

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 13, 2018
MINUTES
Tuesday
7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

TIME: 7:08 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: Chuck Kraus, Becky Sharp, Debra Franke, Irene Dunham-Thayer, Chris Bobek, Fran Griffin, Craig Meredith, John Schorr, Kent Stevens

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: C. Aldrich asks to add Weldon Planning Commission under Reports, Adopt Budget under New Business, and adds two bills to the Agenda. Sue Meredith adds Betsie Valley Trail Extension under New Business. R. Hitesman moves to approve the agenda with additions; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING: R. Hitesman moves to accept February 2018 Minutes as presented; S. Bobek seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: S. Bobek presents Treasurer's Report. Treasurer has purchased new printer. Treasurer has reconciled with the county, and township and county records agreed. R. Hitesman moves to accept Treasurer's Report as presented; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

GUEST/ PUBLIC INPUT (up to 5 minutes per guest) None.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: C. Meredith presents Zoning Administrator Report verbally.

JPC: S. Bobek discusses last JPC meeting, as they prepare to be on their own. She presented letter informing them of Weldon's leaving, and they would get their final check after this meeting. They will no longer have access to the Zoning Administrator's office, and Craig will be returning various items to them.

PLANNING COMMISSION: C. Aldrich presents letter from Figura & Figura regarding costs of withdrawing from JPC. Discussion of organizational meeting report of Planning Commission. Chuck Kraus is the chair, S. Meredith is the Vice-Chair, Rob Aldrich is the Secretary.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT REPORT: No complaints this month.

BUDGET REPORT: C. Aldrich presents budget report.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: R. Hitesman presents Liquor Inspection Report.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: R. Hitesman contacted Matt Skeels from the road commission regarding building a bridge at Haze Road. Discussion of his emailed response. Discussion of different bridge options. Discussion of applying for a grant from GLFT.

CLERK COMMENTS: C. Aldrich moves to make final budget amendments.: \$514 for 209-726, \$400 for 333-000, \$84 to 851-000, \$1,000 to 410-000, and \$1,998 to be taken from 191-000 to cover budget adjustments; S. Bobek seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

Final check to Joint Planning Commission was \$2,798.38. The check was made out to the Village of Thompsonville and Colfax Township jointly.

Audit date set for June 25 & 26, 2018, to be performed by Baird, Cotter & Bishop.

Clerk reads Tim Figura's letter regarding Bobek/Nuisance Abatement Question.

Discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Supervisor has received a bid from Rick DaMore regarding township bathroom renovation. Treasurer has received a quote from K & K Builders. Supervisor will contact Nye Plumbing & Heating for quote.

Discussion of Nuisance Abatement Officer Contract.

Discussion of letters sent to Joint Planning Commission, and Ron Evitts/Eugene Allen.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of MTA 2018 Annual Conference. R. Hitesman requests that those that want to attend may, and they will contact the clerk so she can sign them up.

Discussion of staggered terms for the Weldon Township Planning Commission. C. Aldrich moves that Chuck Kraus, Rob Aldrich and Fran Griffin serve for three-year terms, Sue Meredith will serve a one-year term, Scott Williams, Becky Sharp and Chris Bobek will serve two-year terms; S. Bobek seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

S. Bobek moves to adopt the budget discussed at the Budget Meeting; S. Meredith seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

S. Meredith discusses AES plan presented by Lisa Leedy, regarding the Betsie Valley Trail Extension. C. Aldrich moves to approve Resolution #03132018 for the Betsie Valley Trail Extension; S. Meredith seconds. Clerk takes the roll call vote: Gary Stevens, yes; Sue Meredith, yes; Ron Hitesman, yes; Sally Bobek, yes; Carrie Aldrich, yes. Motion passed. Fran Griffin and Sue Meredith were charged with adjusting the zoning ordinance, to remove Colfax Township and the Village of Thompsonville, so that only Weldon Township's name appears. Sue Meredith, on behalf of the Weldon Township Planning Commission, recommends the board approve the Weldon Township Zoning Ordinance, and that this ordinance will supersede any and all prior zoning ordinances; S. Bobek seconds. The Zoning Ordinance number is #3132018. Clerk takes a roll call vote: Ron Hitesman, yes; Sue Meredith, yes; Sally Bobek, yes; Carrie Aldrich, yes; Gary Stevens, yes. S. Bobek moves to approve Craig Meredith as Weldon Township's Zoning Administrator; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, except Sue Meredith abstains. Motion passed. C. Aldrich moves that the Zoning Administrator be paid \$2,000 a year, and 70% of the zoning fees, plus mileage and expenses; R. Hitesman seconds. Clerk takes roll call vote: Carrie

Aldrich, yes; Sue Meredith, abstains; Sally Bobek, yes; Ron Hitesman, yes; Gary Stevens, yes. Motion passed.

Discussion of purchasing Township Planning & Zoning Decision-Making book by MTA.

R. Hitesman moves that the township purchase 3 copies of the book; C. Aldrich seconds.

All ayes, motion passed.

Discussion of Municipal Retirement Systems surrender fees and pension disbursement.

Clerk will contact Municipal Retirement for further clarification.

Discussion of purchasing podium for township hall. Board will discuss again next month.

Discussion of May 2018 board meeting date to be changed. C. Aldrich moves to change the May board meeting date to Wednesday, May 9th, at 7:00 PM.; S. Bobek seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

Discussion of Weldon Township Cleanup Day to be set for May 19th, 2018, 9-1 PM. R. Hitesman moves to accept American Waste's bid; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed. Discussion of Thompsonville tire recycling coming up in July.

BILLS:

Craig Meredith, Day Use Park	150.00
David Kane, Website Maintenance	60.00
Julie Lonn, Town Hall Cleaning	50.00
US Postal Service	598.50
The Pioneer Group	61.88
Acentek	175.99
Richard J. Figura	796.50
AFLAC	281.50
VISA	593.33
Sally Bobek, Reimbursement	50.00
Municipal Retirement Systems	50.00
Michigan Election Resources	14.92
Chris Bobek, Nuisance Abatement, Feb & Mar	400.00
Board of Review	246.00
Weldon Planning Commission	175.00
Jessica Nuytten, Assessor	1120.00
Board Salaries	<u>3075.00</u>
TOTAL BILLS AMOUNT:	\$8,098.62

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

County Road Commissioners Meeting Minutes: February 22, 2018, March 1, 2018

Betsie Valley District Library Minutes January 9, 2018

Bill Robinson, Lake Twp Supervisor, Funding for Local Roads

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chris Bobek praises Ron Hitesman for all of his work regarding the bridge on Haze Road. He discusses removing carpet from town hall bathrooms. He discusses Nuisance Abatement position, blighted properties, and needing the board's support in carrying out his duties. He only acts by direction of the board. Clerk apologizes

if she has not correctly relayed Mr. Schorr's concerns, but she does not feel either the Nuisance Abatement Officer or the Township Treasurer has acted inappropriately. Debra Franke explains that their decision to have a discussion with their attorney was made at the budget meeting, and there were no OMA violations committed. Discussion. Craig Meredith discusses board getting name tags for meetings. Discussion of microphone system for town hall.

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

TIME: 8:40 PM