

WELDON TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 13, 2019  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY  
7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER

TIME: 7:00PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE: Ron Hitesman, Supervisor \_\_X\_\_; Fran Griffin, Clerk\_\_X\_\_; Sally Bobek, Treasurer\_\_X\_\_; Sue Meredith, Trustee\_\_X\_\_; Gary Stevens, Trustee\_X\_\_\_\_\_.

GUESTS: Craig Meredith, Sandy Briggs, Walter Horton, Chuck Kraus, Gene Allen, Rob Aldrich, Carrie Aldrich, Casey Aldrich, Becky Sharp, Chris Bobek, Gary Sauer (arrived later)

Gene Allen requested the \$5000 the Township Board approved to help with the paving of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. R.Hitesman made the motion to give the \$5000 to the Village. G. Stevens seconded with the stipulation that documentation from Molon stating that the money from the Township would be used on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in the Village of Thompsonville improvements. Discussion. Roll call vote taken. All ayes. Motion passed.

R. Hitesman spoke on the AA meetings being held at Weldon Township Hall on Saturday mornings from 9:30-11:00AM. They have been using the Hall for the past 5-6 weeks due to Colfax Hall having septic issues. AA has been having their meetings at Colfax Hall for about 25 years. AA suggested paying Weldon \$125/6 months for using the Hall. One issue brought up was the security system here at the Hall and another issue was if the Township needed the Hall for a Saturday. Sandy Briggs and Walt Horton, both from AA, spoke with regard to switching or not to the Weldon Hall. Sandy Briggs says many would like to switch to Weldon, while Walt says some who started the AA meetings

would like to stay at Colfax Hall. Discussion. The Township Board felt it was best if the AA group took a vote of their participants (group conscious) to change Halls or not and let this Board know the results.

**CHANGES/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** S. Bobek asked to add the following under **NEW BUSINESS:** Reappoint Julie Lonn to be Weldon Township representative to the Betsie Valley District Library Board. S. Meredith asked to add the following to **NEW BUSINESS:** Trustee Retreat and Policies and Audit, Village of Thompsonville and the Community Garden. R, Hitesman made the motion to approve the agenda with changes, S. Bobek seconded. All ayes.

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 2019 BOARD MEETING:** R. Hitesman made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2019 meeting. G. Stevens seconded. All ayes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** G. Stevens made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

**GUEST/PUBLIC INPUT:** C. Meredith presented Supervisor Hitesman with a gavel to use at meetings. C. Kraus, B, Sharp, R. Aldrich, C. Aldrich, Casey Aldrich, C. Bobek—no other comments.

#### **REPORTS:**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:** C. Meredith gave his zoning report: He had two LUP's #070119 Dan Miller and #070219 for DAK Builders (Julie Savidi). Violations by J. Sullivan was resolved. Mitchell violation on Eden Lane has been resolved. Dan Miller has asked for a variance. A Zoning Board of Appeals has been scheduled for October 3, 2019 at 7PM.

The number of members on the Zoning Board of Appeals was discussed. It was made a three- member Board on May 8, 2018 and on June 12, 2018 it was made a five- member Board with C. Bobek appointed. It appears that a fifth member was never appointed. C. Meredith sent information to G. Stevens, B.

Matthews, and D. Suchocki. They are all willing to sit on the Board. C. Bobek could sit as an alternate if it was a three-member Board. F. Griffin made the motion to make the ZBA a three-member Board, S. Meredith seconded. Discussion. All ayes. It was brought up after the motion and vote that a Planning Commission member must be a member of the ZBA. Discussion. Maybe B. Matthews or D. Suchocki would step down so C. Bobek could sit on the ZBA with the other person being an alternate.

**DAY USE PARK:** C. Meredith reported that the Homestead Dam has been busy. Trash receptacle at the Day Use Park is still being used by the public. The high water level has been a deterrent to canoes and kayaks. He has been keeping the bathrooms clean and some of the brush cut back. Suggested possibly replacing the wolmanized lumber on the walkway with treated lumber or rubber treads. Discussion.

**GREENSPACE GRANT UPDATE:** R. Hitesman gave an update. Grant was approved to pay all bills. SEEDS is starting on August 19<sup>th</sup> clearing the trail and putting down chips. Should take four days. Thank you to Becky Sharp for the Hall sign and all the work she has put into the outward appearance of the Hall. It was mentioned that there is one flower box missing from the middle front window.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** C. Kraus reported on the Zoning Audit. Planning Commission will be reviewing. It was deferred until the September meeting then the September meeting was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts and moved to October 3rd. Elise from StateCraft will be there for the Zoning audit in October. C. Kraus stated that the approved Master Plan by the Planning Commission was submitted to the Township Board for approval of Master Plan formal draft with the red back. Board does not recall the red backed draft copy. S. Meredith will send to Bayside Printing for printing copies. She will get the copies to the Board members for their review. Township Board will

review and be prepared to vote to approve or disapprove the Master Plan.

**NUISANCE ABATEMENT REPORT:** G. Stevens stated there is nothing to report. When asked about the Huddleston house on the north side of the Old Dam, he said it was not visible to anyone.

**LIQUOR INSPECTION REPORT:** R. Hitesman states reports are on file for July. Nothing to report. No August report yet.

**BUDGET REPORT:** Current budget report presented. Road Maintenance is over budget at this time and the Capital Outlay line is over. Will make adjustments at the end of the fiscal year.

**SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:** R. Hitesman states Casey Guthrie, Assessor, says everything is going well. He is doing 10% weekly. C. Guthrie has the Crystal Mountain condo issue figured out. He will be here Saturday morning. Dave Kane denied the offer to sit on the ZBA. Audit reports are in. Everyone has a copy to review for September's meeting. Will request someone from BCB Accounting to be at that meeting to answer any questions. R. Hitesman mentioned the beautification of the Hall and grounds. Everything looks very nice including the new sidewalk. Address numbers have been put up on the Hall. G. Stevens, S. Williams, R. Hitesman and M. Skeels met at the end of Haze Rd and discussed a solution for getting a turnaround for a truck to pick up the trash left there. It would need Road Commission approval. Republic Waste would put in a two (2) yard dumpster.

**CLERK COMMENTS:** F. Griffin advised the Board she needed to attend Election Official Accreditation in Lansing September 26th & 27th and October 15<sup>th</sup> for Qualified Voter File training in Grand Rapids. She would like permission to spend two nights for the Accreditation training and one night for the October QVF training. The training for the E-Pollbook has not been scheduled by the State yet. R. Hitesman made the motion for the Clerk to

attend the training and to spend the two nights in September and the one night in October. G. Stevens seconded. R. Hitesman, S. Bobek, S. Meredith, G. Stevens are ayes. F. Griffin abstained. Clerk also asked about a sign/notice to the public that we have surveillance cameras. This was brought up at the Clerk's Retreat. Clerk will look for a 'sign'. Clerk has sent many website updates to Dave Kane. A person from the Record Eagle emailed the Clerk asking if we had passed an opt out ordinance for Recreational Marijuana. I told her we had. A Parks and Recreational survey is available on the counter along with a link to take it online. The survey is due to the County Clerk's office by August 19<sup>th</sup>.

**GUEST:** Gary Sauer, Commissioner, gave his report on the Road Commission and MDOT projects, County Planning Commission short term rentals, Health Dept-no e-coli issues to report, PFAS levels discussed, and County budget.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** TeamLife AED inservice tabled until next meeting. R. Hitesman will contact sales rep, Tim, to be here.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Julie Lonn's 3-year appointment to the BVDL has expired. G. Stevens made a motion to reappoint Julie Lonn to serve as Weldon Township representative on the BVDL Board for 3 years. R. Hitesman seconded the motion. All ayes.

The Board decided to have a fall clean-up this year. Dates available from American Waste, Mark, is September 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>. Clerk will check with Mark to be sure September 21<sup>st</sup> is still available.

S. Meredith attended the Trustee's Retreat and feels that the Township needs to look at policies such as the one we have to wait 30 days to review before we decide on an issue if possible. Need to have a book of policies. She also picked up a book about audits at the Retreat. We should have the auditor go over the audit and answer any questions the Board may have. She did mention that we may want to reimburse the Village for the

digging up and repair of the water line for our landscaping. Clerk will check with the Village to get the man hours spend on the water line repair.

S. Meredith also mentioned the Community Garden and how great it looks. The garden was approved for a shed a while ago. Rob Aldrich said he hasn't found one that met his criteria (i.e. narrow profile). G. Stevens said to keep looking. Garden is close quarters and is hard to maintain. Rob says they'll find a way. Discussion.

R. Hitesman stated that we really appreciate all the things C. Kraus and B. Sharp have done for Weldon Township.

F. Griffin received a notice from the Road Commission inquiring about a second brining this year. Discussion. G. Stevens made the motion to do a second brining. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes.

#### **BILLS:**

David Kane, Monthly Website Maintenance	60.00
Craig Meredith, ZA	166.67
Craig Meredith, LUP	56.00
Craig Meredith, reimburse postage	7.60
Craig Meredith-DUP	150.00
Julie Lonn, Town Hall Cleaning	50.00
Nuisance Officer – Gary Stevens	200.00
Cemetery Maint – Gary Stevens	315.00
AFLAC	281.50
TeamLife (AED)	1599.00
Wade Trim	528.55
VISA	798.44
AcenTek	180.05
Fran Griffin, Mileage seminar Shanty Creek	74.12
The Pioneer Group	475.80
Cherryland Electric	62.06
Richard Figura, legal fee	420.00
Baird, Cotter & Bishop-audit	4495.00
Milarch Bros Landscaping	5052.50
BSA-Assessing System	802.00
Village of Thompsonville-3 <sup>rd</sup> St paving	5000.00
Ron Hitesman, mileage to seminar Shanty Creek	79.57
Sally Bobek – reimburse for checks	42.62
Becky Sharp	221.21
Sue Meredith-Mileage reimburse Shanty Creek	83.71

<b>Collins Construction</b>	<b>875.00</b>
<b>Municipal Retirement Systems</b>	<b>15.00</b>
<b>Brighthouse Life Insurance</b>	<b>540.00</b>
<b>Deb Franke-BOR</b>	<b>24.00</b>
<b>Kent Stevens-BOR</b>	<b>30.00</b>
<b>Craig Meredith-water bill ½</b>	<b>17.00</b>
<b>Craig ½ mowing -August</b>	<b>12.50</b>
<b>Casey Guthrie-Assessor</b>	<b>1409.83</b>
<b>Planning Commission Salaries</b>	<b>425.00</b>
<b>Township Board Salaries</b>	<b><u>3075.00</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$27,625.73</b>

G. Stevens made the motion to pay the bills, R. Hitesman seconded. All ayes.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- BVDL June minutes
- Cherryland upgrade rebates
- NATT legislative updates
- Networks NW newsletter
- Township Newsletter July 2019

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Discussion of Mural and JPC status-R. Hitesman says Tim Figura has not heard from Ward Kuhn regarding the JPC.

G. Stevens made the motion to adjourn, R. Hitesman seconded. All ayes. Meeting adjourned 8:43PM

Respectfully submitted,  
 Fran Griffin, Weldon Township Clerk