

**WELDON TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2018  
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: Fran Griffin, Jessica Nuytten, Chuck Kraus, Judy Kraus, Eugene Allen, John Schorr, Stephanie Randolph, Scott Murphy, Becky Frank, Ron Evitts.**

**CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: C. Aldrich requests to add John Schorr as a guest speaker regarding Village improvements, a bill from Pioneer Group and a bill from Figura law firm. S. Bobek moves to approve agenda, with the additions; S. Meredith seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

**MINUTES OF DECEMBER BOARD MEETING: S. Bobek moves to accept Minutes as presented; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT: S. Bobek presents Treasurer's Report. Discussion of unpaid taxes being written off. Treasurer is in discussion with Mr. Figura. C. Aldrich moves to accept Treasurer's Report as presented; S. Meredith seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

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

**Eugene Allen discusses grant application for improvements to the Village of Thompsonville. Lisa Leedy, from AES, discusses details of grant for a feasibility study. Eugene Allen presents a grant to Weldon Township to support the effort the Village to apply for the grant. Discussion. S. Bobek moves to approve Resolution 1092018, in support of the grant application for feasibility structure; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

**John Schorr discusses recording meetings and retaining the recordings permanently. He asks the Board to look at Lake Township's practice regarding meeting recordings. He asks how much the township has spent in attorney fees regarding the Stevens Property. Discussion. He believes the Board could have handled the situation differently. He asks how much it has cost the Board to withdraw from the Joint Planning Commission. Discussion.**

**Stephanie Randolph discusses care of the Day Use Park. She believes it is not being properly taken care of. Discussion. She asks if signage could be put out to let people know where the Day Use Park facilities are. She asks if a port-a-john and garbage can could be put out at the end of Haze Road. She has been taking care of the garbage there, as well as Scott. Discussion. Clerk will discuss the issue with the Betsie Valley Trail council. Discussion of**

improving the Day Use Park. S. Meredith discusses forming an ad hoc committee to form ideas for improvements, and have Stephanie Randolph be on it.

#### **REPORTS:**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:** S. Meredith will email the Zoning Administrator's report to the clerk, to be entered into the record next month.

**JPC:** JPC has not met yet. They will meet this Thursday.

**NUISANCE ABATEMENT REPORT:** R. Hitesman discusses the Nuisance Abatement Report. Discussion of court case with Kent Stevens. There will be another hearing in May 2018.

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

**SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:** R. Hitesman met with the boiler inspector, and the boiler needs an emergency shut-off valve. He will meet with a representative with Nye Plumbing and Heating this week. The heat was out this month because of an open vent on the roof, and Nye Plumbing and Heating will come and put a vent system in. Nearly all two-track roads in Benzie County are now open for ATV's. Discussion. On the 19<sup>th</sup>, he attended a meeting of county supervisors and the County Road Commission. The Road Commission will help with the cost of the King Road bridge resurfacing. Discussion.

**CLERK COMMENTS:** C. Aldrich discusses steps regarding filling the Weldon Township Planning Commission, and withdrawing from the Joint Planning Commission, as outlined by Figura Law. She has not yet received the list from the township attorney. Discussion regarding letters of interest from people wanting to be on the Planning Commission. The board will be established next month.

Discussion of a quarterly newsletter to be sent to residents updating them on township business. Township will post township news on the website, and do a twice-yearly newsletter to go into the tax mailings. Clerk will look into putting a calendar on the website.

Discussion of township purchasing a hearing system to the hall, to be ADA compliant for residents who are hearing impaired. Clerk will research and report next month.

Clerk discusses recording of meetings. Recordings are not the official record of the meeting, the Minutes are. Residents can ask for a copy of the recording and retain them themselves. Discussion. Discussion of how Minutes and a Synopsis in the paper, which the clerk will need to begin soon.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion of Weldon Township Planning Commission. Clerk will send names to board members as she gets them, to prepare for discussion at the next board meeting.

Discussion of a need to change the May 8, 2018 Board Meeting, which will coincide with the May Election. May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 will be the May board meeting.

Jessica Nuytten discusses assessor's need of the Apex Software Program. C. Aldrich moves to purchase the Apex software for the Weldon Township assessor, at a cost of \$595; S. Bobek seconds. Clerk takes roll call vote: Carrie Aldrich, yes; Sally Bobek, yes; Ron Hitesman, yes; Sue Meredith, yes; Gary Stevens, yes. Motion passed.

**S. Bobek discusses improvements to Township Hall. Discussion of carpet cleaning and a potential counter with a sink. Discussion of whether the bathrooms are ADA compliant. Clerk will research and report next month.**

**Discussion of Crystal Mountain February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Board of Review Training. Discussion of need for more Board of Review members. Ron Evitts speaks regarding alternate Board of Review training in Cadillac on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Discussion.**

**BILLS:**

<b>Craig Meredith, Day Use Park</b>	<b>150.00</b>
<b>David Kane, Website Maintenance</b>	<b>60.00</b>
<b>Julie Lonn, Town Hall Cleaning</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Sally Bobek, Reimbursement postage/office supplies</b>	<b>130.99</b>
<b>Chris Bobek, Nuisance Abatement Officer</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b>Benzie County Sheriff's Department</b>	<b>450.00</b>
<b>Acentek</b>	<b>177.78</b>
<b>Cherryland Electric Coop</b>	<b>11.32</b>
<b>AFLAC</b>	<b>281.50</b>
<b>VISA</b>	<b>567.16</b>
<b>Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk</b>	<b>5.10</b>
<b>United States Treasury, Quarterly Taxes</b>	<b>1665.33</b>
<b>State of Michigan, Quarterly Taxes</b>	<b>666.41</b>
<b>Lost Lake Improvement</b>	<b>125.00</b>
<b>Municipal Underwriters of Michigan</b>	<b>4368.00</b>
<b>Accident Fund</b>	<b>838.00</b>
<b>Pioneer Group</b>	<b>10.80</b>
<b>Figura Law, PC</b>	<b>661.50</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>\$14613.89</b>

**G. Stevens comments regarding Day Use Park, and that Craig Meredith is an employee paid monthly, which is appropriate. Discussion. G. Stevens moves to pay the bills; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Michigan Assessor's Association, email from Jessica Nuytten, with updates just passed. Discussion.**

**Betsie Valley District Library Board Meeting Minutes November 14, 2017**

**MTA 2018 Capital Conference January 31, 2018**

**Board of County Road Commissioners Minutes November 9, 2017**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: E. Allen discusses the DEQ okayed the Village to turn on their new well. That was funded and paid for at a cost of \$200,000. It pumps over 330 gallons a minute. They still need to replace the water main. Discussion. The Village now owns the well property.**

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

**TIME: 8:17 PM**