

**WELDON TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 8, 2018  
MINUTES  
Tuesday  
7:00PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**  
**TIME:**

**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:** Ron Evitts, Fran Griffin, Chris Bobek, Scott Williams, Stephanie Randolph, Debra Franke, Rob Aldrich, Judy Kraus, Chuck Kraus, Mike Logan, Irene Dunham-Thayer, Becky Sharp

**CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** C. Aldrich asks to add cemetery under New Business, Planning Commission under Reports, Resolution from Tim Figura under New Business, and Assessor Report under Reports. She presents three additional bills. S. Meredith asks to add discussion of a bill to New Business. R. Hitesman move to approve the Agenda with those changes; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

**MINUTES OF APRIL BOARD MEETING:** Discussion of bill corrections from last month. S. Bobek moves to accept the Minutes of the April 2018 meeting; R. Hitesman seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** R. Hitesman presents the Treasurer's Report. G. Stevens moves to accept Treasurer's Report; S. Meredith seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

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

Chris Bobek recognizes Sue Meredith for her work at Honor Bank for fifty years. He also discusses the township purchasing a projector for future use with webinars and other possible uses.

R. Aldrich discusses Community Garden and asks for approval to spend \$100 for purchasing slabwood and hardware to make above-ground planters. G. Stevens moves to allow up to \$100 for community garden supplies; S. Meredith seconds. All ayes, motion passed. Michael Logan discusses easement issues on Gallagher Road. Discussion. C. Meredith will look at property.

## **REPORTS:**

**ASSESSOR:** Clerk presents Assessor's Report. Discussion of Assessor coming every other week to pick up mail. Supervisor will contact her. Board of Review will meet July 17<sup>th</sup>.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Minutes presented. Discussion.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:** Supervisor presents report. Clerk presents zoning administrator's resignation letter from the Joint Planning Commission. Discussion.

**NUISANCE ABATEMENT REPORT:** Report presented.

**LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT:** Supervisor presents report.

**BUDGET REPORT:** Clerk presents report. Discussion.

**SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:** Discussion of cemetery and need to contact Sheriff's Department regarding people using cemetery in the evening. Supervisor attended FEMA meeting. Supervisor and Trustee S. Meredith attended MTA conference. Supervisor had discussion with Brian Bury regarding Day Use Park, as well as with Tim Shriner and Anna Boer regarding park. Discussion regarding tree harvest by the State of Michigan. Clerk will add to next month's agenda. Discussion of Begold Road resident's concern with Road Commission's right of way. Don Suchocki requests to be on the Weldon Township Zoning Board of Appeals. R. Hitesman moves to appoint Brian Matthews to the Zoning Board of Appeals; S. Bobek seconds. All ayes, motion passed. S. Bobek moves to appoint Don Suchocki to the Zoning Board of Appeals; S. Meredith seconds. All ayes, motion passed. S. Bobek moves to appoint Gary Stevens to the Zoning Board of Appeals; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, except Gary Stevens abstains. Motion passed.

**CLERK COMMENTS:** Clerk discusses PAR plan's suggestion to post hours at the cemetery. Clerk discusses FOIA Request from OpenTheBooks.com. Cleanup Day will be May 19<sup>th</sup>, 9-1 p.m. Discussion of tire cleanup on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

Gary Sauer discusses Elberta receiving grants for improvements to Elberta Beach. Discussion of brush hog concerns regarding oak wilt, and if there is another way of pruning trees. The county is working on an operating agreement with The Maples. The District Library is asking for a renewal of the millage on the August ballot.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Discussion of bids for township's bathroom renovation. S. Bobek moves to accept K & K Builders bid for \$3,390; 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. Supervisor will contact company to begin.

Supervisor presents two bids for a podium for township hall. Discussion. C. Aldrich moves to accept Gary Barley's bid of \$25, and states it is very kind of him; S. Bobek seconds motion. All ayes, motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion of Crystal Mountain's application for Fireworks Display Permit. R. Hitesman moves to approve application; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

Discussion of request by Northwest Michigan Invasive Species network to put a spring flyer in with the township's summer taxes. C. Aldrich moves to allow the flyers to be put into the summer tax mailings, if they print the flyers; S. Bobek seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

Discussion of needed Day Use Park repairs.

Discussion of brining contract with the Benzie County Road Commission. R. Hitesman moves to approve the brining contract; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

S. Bobek discusses x-raying the cemetery. She will have more information next month.

Clerk presents Resolution Regarding Status of Weldon's Withdrawal from the Greater Thompsonville Area Joint Planning Commission, #5082018. Clerk reads resolution into the record. R. Hitesman moves to accept Resolution #5082018; C. Aldrich seconds. Clerk takes a roll call vote: Sally Bobek, yes; Carrie Aldrich, yes; Ron Hitesman, yes; Sue Meredith, yes; Gary Stevens, yes. Resolution is adopted.

S. Meredith presents printer and ink bill for zoning administrator, for reimbursement, at a total cost of \$250.32. G. Stevens moves to approve reimbursement; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, except Sue Meredith abstains, motion passed.

Matt Skeels, from the Benzie County Road Commission, discusses upcoming millage request for the August 7 2018 election. Discussion of work done in the past and upcoming work. Discussion of upcoming King Road Bridge repair. Discussion of Pioneer Road repair. Discussion of reimbursement by state for forest thinning in Weldon. Mr. Skeels reports that the money from the state is used to repair road damage done by the logging trucks. Discussion of Haze Road Bridge being repaired, and of a pedestrian bridge. Mr. Skeels reports the road commission will not be building a new building if the millage goes through. They will not use millage funds for any repairs needed to the building. Discussion of road commission re-establishing township matching program for road improvement in the future.

**BILLS:**

Craig Meredith, Day Use Park/Plowing/Mowing	237.00
David Kane, Website Maintenance	60.00
Julie Lonn, Town Hall Cleaning	50.00
Gary Stevens, Cemetery Cleanup	450.00
Sue Meredith, Ordinance Correction	120.00
Fran Griffin, Ordinance Correction	170.00
Per Diems for Trustees for April special meeting	200.00
Planning Commission Wages	425.00
Acentek	177.38
AFLAC	281.50
Blarney Castle	550.15
The Pioneer Group	56.25
Fortress Security	252.00
Chris Bobek, Nuisance Abatement	200.00
Richard J. Figura, P.C.	1498.50
Ron Hitesman, Mileage Reimbursement	143.88
Sally Bobek, Postage Reimbursement	50.00
Craig Meredith, Zoning Administrator, April/May	333.34
Sue Meredith, printer/ink reimbursement	250.32
Jessica Nuytten, Assessor	1120.00
Board Salaries	<u>3075.00</u>

**TOTAL BILLS AMOUNT:**

**\$9,700.32**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Board of County Road Commissioners Meeting Minutes March 29, 2018, and Special Meeting Minutes April 4, 2018**

**Betsie Valley District Library Minutes March 13, 2018**

**Benzie County Recycling Cleanup Days and Special Collections**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: Gary Sauer discusses Veterans Memorial at noon on Memorial Day.**

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

**TIME: 8:45 PM**