

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2018
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: Jessica Nuytten, Craig Meredith, Charles Kraus, Russell Smith, Mari Heffelfinger, Mike Cogan and Darlene, Fran Griffin, Gary Sauer Matt Skeels, of the Benzie County Road Commission, discusses how the road commission is funded. He also discusses issues regarding Gallagher Road. The road commission has no involvement with any driveway issues in regard to a private road coming off of Gallagher Road. Discussion of different types of road surface construction. Discussion of repair at Pioneer Road. Road Commission approved a local road matching policy. Money will be split up among townships in 2019, based on population, for road improvements. Russ Smith gives update on creation of the Betsie Valley Community Center at Thompsonville Road and M-115. Discussion of costs. Gary Sauer reports on Benzie County Board of Commissioners. Four out of five union contracts have been ratified. Discussion of Health Department being shorthanded, and delays in getting permits. Permit fees have been increased by 2% this year, as health costs have increased 9%. He discusses how monies are used from logging done by the DNR. They log approximately 6,500 acres a year, 1,000 of those acres being logged in Benzie County. The recycling coordinator has sold all of the old recycling bins for \$500 a bin. They are keeping two bins.

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: C. Aldrich asks to add four bills to the Agenda. R. Hitesman moves to approve the Agenda as amended; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER SPECIAL MEETING: S. Bobek moves to accept the Minutes of the Special Meeting; S. Meredith seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING: Discussion. S. Bobek moves to accept the Minutes of the September Board Meeting; R. Hitesman seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Discussion that JPC did cash their final check. There is \$29.62 left in the account, which the clerk put in so that the account would not be overdrawn. Clerk will write a check for that amount to go into the general fund, and the

account will be closed. G. Stevens moves to accept Treasurer's Report; S. Meredith seconds. Discussion of CD options. Treasurer will contact the bank and present different options at the next board meeting. All ayes, motion passed.

GUEST/ PUBLIC INPUT (up to 5 minutes per guest): Mike Cogan addresses the board regarding the property issues on Betsie Hill Drive, off of Gallagher Road. He commends the Board for their diligence in this matter so far. Discussion of zoning ordinance regarding access, driveways and clear vision. Discussion. Supervisor will talk with the parties involved and see if they will get together to reach a resolution. Discussion of Cherryland easement, land division and township zoning ordinance.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: R. Hitesman presents zoning administrator report.

DAY USE PARK: Discussion of changing the lock. The public restroom floor has been defecated on at least five times, and this is the second time it has happened. Clerk will purchase signs "Area under Video Surveillance."

PLANNING COMMISSION: C. Aldrich moves to appoint the Weldon Township Planning Commission as the Parks and Recreation Committee for Weldon Township; R. Hitesman seconds. All ayes, motion passed. Sue Meredith discusses RFP received from Wade Trim, and the Planning Commission was in favor of it. C. Aldrich states that a Master Plan Update was due, and the cost is a large portion of the plan. S. Bobek moves to accept Wade Trim to assist with the township's planning and zoning; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed. The Joint Planning Commission is still pursuing the cost of correcting their documents after Weldon's withdrawal. C. Aldrich discusses a planning commission member coming to a meeting that had been moved, the date posted at hall, but not on website. The board member was present at the meeting when the date was moved. Discussion. The board feels the member had adequate notice of the change of meeting date, and will not be compensated for coming to the wrong meeting time.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT REPORT: R. Hitesman presents Chris Bobek's final report. He helped with fall cleanup, picking up trash for residents.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Jessica Nuytten discusses Assessor's Report. Tax tribunal is October 26th, which the supervisor and assessor will attend. Discussion. December will be the next Board of Review. Clerk will have assessing forms put in the website.

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

BUDGET REPORT: Clerk presents Budget Report. Discussion.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: Supervisor met with Eugene Allen and Ron Evitts regarding possible contributions Weldon Township could make to the Village of Thompsonville. Discussion of resurfacing tennis courts. Discussion of having JPC issue resolved before the township spends more money. Discussion of slip-and-fall at the Day Use Park. Insurance carrier is in contact with the injured party.

CLERK COMMENTS: Clerk is meeting with Cindy Shapiro for information on purchasing an ADA Compliant Hearing System for the town hall. Clerk will report next month on a system suggestion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Clerk presents transcript of Stevens Hearing. Discussion. Clerk will order transcript of December 21th 2017 hearing. R. Hitesman moves to approve \$50 to Amanda O'Brien to transcribe the 2nd transcript; S. Bobek seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of Fireworks Permit Request from Crystal Mountain. S. Bobek moves to approve the fireworks permit; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

Discussion of Benzie County Parks and Recreation Commission correspondence.

Board signs Letter of Thanks to Julia McDonald for serving on the library board. Clerk will order letterhead stock with township logo on it.

Discussion of documents from Matt Slavin, DNR, regarding parks and trails.

Discussion of purchasing signs for Weldon Township. Clerk will report on costs next month.

Discussion of Letters of Support for Grand Traverse Conservation District.

Clerk discusses community garden shed. Clerk will look at sheds available at a business on Reynolds Road, and by Apple Fence Company. Discussion of yard light being out in garden. Clerk will contact Cherryland Electric.

Discussion of per diem rate for Planning Commission members training. G. Stevens moves that the township will pay a per diem of \$50 for each planning commission member to attend training; C. Aldrich seconds. Clerk takes a roll call vote: Sally Bobek, abstains; Carrie Aldrich, yes; Ron Hitesman, yes; Sue Meredith, abstains; Gary Stevens, yes.

Discussion of treasurer attending MTA Treasurer's Guide to Tax Collection in Okemos, Michigan, on November 13, 2018. C. Aldrich moves to approve the treasurer's training; S. Meredith seconds. All ayes, motion passed. Clerk will reserve a room at Comfort Inn for November 12th.

BILLS:

Craig Meredith, Day Use Park/Plowing/Mowing	225.00
David Kane, Website Maintenance	60.00
Julie Lonn, Town Hall Cleaning	50.00
Gary Stevens, Cemetery Cleanup	150.00
Ron Hitesman, Liquor Inspection	500.00
Michigan Department of Treasury	856.43
Internal Revenue Service	1852.16
Figura Law	243.00
AFLAC	281.50
VISA	361.18
Acentek	177.41
American Waste	2150.00
United States Postal Service, PO Box Fee	50.00
Amanda O'Brien, Stevens Transcript	82.00
Bayside Printing	59.25
Cherryland Electric	59.94
Benzie County Clerk	3.30

Sally Bobek, Stamp Reimbursement	50.00
Chris Bobek, Nuisance Abatement	200.00
US Postal Service, PO Box Fee	50.00
Weldon Township Planning Commission Wages	425.00
Planning Commission Training	350.00
Craig Meredith, Zoning Administrator	166.67
Jessica Nuytten, Assessor	1120.00
Board Salaries	<u>3075.00</u>
TOTAL BILLS AMOUNT:	\$12,598.84

G. Stevens moves to pay the bills; S. Meredith seconds. Discussion. All ayes, motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

**Discussion regarding correspondence from Mr. and Mrs. Scott regarding brining.
 Betsie Valley District Library Minutes August 14, 2018
 Benzie County Road Commissioners Minutes September 13, 2018
 Discussion of Figura Law Mission Statement and rate increase.
 MI Dept of Treasury Outreach Dates**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: F. Griffin asks regarding replacing nuisance abatement officer.
 Discussion. If the board receives a complaint, two board members will look at the property
 and report to the board. Discussion of receiving complaint anonymously.**

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

TIME: 9:22 PM