

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 12, 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: Scott Slavin, DNR, discusses Day Use Park improvement options, for non-motorized use. Mr. Slavin discusses improvements to Betsie Valley Trail. Discussion.

Robert Aldrich gives a Community Garden Report. Three new people are using plots. He purchased an above-ground planter. He needs to purchase dirt yet. Discussion of reimbursement for planter and allowing Mr. Aldrich to spend money on garden and present cost at next board meeting. G. Stevens votes to approve reimbursement and provide Mr. Aldrich with a VISA card with the remaining budgeted amount for him to spend; S. Bobek seconds. Clerk takes roll call vote: Gary Stevens, yes; Sue Meredith, yes; Ron Hitesman, yes; Carrie Aldrich, yes; Sally Bobek, yes. Robert Aldrich will give a monthly report on expenditures each month.

Honorable John Mead speaks to the board regarding his re-election campaign and court responsibilities.

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Clerk adds document from the Benzie County Planning Commission to correspondence. Ron Hitesman asks to amend agenda to move Liquor Inspector Report and Supervisor Comments to right after Agenda Approval. S. Bobek moves to accept agenda with suggested changes; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: R. Hitesman presents Liquor Inspector Report. No issues reported.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: Supervisor discusses timber harvesting by the State of Michigan. He is awaiting further information. He met with the Road Commission and various supervisors to discuss local roads. CRA had a meeting at town hall regarding work on Betsie River. Discussion of flags for cemetery. Discussion of meeting with Assessor regarding an upcoming bill in MTA Township Focus. Treasurer and assessor will write a letter to State regarding bill. K&K Builders to begin bathroom renovations soon. King Road Bridge repairs are completed. Supervisor left the meeting.

MINUTES OF MAY BOARD MEETING: Clerk presents Minutes of May Board Meeting. Discussion. S. Bobek moves to approve the Minutes; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: S. Bobek presents Treasurer's Report. G. Stevens moves to accept Treasurer's Report as presented; S. Meredith seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

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

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Craig Meredith presents Zoning Administrator's Report. Discussion.

DAY USE PARK: C. Meredith presents Day Use Park Report. Discussion of garbage pickup at Day Use Park and the end of Haze Road. Sue Meredith moves to have Republic place dumpsters placed at the end of Haze Road and the Day Use Park for the summer months, and that they will be removed if they are misused by the public; S. Bobek seconds. Discussion. All ayes, motion passed.

PLANNING COMMISSION: C. Aldrich presents Planning Commission Report. Discussion. C. Aldrich moves to appoint Chris Bobek to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and that the Zoning Board of Appeals be increased to a five-member board; S. Meredith seconds. Discussion. All ayes, motion passed.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT REPORT: S. Bobek presents Nuisance Abatement Report. Discussion of ticket book language. Mr. Bobek will report when he finds out what the correct procedure going forward is. Discussion of nuisance abatement complaint procedure. If property owners have questions, they will direct them solely to the Board or the Nuisance Abatement Officer.

BUDGET REPORT: Clerk presents Budget Report. G. Stevens moves to accept Budget Report as presented; S. Meredith seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

CLERK COMMENTS: Discussion of State recommendations regarding cemetery hours. The board would like the cemetery to be closed from dusk til dawn. Voting equipment will be delivered this week at no cost to the township. Baird, Cotter & Bishop will perform audit June 25 2018. Discussion of JPC portion of audit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion of cemetery hours sign. S. Bobek moves to purchase cemetery sign at a total cost of 67.55; S. Meredith seconds. All ayes, motion passed. S. Bobek presents two company bids for x-raying the cemetery. Discussion. C. Aldrich moves to accept Gourdie-Fraser's estimated bid to x-ray the cemetery; S. Meredith seconds. All ayes, motion passed. G. Stevens moves to allow \$1,000 retainer check; S. Meredith seconds. Clerk takes a roll call vote: Sally Bobek, yes; Carrie Aldrich, yes; Sue Meredith, yes; Gary Stevens, yes; Ron Hitesman, absent.

C. Aldrich presents letter to Weldon Board from Peg Minster, regarding Zoning Administrator. Discussion.

Discussion of landscaping the Community Garden. S. Bobek will donate a bench and paint.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board sets fall cleanup date as September 29, 2018, 9-1 p.m.

S. Bobek presents Weldon Township News flyer, to put in with summer taxes.

Discussion of township having a table at the Thompsonville SummerFest. Clerk will contact Shirley DaMore and purchase candy to distribute. Township will distribute information about community garden, fall cleanup and township newsletter.

Discussion of purchase of a projector for group webinar training for board members and planning commission members. S. Meredith moves to purchase projector for township for \$80, as well as an extra bulb; S. Bobek seconds. Clerk takes roll call vote: Sally Bobek, yes; Carrie Aldrich, yes; Sue Meredith, yes; Gary Stevens, yes; Ron Hitesman, absent.

Discussion of purchasing webinars for Planning Commission. S. Meredith has arranged for a 50% discount from Michigan Township Association. Clerk will purchase webinars.

BILLS:

Craig Meredith, Day Use Park/Plowing/Mowing	390.00
David Kane, Website Maintenance	60.00
Julie Lonn, Town Hall Cleaning	50.00
Gary Stevens, Cemetery Cleanup	300.00
AFLAC	281.50
Blarney Castle	6.00
VISA	332.86
Acentek	179.41
MTA Yearly Dues	1281.55
Cherryland Electric	58.46
Richard Figura, Attorney at Law	567.00
American Waste	3010.00
The Pioneer Group	56.25
Robert Aldrich, Garden Reimbursement	440.00
Chris Bobek, Nuisance Abatement	200.00
Bayside Printing	15.12
Sally Bobek, Reimbursement	113.40
Chris Bobek, Reimbursement	31.50
Craig Meredith, Zoning Administrator, June	222.67
Weldon Township Planning Commission Wages	425.00
Jessica Nuytten, Assessor	1120.00
Board Salaries	<u>3075.00</u>
TOTAL BILLS AMOUNT:	\$12,215.72

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Benzie County Road Commission Brochure for upcoming millage

Benzie County Road Commission Meeting Minutes April 26, 2018

Michigan Works! Coastal Resiliency Training Workshops

Betsie Valley District Library Minutes April 10, 2018

Benzie County Planning Commission Regular Meeting Agenda for June 14, 2018

PUBLIC COMMENT: Craig Meredith would like to attend MTA zoning workshop in Gaylord on July 12th, 2018. Discussion of Transient Activities Permit for the Benzie Area Remote Control group. Clerk will send form to Treasurer to pass along.

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

TIME: 8:52 PM