

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 12, 2019
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: Nick Burcicki, John Schor, Becky Sharp, Kelly Jenninsky, Judith Zimmerman, Paul Book, Scott Williams, Kent Stevens, Gene Allen, Chuck Kraus

Eugene Allen speaks to the Board regarding a MDOT matching grant for the Village of Thompsonville, which he would like Weldon Township to contribute to. The deadline to apply is April 5th, 2019. Discussion.

John Schor would like it documented on the Minutes that he made a request in November 2018 that the Board disclose how much money was spent on the Kent Stevens blight/nuisance complaint. Discussion of bonds the township holds. Discussion of need for signed complaint for nuisance complaints.

Gary Sauer reports that the Superintendent of TBA explained the funding of the schools to the Board of Commissioners. There is a millage May 7, 2019, for a bond. The Ironman Race will affect Almira and Platte Township, in Benzie County. It will be held August 25, 2019. Cory Carland resigned, Rhonda Nye has been appointed to fill the vacancy for District 4 Commissioner's seat. Discussion of public defender's office, as mandated by the State, will be run by Jared Henry. The Maples has 96% residency. They have installed new locks in the building. The Road Commission has awarded the yearly bids to Elmer's. Tire Pick Up and Hazardous Waste Cleanup June 15th in Frankfort, Tire Pick Up in Thompsonville July 13th.

Becky Sharp from the Planning Commission, discusses Master Plan implementation. She shared possible landscaping improvements to the town hall grounds.

Scott Williams discusses Day Use Park upkeep. He has been plowing and cleaning up himself. Discussion of replacing Chris Bobek on the Planning Commission, as he's missed half of the meetings.

Chuck Kraus discusses improvements to Weldon Township. He suggests a historical sign by the historic diamond railroad crossing.

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: C. Aldrich adds letter from Julie Lonn to New Business, and Thompsonville's grant request to New Business. R. Hitesman would like to move the discussion of Recreational Marijuana Resolution to right after Approval of the Agenda. S. Meredith asks to add Building to New Business. S. Bobek moves to accept Agenda with those changes; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

Discussion of Recreational Marijuana Resolution. R. Hitesman recommends tabling the discussion for four months, until the State develops more policy in regard to recreational marijuana. MTA advises an Ordinance must be adopted to prohibit sale of recreational marijuana. S. Bobek moves to table the recreational marijuana issue until July of 2019. Discussion of public meeting for information gathering before July. The board will meet with the public for discussion Saturday, June 22nd, 2019 at 1:00 PM.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING: C. Aldrich needs to correct McMullen to Mullen, in the Minutes. S. Bobek moves to accept the Minutes with the correction; S. Meredith seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: S. Bobek presents Treasurer's Report. Discussion of Revenue Sharing. R. Hitesman moves to accept Treasurer's Report as presented; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

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

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: C. Meredith presents Zoning Administrator's Report. He is meeting with a builder from Traverse City for a home on North Moore Road. He will need a Natural River's Permit, as well.

DAY USE PARK: C. Meredith presents Day Use Park Report. Discussion of video surveillance signs.

GREENSPACE GRANT UPDATE: The contract has been signed. Clerk needs to send more documentation. Krystan Horan will meet with Supervisor in April to visit the site.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Becky Sharp will look into the cost of a historic sign.

ASSESSOR REPORT: J. Nuytten presents Assessor's Report. There were ten petitioners at Board of Review. Two were Veterans Exemptions, which were granted, and three other exemptions were granted. This year will focus assessing on outlying areas. The assessor has been updating properties in the computer program, and it is 40-50% completed. The drawing program has been 50-60% completed in updating files. Assessor needs new filing cabinet. Mr. Hitesman has provided one, and the board will receive one from Honor Bank, as they have cabinets they are giving away. Assessor would like stated on the record how happy she is with how our Board of Review members work together with each other and with the public. Assessor needs a Minute Book for Board of Review Minutes, going forward. Discussion of updated State of Michigan Code Book and BS&A Program. Systems automatically updated values for properties, which affected assessments.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: R. Hitesman presents report.

BUDGET REPORT: Clerk presents Budget Report, with final adjustments for the fiscal year. Discussion. S. Bobek moves to adjust funds by resolution, as presented; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: R. Hitesman presents report.

