

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 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: Craig Meredith, Chris Bobek, John Schor, Eugene Allen,

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: C. Aldrich presents additional bills to agenda, John Schor as a guest speaker, Library Minutes to Correspondence, and Pension Disbursement to New Business. S. Meredith adds Community Garden to New Business. S. Bobek moves to accept the Agenda as amended; S. Meredith seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

John Schor addresses the Board, complimenting Gary Stevens work at the cemetery. He asks about court transcript regarding the Kent Stevens property. He questions Mike Cogan's property issue with his neighbor. Discussion. Supervisor will contact Matt Skeels of the Benzie County Road Commission and ask him to attend the next board meeting. C. Meredith presents documents from the Road Commission and the Register of Deeds regarding the property.

Eugene Allen speaks to the board regarding water main work in the Village. He asks that the board consider putting an overlay on all of Third Street, at an approximate cost of \$32,000. He suggests Weldon, Colfax and the Village get together to choose a project to improve the area. Mr. Allen will present Board with ideas regarding group projects for the area. He suggests each entity put together a wish list. He discusses Village's purchase of the building next to the township hall, and ideas for that building.

MINUTES OF AUGUST BOARD MEETING: C. Aldrich states "Mike Hogan" needs to be corrected to "Mike Cogan." R. Hitesman moves to accept the Minutes as amended; S. Bobek seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: S. Bobek presents Treasurer's Report. Discussion. R. Hitesman moves to accept Treasurer's Report; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

GUEST/ PUBLIC INPUT (up to 5 minutes per guest): Becky Sharp thanks the board for the nice gathering Saturday, at the Meet and Greet for the Planning Commission. Stephanie Randolph discusses volunteer cleanup for state land. Discussion.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: C. Meredith presents Zoning Administrator Report. He asks to contact regarding Tim Figura regarding two zoning issue questions he has. C. Aldrich moves to allow the zoning administrator to contact Tim Figura with his questions; S. Bobek seconds. All ayes, motion passed. Discussion of issue on Lindy Road, regarding their fence. Discussion of trailer being removed on J. Marad's property.

DAY USE PARK: C. Meredith presents report. Discussion of fence repair.

PLANNING COMMISSION: C. Aldrich reports on Meet and Greet gathering and suggests having a gathering every fall to meet with the public. S. Meredith reports they received quote from Wade Trim. Planning Commission will review at next meeting. S. Meredith discusses the zoning training, and that she has received many positive comments about it. Discussion of Parks and Recreation Board.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT REPORT: R. Hitesman presents Nuisance Abatement Report. Chris Bobek turns in his resignation as the Weldon Township Enforcement Officer. Carrie Aldrich thanks Mr. Bobek for his work. Discussion of township creating new Complaint Forms. C. Aldrich moves that the Board accept Mr. Bobek's resignation; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

ASSESSOR REPORT: None. Discussion. Supervisor will ask Assessor to come to the next board meeting.

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

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

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: Julia McDonald has asked to not continue as the township representative to the library board. Discussion. C. Aldrich moves to appoint Sally Bobek as the township's new representative to the Betsie Valley District Library Board; R. Hitesman seconds. All ayes, motion passed. Clerk will prepare a letter of thanks to Julia McDonald for her years of representing. Supervisor has received correspondence from Matt Slavin from the DNR and will present documents at the next month's meeting. Supervisor had discussions with a fishing guide, regarding an annual Betsie River cleanup. Discussion.

CLERK COMMENTS: Clerk discusses Cleanup Day, set for September 29th, 9-1 pm. Clerk will make a signup sheet for residents wishing to help with cleanup day. Discussion. Clerk reports on Emily FOIA Request, which she responded to with Tim Figura's help. Discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Supervisor discusses recreational plan information from Mr. Slavin. Board will discuss at next meeting. Non-Motorized Trail Resolution will also be discussed at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

At the meet-and-greet, residents commented on how nice the Weldon Township Banner looked. Discussion of banners being purchased for light poles in the township. Clerk will look up costs, and Supervisor will discuss with the village. Discussion of signs being purchased for Community Garden, and future openhouses. Discussion of new trees being planted outside of town hall. Discussion of Parks and Recreation Committee. S. Bobek moves to ask the Planning Commission to create, among their board, a Parks and Recreation Committee; R. Hitesman seconds. Discussion. S. Bobek amends her motion, asking the Planning Commission members to be the Parks and Rec Board. Clerk will ask Planning Commission for their thoughts at their next board meeting.

Discussion of Lee Kane's pension disbursement. Clerk will issue check to Honor Bank for Treasurer to sign, according to Brighthouse Financial's calculations. C. Aldrich moves to disburse Lee Kane's pension account to Honor Bank IRA; S. Bobek seconds. Clerk takes a roll call vote for pension disbursement: Gary Stevens, yes; Ron Hitesman, yes; Sally Bobek, yes; Carrie Aldrich, yes; Sue Meredith, yes. Motion passed.

S. Meredith discusses need for Community Garden shed for storage. R. Aldrich will look into different choices. Also, dirt needs to be brought in for the fairy garden.

Clerk presents thank you letter to Mr. Barley for the donation to the Day Use Park. Board members sign letter.

Discussion of Benzie County Road Commission regarding approval for second brining.

Discussion of lateness of season and weather. G. Stevens moved to decline a second brining; S. Bobek seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

Discussion of DEQ Campground License for Betsie River Canoe and Campground.

Discussion of possible Halloween party at the campground. Zoning Administrator has given the campground an application for a special use permit to increase campsites.

BILLS:

Craig Meredith, Day Use Park/Plowing/Mowing	350.00
David Kane, Website Maintenance	60.00
Julie Lonn, Town Hall Cleaning	50.00
Gary Stevens, Cemetery Cleanup	300.00
AFLAC	281.50
VISA	302.58
Acentek	179.50
Blarney Castle Oil Co.	196.79
Dawn Olney, Election Preparation	371.92
Bayside Printing	14.70
Cherryland Electric	64.51
The Pioneer Group	366.55
Chris Bobek, Nuisance Abatement	200.00
Gary Barley, Podium	100.00
Carrie Aldrich, Cleaning Supplies Reimbursement	21.47
US Postal Service, PO Box Fee	50.00
Gourdie-Fraser, Inc.	702.88
Figura Law Office, P.C.	81.00

Amanda O'Brien, Court Reporter	50.00
Weldon Township Planning Commission Wages	375.00
Planning Commission Training	300.00
Craig Meredith, Zoning Administrator	166.67
Jessica Nuytten, Assessor	1120.00
Board Salaries	<u>3075.00</u>
TOTAL BILLS AMOUNT:	\$8,780.07

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Coastal Resiliency Training Workshop

MTA On the Road Regional Meetings. Discussion. Clerk will present training information at the next Planning Commission Meeting.

Northwest Michigan Housing Summit. Members will let clerk know if they are interested in attending.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: C. Meredith discusses bridge walks in Weldon Township/Benzie County.

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

TIME: 8:45 PM