

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 11, 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: Fran Griffin, Scott Williams, Becky Sharp, Tim Ketelhut, Casey Guthrie, Elizabeth Calcutt

Tim Ketelhut addresses the board regarding

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Clerk asks to add four bills, JPC Response to Unfinished Business, Appt. of new clerk to New Business. S. Meredith asks to file cabinets to Unfinished Business, and township projects to New Business. S. Bobek moves to accept the Agenda as amended; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

MINUTES OF MAY BOARD MEETING: G. Stevens moves to accept the Minutes; S. Meredith seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

Tim Ketelhut, Team Life, discusses AED defibrillators with the Board.

Elizabeth Calcutt, Community Planner, discusses County Recreational Plan Update. Discussion of Board regarding Weldon Township Planning Commission.

TREASURER'S REPORT: S. Bobek discusses Treasurer's Report. Discussion of an additional \$50,000 CD. Honor Bank offers 8 months at 2.2% interest. R Hitesman moves to approve a Resolution that treasurer may purchase a Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$50,000 for eight (8) months, at 2.2% interest, with the Honor Bank; G. Stevens seconds. Clerk takes a roll call vote: Gary Stevens, yes; Sue Meredith, yes; Ron Hitesman, yes; Carrie Aldrich, yes; Sally Bobek, yes. Motion passed.

CASEY GUTHRIE, ASSESSING BID: Casey Guthrie discusses his application for Assessor's position. Board and Casey Guthrie discuss. R. Hitesman moves that the Board go into closed session to discuss Casey Guthrie being hired as an employee for Weldon Township; C. Aldrich seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

Board goes into closed session at 7:43 PM.

(Closed Session)

Board reconvenes at 7:49 PM.

R. Hitesman offers Casey Guthrie the assessor position at a rate of \$11/parcel. Mr. Guthrie accepts. Clerk will type up the contract. Clerk asks assessor to attend board meeting at least every quarter.

GUEST/ PUBLIC INPUT (up to 5 minutes per guest): Scott Williams discusses garbage pickup at Haze Road. Supervisor will check with road commission.

S. Bobek thanks Becky Sharp for her work in improving the area around Thompsonville.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Craig Meredith presents Zoning Administrator report. Copy available at township hall.

DAY USE PARK: Craig Meredith presents Day Use Park report. Copy available at township hall. Surveillance signs will go up this weekend.

GREENSPACE GRANT UPDATE: R. Hitesman reports on Greenspace Grant work. State DNR laid out proposed trail, to approximately 1200 feet long. He met with Scott Slavin from the DNR. He will help with the request for permits. Discussion of taking more bids for building the trail. Supervisor will meet with SEEDS program.

PLANNING COMMISSION: C. Aldrich discusses Planning Commission Minutes. Copy available at township hall. Clerk is waiting for an Amended Master Plan from Mr. Mullen. Discussion.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT REPORT: On file at township. No concerns at this time.

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

BUDGET REPORT: C. Aldrich presents Budget Report. No concerns at this time. Clerk is seeking reimbursement from Benzie Area Schools for the May Special Election.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: AA is unable to meet at Colfax Township Hall, and asked to meet at the Weldon Hall. They met and would like to come back this week, as well. Discussion of letter from Figura Law regarding a settlement with the Joint Planning Commission for Weldon's withdrawal. Discussion of offering the JPC the last year due's requested of Weldon in their budget, as a final withdrawal amount. Clerk will contact Mr. Figura regarding making the offer.

CLERK COMMENTS: Clerk discusses ADA-Compliant Sound System now available at the township hall. Discussion of MTA Professional Development Retreats. This would be a useful training for the new clerk. Clerk has signed up three board members for June 20th training for MTA's Assessing Workshop. G. Stevens will be attending blight workshop for the county.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Becky Sharp presents update on landscaping at the township hall. Adjustments have been made to accommodate snowplowing in the winter. Discussion of hooking up to a water

source. B. Sharp will discuss with landscaper again. Discussion of running water to the community garden. The Rebekahs have done a nice job putting flowers into the flower boxes at the township hall. S. Bobek moves to go ahead with the additional \$779.50 for the landscaping adjustments; R. Hitesman seconds. Clerk takes roll call vote: Sally Bobek, yes; Carrie Aldrich, yes; Ron Hitesman, yes; Sue Meredith, yes; Gary Stevens, yes. Motion passed.

Discussion of MDNR Forest dump site cleanup. Craig Meredith will contact the DNR and let them know Weldon Township will adopt a small forest cleanup site.

S. Meredith discusses file cabinets available from Honor Bank. Discussion. The township hall will take several file cabinets. They will be delivered to the township hall.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of June 22nd Public Discussion regarding recreational marijuana, beginning at 1:00 PM at the Weldon Township Hall.

Discussion of appointment of new Planning Commission member. R. Hitesman moves to appoint Carrie Aldrich as the new Weldon Township Planning Commission member; S. Bobek seconds. All ayes, C. Aldrich abstains. Motion passed.

Discussion of appointment of new clerk. S. Bobek moves to appoint Fran Griffin as the new interim clerk; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

Discussion of need for new signatures at Honor Bank. S. Bobek moves to add Fran Griffin as the new signatory on all of the Honor Bank accounts, along with Sally Bobek and Christine Jones; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

Discussion of Weldon Township's Board policy of waiting 30 days on a new project before a decision is made. At the board's discretion, they may require 30 days or more to research and gather information before making a decision. Proposals to the board should be in writing, not verbal requests.

BILLS:

David Kane, Monthly Website Maintenance	60.00
Craig Meredith, DUP, ZA, LUP, Water Reimb.	453.67
Craig Meredith, Lime Reimb., Cert. Mail Reimb.	16.09
Julie Lonn, Town Hall Cleaning	50.00
Nuisance Officer – Gary Stevens	200.00
Cemetery Cleanup – Gary Stevens	450.00
AFLAC	281.50
MTA, yearly dues	1339.40
American Waste	2150.00
Wade Trim	2506.35
VISA	21.20

AcenTek	176.67
Fran Griffin, Mileage/Deputy Clerk Duties	90.01
Robert Aldrich, Garden Reimb.	61.98
Carrie Aldrich, Supply Reimbursements	139.30
The Pioneer Group	224.40
Cherryland Electric	59.25
Figura Law	462.00
Planning Commission Salaries	375.00
Township Board Salaries	<u>3075.00</u>
TOTAL	12,191.82

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

**Published opinion regarding Short-Term Rentals, forwarded from Figura Law
Betsie Valley District Library Minutes April 2019
Benzie County Road Commissioners Minutes April 25, 2019**

PUBLIC COMMENT: G. Stevens states he has been thanked for several people for bringing compost to the township garden. The compost was donated by Scott Williams, and the board thanks him for his contribution.

The Board wishes to recognize and thank Carrie Aldrich for her work as Clerk. C. Aldrich wishes the board to know she has enjoyed working as clerks and hopes to stay very active in the township in many areas.

ADJOURNMENT: C. Aldrich moves to adjourn; G. Stevens seconds. All ayes, motion passed.

TIME: 9:06 PM