

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2017
MINUTES
Tuesday
7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

TIME: 7:04 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: Thomas Ullom, Gary Sauer, Charles Kraus, Timothy Figura, John Schorr, Casey Aldrich, Kent Stevens, Ron Evitts, Chad Hollenbeck, Fran Griffin

C. Kraus mentions that Crystal Mountain, Boyne Mountain and Boyne Highlands were featured in an article by the New York Times Travel Section.

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: C. Aldrich wishes to add two bills to the agenda, and that Tim Figura be placed on the Agenda to speak. R. Hitesman moves to approve Agenda as amended; S. Bobek seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING: S. Meredith wishes to amend November 2017 Minutes to show that she asked why John Schorr singled her out specifically. With that amendment, S. Meredith moves to approve the Minutes; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER SPECIAL MEETING: G. Stevens moves to approve Minutes; S. Bobek seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: S. Bobek presents Treasurer's Report. Discussion of Delinquent Personal Property Taxes. C. Aldrich moves to allow Treasurer to confer with the township attorney as to the best way to deal with these delinquencies; S. Meredith seconds. All ayes, motion passed. Discussion of Treasurer's Report. C. Aldrich moves to approve Treasurer's Report as presented; S. Meredith seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

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

John Schorr questions the amendment to the November 2017 Minutes. Discussion. Clerk will discuss with MTA the best practice for saving recordings of meetings, to be discussed at next meeting.

Gary Sauer reports there is a Hepatitis A outbreak downstate. Shots are available at the health department. Interviews for new EMS Director will happen December 13th, 2017. The Maples is at 95% occupancy, 74 residents. The Road Commission meets on the 19th for local road projects. This is the last year for the millage. They have been approached by several attorneys about filing a class action lawsuit for the opioids problem. Recycling is moving to smaller bins. The large bins are stored at Expert Fulfillment. Representative

Vanderwaal held a meeting to hear from local residents. His dates for appearances are available on his website.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Craig Meredith is in the hospital. His report was entered into the record.

JPC: S. Bobek discusses JPC meeting. While Mr. Meredith is recovering, the planning commission may ask the supervisors of the three entities to meet with the public regarding zoning administer work, when necessary.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT REPORT: R. Hitesman enters Nuisance Abatement Report into the record.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: R. Hitesman gives Liquor Inspector Report.

BUDGET REPORT: C. Aldrich presents Budget Report.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: Supervisor was unable to get the roofer to return his call regarding the roof repair. He spoke with Rick DaMore, who agreed to do the work for \$125. The roof repair was done. The board will wait until spring to see if there is further leaking before having the mechanical room ceiling repaired.

CLERK COMMENTS:

Clerk reports regarding December Board of Review meeting.

Timothy Figura speaks regarding the next steps for the Weldon Township Planning Commission, and leaving the Joint Planning Commission. He will email the board so they have the next steps in writing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The property at 14160 Lindy Road will go back in front of the judge on December 21st, 2017. Mr. Figura will attend the hearing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of Benzie County Road Commission's revised Township Funded Project Payment Policy.

Chad Hollenbeck, Operations Manager for the Benzie Bus, presents annual report. Discussion. He left copies of the annual report at the township hall.

Board reviews a Firework Permit for Crystal Mountain. G. Stevens moves to approve the permit; S. Bobek seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

Clerk discusses treat bags for Christmas Eve. The board will meet December 22nd at 1:00 pm at the township hall.

Discussion of a past nuisance complaint received from a resident from Crystal Mountain. Board discusses the process when a nuisance complaint is received by the board. In the future, when the complaint comes in, the Nuisance Officer will look at the property, take a picture if possible, and report to the board. He will not contact the property owner at this point. The Board will review the complaint and photo, and send the Nuisance Abatement Officer to talk to the property owner if they feel it is appropriate.

S. Bobek would like to have the Weldon Township Cemetery x-rayed. She feels it is a matter of respect to the residents buried there. There may be places that could be opened and used for burials. She will contact some companies that perform x-rays and report

back to the board with the costs. C. Aldrich would like to see a plaque put up at the cemetery with the names of the people the Township knows are buried there. Discussion.

BILLS:

Craig Meredith, Day Use Park	150.00
David Kane, Website Maintenance	60.00
Julie Lonn, Town Hall Cleaning	50.00
Weldon Tax Account	1941.97
US Postal Service, Winter Tax Mailings	590.25
Sue Meredith, Special Meeting Per Diem	100.00
Gary Stevens, Special Meeting Per Diem	100.00
The Pioneer Group	653.00
AFLAC	281.50
AcenTek	181.74
Republic Waste, Day Use Park	45.00
Chris Bobek Nuisance Abatement Officer	200.00
Figura Law, P.C.	1323.64
Ron Hitesman, Liquor Inspector Quarterly Payment	500.00
Jessica Nuytten, Assessor	1120.00
Board Salaries	<u>3075.00</u>
TOTAL BILLS AMOUNT:	\$10,372.10

G. Stevens moves to pay the bills; S. Meredith seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

S. Meredith discusses Village of Thompsonville meeting, where the Village was discussing a \$15,000 grant they would like to apply for, and would like Weldon and Colfax to contribute. Crystal Mountain will put \$3,750 towards the \$15,000. The \$15,000 would be a 30% match for the grant. Discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Betsie Valley District Library Board Meeting Minutes October 10, 2017.
MTA Workshops January dates, in Jackson, Michigan.

PUBLIC COMMENT: John Schorr expresses disapproval for the Nuisance Officer taking pictures before the complaint is reviewed by the board. He feels the board should direct the Nuisance Officer to take pictures before he does so. He discusses inappropriate actions by single members of boards of Weldon and the Joint Planning Commission. He discusses R. Hitesman contacting his neighbors about an issue that should have come before the board. He feels some board members make promises or negotiations on behalf of the board. Discussion. Discussion of five-minute limit for discussion on Public Comment.

Chris Bobek volunteers to help with packing bags of candy for Christmas Eve distribution. Fran Griffin will come, as well.

ADJOURNMENT: G. Stevens moves to adjourn; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

TIME: 8:24 PM.