aldrich moves to approve Agenda with those changes; S. Bobek seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

**MINUTES OF AUGUST BOARD MEETING: R. Hitesman moves to accept the Minutes of the August board meeting; S. Bobek seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**S. Bobek presents Treasurer's Report. She discusses Honor Bank CD Renewal. Honor Bank has offered 1.5% interest for 17 months. C. Aldrich moves to renew CD with Honor Bank for 17 months at 1.5% interest; R. Hitesman seconds. Clerk takes roll call vote: Sue Meredith, yes; Ron Hitesman, yes; Carrie Aldrich, yes; Sally Bobek, yes; Gary Stevens is absent. Motion passed. S. Bobek discusses unpaid personal property taxes. She has sent out an initial letter. She will send out another letter this month. Payment plans are acceptable. R. Hitesman discusses audit.**

**GUEST/ PUBLIC INPUT (up to 5 minutes per guest) F. Griffin requests a copy of the Treasurer's Report be put out with the Minutes and Agenda.**

**REPORTS:**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: R. Hitesman presents Zoning Administrator's Report.**

**JPC: S. Bobek gives JPC Report. JPC reported they don't need to worry about Weldon withdrawing because it is going to be a very long process. Discussion. Discussion of Amended Sign Ordinance.**

**NUISANCE ABATEMENT REPORT: C. Bobek presents Nuisance Abatement Report. One ticket has been issued. Discussion. By September 20<sup>th</sup>, the ticket must be paid. If the property has not been cleaned up, the Nuisance Abatement Officer will issue another citation. Discussion of Weldon Road property that needs cleaning up. Property ownership is in dispute. Board will wait until spring to move forward on the blight issue.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Board discusses Fire Department Report.**

**BUDGET REPORT: C. Aldrich presents Budget Report. Discussion of unforeseen expenses and corrections that will need to be made to the budget. Discussion of cemetery expenses category.**

**SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:**

**Supervisor discusses exploration of township providing garbage pickup for residents. He has met with Matt Boilette (phon), from Republic Waste. Discussion of village garbage pickup, as part of the village not in Weldon Township. Mr. Boilette would be willing to discuss options at the next board meeting. Discussion. Mr. Hitesman will invite Mr. Boilette to discuss this idea at the October board meeting.**

**Supervisor discusses a meeting he attended with Ron Evitts and Eugene Allen regarding having a large dumpster in the village, and the three entities divide the cost. Mr. Allen feels the township could do more to help the village, such as paving a street or a road in the town. They'd like to discuss a five-year plan for down the road. Discussion of lawful expenses for the township. Clerk will research lawful expenses for Weldon Township.**

**Supervisor discusses email he received from the County Road Commission, regarding resurfacing Wolf Road Bridge. Discussion of poor condition of King Road Bridge, west of 669, and possibly going to the Local Roads Committee for help. Supervisor will attend next Road Commission meeting with Township's concerns regarding repairs that need to be done on King Road Bridge.**

**Supervisor discusses AMAR report. Township needs to make an adjustment regarding July Board of Review Minutes. Carol Merrill has helped clerk respond, and the issue should be resolved.**

**Discussion of tree removal behind township. Treetops Tree Service will remove tree for \$650. R. Hitesman moves to accept Treetops bid of \$650; S. Bobek seconds. Discussion. Clerk would like it noted that Treetops has reported that they are insured. Clerk takes roll call vote: Sue Meredith, yes; Ron Hitesman, yes; Carrie Aldrich, yes; Sally Bobek, yes; Gary Stevens, absent. Motion passed.**

**CLERK COMMENTS:**

**Clerk has received two letters of interest for Planning Commission and Board of Appeals openings. Discussion. She will post ad again in Record Patriot for the next two weeks.**

**Discussion of Resolution Adopting Greater Thompsonville Zoning Ordinance and Greater Thompsonville Area Master Plan, Resolution #09122017. S. Bobek moves to adopt Resolution #09122017, C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Discussion of sample ordinances regarding terrestrial native species. The board will not act on these ordinances at this time.**

**Discussion of MTA On The Road, Regional Meetings on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in Traverse City. Board members should let the clerk know if they wish to attend.**

**Discussion of proposed Amendment to the Sign Ordinance by Joint Planning Commission.**

**Discussion of ordinance language. Board feels constructing the language is the responsibility of the Joint Planning Commission. Board will discuss amendment at next meeting.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discussion of Benzie County Road Commission paving projects.**

**Discussion of proposed amendments by the Board of Commissioners to the Benzie County Planning Commission Ordinance.**

**Discussion of Weldon Township Planning Commission Ordinance, drafted by Mr. Figura. Tabled until October Agenda.**

**BILLS:**

<b>Craig Meredith, Day Use Park, Lawn Care</b>	<b>275.00</b>
<b>David Kane, Website Maintenance</b>	<b>60.00</b>
<b>Julie Lonn, Town Hall Cleaning</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Gary Stevens, Cemetery Maintenance</b>	<b>300.00</b>
<b>Chris Bobek, Nuisance Abatement August</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b>Chris Bobek, Reimbursements</b>	<b>19.77</b>
<b>AcenTek</b>	<b>182.91</b>
<b>AFLAC, August Payment</b>	<b>281.50</b>
<b>VISA</b>	<b>161.51</b>
<b>The Pioneer Group</b>	<b>218.20</b>
<b>United States Postal Service</b>	<b>48.00</b>
<b>Scott Kidder Painting Service</b>	<b>2850.00</b>
<b>Dick Figura, PC Planning Commission Work/Injunction</b>	<b>1215.00</b>
<b>Cherryland Electric</b>	<b>53.91</b>
<b>Tom Lipinski</b>	<b>45.44</b>
<b>Ron Hitesman, Liquor Inspection</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Jessica Nuytten, Assessor</b>	<b>1120.00</b>
<b>Board Salaries</b>	<b><u>3075.00</u></b>
<b>TOTAL BILLS AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$10,656.24</b>

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

**LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: R. Hitesman gives Liquor Inspector Report. Betsie Bistro had a problem with water damage and questioning of whether product could be sold or should be replaced. Issue was resolved.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Dept of Natural Resources Zoning Review Board Meeting Oct 3, 2017 @ 6:30 PM**

**MTA Seminars: Township Finances, Using Strategic Planning to Achieve Results**

**Northern Michigan Housing Summit 2017**

**Betsie Valley District Library Board Meeting Minutes July 11, 2017**

**Discussion of MMTA 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Conference October 8-11, 2017**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: C. Bobek questions cost of Weldon Spring Cleanup. Discussion of possibly having a fall cleanup this year. Discussion of closest place to take refuse. C. Aldrich moves that Weldon provide an October fall cleanup day, if American Waste is available; R. Hitesman seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

**C. Meredith questions Production Industries site on Weldon Road. Discussion. Clerk will send an email to Mr. Frost inviting him to a Joint Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Meredith is also having issues with C-1 Zoning and people putting sheds and additions on their units. Nonconforming uses cannot be enlarged. Discussion of a citation being prepared for Meadow Pines unit.**

**Discussion of tree being removed behind township hall. Mr. Moon looked at the tree and declared it healthy. Discussion of reversing motion, based on new information. Supervisor will contact a forester for a second opinion. C. Aldrich moves that, should the tree be diagnosed healthy by a forester, the board will not cut it down; S. Bobek seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

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

**TIME: 8:35 PM**