

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 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: Scott Williams, Becky Sharp, Chris Bobek, Matt Skeels, Gary Sauer, Fran Griffin

Matt Skeels, from the Benzie County Road Commission, discusses changes to the local road funding policy and how funding was disbursed. Discussion of fund accruing and held by the Road Commission for future use. Discussion of future Haze Road Bridge fund. G. Stevens makes a motion that the Road Commission funds to be earmarked as a Haze Road Bridge Fund; S. Meredith seconds. Clerk takes a roll call vote: Gary Stevens, yes; Sue Meredith, yes; Sally Bobek, yes; Carrie Aldrich, yes; Ron Hitesman, yes. Motion passed. Discussion of Pioneer Road.

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Clerk adds to two bills to Agenda, a property split under New Business, Treasurer adds Board of Review to New Business. S. Bobek moves to accept Agenda with changes; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING: S. Bobek moves to accept the Minutes as presented; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer will be gone for a few weeks, deputy will cover work at township hall. G. Stevens moves to approve Treasurer's Report; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

GUEST/ PUBLIC INPUT (up to 5 minutes per guest): Chris Bobek discusses his work with Benzie Advocates on building trade program for students, if anyone knows someone interested in learning a skilled trade.

Gary Sauer discusses grants to local schools, facilitated by Frank Post. Roger Griner is retiring, after 39 years of work. Benzie Senior Resources was named nonprofit of the year, and Stormcloud was named Business of the Year. County granted a loan for Stormcloud to expand product line. Road Commission has accepted the local road policy. SRO passed on the millage. Benzie County will implement the first part of January. Part of Betsie Valley Trail will be plowed this year, from Frankfort to Elberta. A settlement was

reached of \$400,000 from Edmund London, in regard to The Maples, and each party will pay for their own legal fees. Scott Harrison has been appointed by the State to the DHHS Board. A Veterans Service Officer from Manistee will provide more hours for service in Benzie County.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Craig Meredith presents Zoning Administrator's Report. Discussion of Land Division Split by Julius Sleder Trust. He asks the board to approve Land Division Split # LS120118. Discussion. S. Bobek moves to approve Land Division Split #LS120118; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed. Discussion of fee waived for fence correction by Heidi Denmark. Discussion of possible need for zoning for tiny homes in Weldon Township.

DAY USE PARK: C. Meredith presents Day Use Park Report. He will put up surveillance signs in the spring. Clerk will ask Republic Waste to remove trash receptacle until spring.

PLANNING COMMISSION: S. Meredith presents Planning Commission Report. Master Plan Workshop is set for January 23rd at 6:00 p.m. Allise Krafts and Wade Trim will attend. The Steering Committee has been formed.

ASSESSOR REPORT: R. Hitesman presents report. Board of Review met earlier this day. Discussion of tax tribunal ruling in favor of petitioner at Crystal Mountain.

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

BUDGET REPORT: C. Aldrich presents Budget Report.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: Discussion of Day Use Park trail. Discussion of possible grant from the Health Department of Northern Michigan. Clerk will email letter of intent. Becky Sharp will attend on-line meeting on December 17th. Clerk and Becky Sharp will work on the Application for Grant, to be submitted by January 4th, 2019. R. Hitesman discusses Conservation Land Retention Programs, based on Forest Tax & Conservation Laws.

CLERK COMMENTS: Clerk discusses different options regarding Planning Commission emails. S. Bobek will look into email options and report back next month.

Chad Hollenbeck, Operations Manager from Benzie Bus, presents annual report. Discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Treasurer discusses investment options for CDs for township. Treasurer recommends that a savings account be opened, should township account go higher than \$250,000. Discussion of opening a \$50,000 short-term CD. C. Aldrich moves to open a \$50,000 short-term CD at Honor Bank; G. Stevens seconds. Clerk takes a roll call vote: Carrie Aldrich, yes; Sally Bobek, yes; Gary Stevens, yes; Sue Meredith, yes; Ron Hitesman, yes. Motion passed. Clerk will write a check for investment at Honor Bank.

Clerk presents ADA Hearing Compliant System Quote from Cindy Shapiro. Discussion. Clerk will look into what is necessary to comply with ADA guidelines and report back next month.

Discussion of fall at Day Use Park on the ADA ramp. PAR Plan claims department will cover up to \$10,000 for medical expenses, for one year after claim is made. At this time, they have had no further contact regarding this claim.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of DNR's Notice of Intent to close forest roads.

Discussion regarding correspondence from Catherine Mulhaupt, MTA, regarding Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act.

Discussion of paying Zoning Administrator a per diem for training. Both the township's accountant and MTA recommend paying the zoning administrator a per diem for training.

C. Aldrich moves to pay zoning administrator \$50 per diem for MTA training he received in November 2018; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

S. Bobek discusses need for Board of Review to be reappointed before the end of the year.

R. Hitesman moves to appoint Kent Stevens as chair, and Debra Franke and David Kane as members of the Board of Review; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed. Clerk will make sure Board of Review members are paid for their 2 hours' work this day.

Clerk discusses request by Rachel Carmela, HELP.org, regarding information being put on Weldon's website. Discussion. G. Stevens moves to not allow HELP.org to put information on the township website; S. Bobek seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

BILLS:

Craig Meredith, Day Use Park/Plowing/Mowing	222.00
David Kane, Website Maintenance	60.00
Julie Lonn, Town Hall Cleaning	50.00
AFLAC	281.50
VISA	451.02
Acentek	178.53
Apex Software Maintenance Renewal	235.00
Amanda O'Brien, Transcript Fee	50.00
United States Postal Service, Winter Tax Mailing	635.70
Sally Bobek, key reimbursement	5.90
Cherryland Electric	14.00
Municipal Underwriters	4419.00
Weldon Township Planning Commission Wages	275.00
Craig Meredith, Zoning Administrator	166.67
Jessica Nuytten, Assessor	1120.00
Board Salaries	<u>3075.00</u>
TOTAL BILLS AMOUNT:	\$11,239.32

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Board of County Road Commissioners Minutes October 25, 2018

Betsie Valley District Library Board Meeting Minutes October 9, 2018

PUBLIC COMMENT: discussion of Haze Road Bridge fund being held by Benzie County Road Commission.

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

TIME: 8:59 PM