CLERK COMMENTS: Clerk discusses FOIA request by OpenTheBooks.com. C. Aldrich appoints Fran Griffin as her new deputy. Clerk presents her Letter of Resignation, as of June 30, 2019. She would like to continue helping with the grant and Community Garden and any other way that she can. She thanks everyone for her time on the board and has very much enjoyed the position. G. Stevens moves to accept Clerk's resignation; R. Hitesman seconds. All ayes, motion passed. Discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Treasurer renewed current CD with Honor Bank for 18 months. Discussion of investing another \$50,000. Since the clerk will be changing at the end of June, Board will wait to invest, as signatures will need to be changed at the bank.

Clerk discusses cost of Minute Book for Assessor, from DoubleDay. Clerk will order Minute Book for the Assessor.

Discussion of Acentek Franchise Agreement. Discussion of JPC Letter from Figura Law. C. Aldrich moves to have Figura Law send out the letter to the JPC, as presented; S. Bobek seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

2019/2020 Budget presented for approval. S. Bobek moves to accept the Budget as presented; G. Stevens seconds. Clerk takes roll call vote: Carrie Aldrich, yes; Sally Bobek, yes; Gary Stevens, yes; Sue Meredith, yes; Ron Hitesman, yes. Motion passed.

Discussion of Board of Review Basic and Advanced Webinars. R. Hitesman moves to purchase both webinars for the Board of Review members; S. Bobek seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

Discussion of MTA Planning and Zoning Workshops.

Discussion of Rebekah's rental of township hall. S. Bobek moves the Rebekah Lodge write a check for \$100 to rent the hall for the year's meetings, and Board will cash the check if there is damage or extra cleanup needed at the hall because of their meetings; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

Discussion of request for grant matching money by the Village of Thompsonville. G. Stevens moves to give \$5,000 toward the grant for the Village of Thompsonville; C. Aldrich seconds. Clerk takes roll call vote: Ron Hitesman, yes; Carrie Aldrich, yes; Sally Bobek, yes; Gary Stevens, yes; Sue Meredith, yes. Motion passed.

Sue Meredith discusses building improvement of replacing shades at town hall. Discussion of various improvements. Clerk will look for replacement costs for blinds.

Discussion of Spring Cleanup Contract with American Waste, May 18th, 9-1 PM. C. Aldrich moves to accept the Contract; S. Bobek seconds. Clerk takes roll call vote: Sue Meredith, yes; Gary Stevens, yes; Sally Bobek, yes; Carrie Aldrich, yes; Ron Hitesman, yes. Motion passed.

Discussion of Public Notice, State of Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality.

Discussion of Hitachi Flat Panel Display information. Clerk will put on Agenda for next month. R. Hitesman will ask Ryan Smith to come next month and talk to the board about

it.

Discussion of Nuisance Abatement Officer position. C. Aldrich moves that Gary Stevens take over as Nuisance Abatement Officer, April through October 2019, provided someone from another board go with him to investigate complaints; S. Bobek seconds. All ayes, except Gary Stevens abstains. Motion passed.

BILLS:

Craig Meredith, Day Use Park/Plowing/Mowing	274.00
David Kane, Website Maintenance	60.00
Julie Lonn, Town Hall Cleaning	50.00
AFLAC	281.50
Acentek	177.31
Marty Lonn, Mileage and Training	131.42
Wade Trim	4481.05
Accident Fund	441.00
Cherryland Electric	65.14
Board of Review	376.00
Figura Law	198.00
Michelle Thompson, BC Treasurer	41.19
The Pioneer Group	18.30
Blarney Castle	601.34
Weldon Township Planning Commission Wages	375.00
Planning Commission Training	300.00
Craig Meredith, Zoning Administrator	166.67
Sue Meredith, Gary Stevens, Budget Meeting	400.00
Jessica Nuytten, Assessor	1120.00
Board Salaries	<u>3075.00</u>
TOTAL BILLS AMOUNT:	\$12,632.92

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Discussion of MTA Annual Meeting. Clerk will sign Ron Hitesman up for Wednesday, April 3rd, of the Annual Meeting.

Review of Michigan Mobility Transportation Plan, Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes February 14, 2019, and Betsie Valley District Library Operating Statement February 2019

PUBLIC COMMENT: Debra Franke asks that clerk forwarded Board of Review information to members as soon as it is received in the mail. Discussion of Rebekah's check being held by Township.

Fran Griffin discusses if she can be on Planning Commission and serve as Deputy Clerk. C. Aldrich will check.

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

TIME: 8:54 PM