

WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019
MINUTES
TUESDAY
7:00PM

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Ron Hitesman at 7:00PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

ATTENDANCE: Ron Hitesman, Supervisor Fran Griffin, Clerk Sally Bobek, Treasurer Sue Meredith, Trustee Gary Stevens, Trustee . All present.

GUESTS: Tim Figura, Township Attorney, gave a recap on our withdrawal from the JPC and our on-going attempts at negotiations over the last 18 months. Our last offer was again denied. Their final demand was for \$15,150. DISCUSSION.

Mr. Figura gave us advice/suggestions. DISCUSSION. G. Stevens made a motion to offer the JPC \$12,500. If it is denied by the JPC then Weldon Township will proceed with legal action. R. Hitesman seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. G. Stevens, yea, S. Meredith, nay, S. Bobek, nay, F, Griffin, yea, R. Hitesman, yea. Motion passed 3 yea-2 nay.

Angie Kopriva, auditor for Baird, Cotter & Bishop, gave a summary of our recent audit. Financials were fairly presented, Fire Fund needs to be in the budget. BCB could do our 941 quarterly reports and W-2's or we could purchase the QB Payroll program. We should not be charged Sales Tax and any outstanding checks should be addressed and possibly re-issued.

Tim Ketelhut, TeamLife, gave us a demonstration on the use of the AED.

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF AGENDA: S. Bobek asked to have the garden shed put on the agenda under Unfinished Business. S. Bobek made the motion to approve the Agenda with the change. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes. Motion passed.

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 13, 2019 BOARD MEETING: R. Hitesman made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2019 meeting. G. Stevens seconded. All ayes. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: F. Griffin made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes. Motion passed.

GUEST/PUBLIC INPUT: Craig Meredith presented the Road Commission report on their 2019 Distribution for Gary Sauer. R. Hitesman discussed possible uses of Weldon's share (\$18,000) on the Haze Rd bridge area and maybe look into grants. DISCUSSION.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: C. Meredith gave his report and recently gave out two LUP's. One to Marty Lonn and another(?).

DAY USE PARK: C. Meredith mentioned that wood chips were put where the dumpster was to be located for easy access for pick up. Chips were also put where the milkweeds were growing. DISCUSSION. R. Hitesman said an invasive species specialist will analyze that area.

GREENSPACE GRANT UPDATE: R. Hitesman said they have had many compliments on the appearance of the walkway. There will be a ceremony on September 22nd at 1:00PM at the Day Use Park.

R. Hitesman made the motion to adopt a resolution (#091019) Weldon Township Health Resolution-to accomplish goals and objectives of the Building Healthy Communities (BHC) Grant for implementing greenspace improvements that promote physical activity. S. Bobek seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion passed.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No report. September meeting cancelled.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT REPORT: G. Stevens has a letter to the owner of the old Lopez house the he will send to find out their plans for the old house.

LIQUOR INSPECTION REPORT: R. Hitesman has filed Liquor Inspection reports with the Clerk for Crystal Mountain and Mountain View. No issues to report.

BUDGET REPORT: F. Griffin, Clerk, reported that five lines that are over budget and should be corrected. Roads and Parks are an issue. G. Stevens made a motion to approve the budget report, R. Hitesman seconded. All ayes.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: Jed Maker, Betsie Valley Trails, has asked for a letter of support from Weldon Township to make the Trail a Pure Michigan Trail. R. Hitesman said he would send that letter of support.

CLERK COMMENTS: F. Griffin reminded the Board that Fall Cleanup is Saturday, Sept 21st from 9am-1pm. The E Pollbook that is used in elections is outdated and cannot accept Windows 10 that is required for elections. Clerk asked the Board to approve her purchase of a new laptop that meets the requirements set by the BOE. Price range from \$600-\$900. G. Stevens made the motion to allow the Clerk to purchase a new laptop for elections. S. Bobek seconded. Roll call taken, G. Stevens yea, S. Meredith yea, S. Bobek yea, F. Griffin yea, R. Hitesman yea. All yeas. Motion passed. Clerk read the notice from the Village of Benzonia stating they are reviewing their Master Plan. Clerk also stated that we received a credit of \$118.27 for the first brining from the Benzie County Road Commission. Clerk let everyone know that the MTA On The Road at Crystal Mountain will be on October 1st. Board should let Clerk know before 9/17 so we can register for the early bird rate (\$116 each). Clerk told Board there was a ceiling leak last week in her office. R. Hitesman had Rick DaMore come in and repair. A couple days later a little water was in the pail. R. Hitesman will contact Rick again regarding the light fixture hanging in the meeting room and also have him check the ceiling behind the door in the furnace room. Should be replaced.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Casey Guthrie met with the Supervisor and the Treasurer to discuss an issue with the taxable and assessment value differences. He is investigating why.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Master Plan—Clerk read through the Master Plan and pointed out a couple of things she thought interesting and also a number of errors in grammar and spelling. Board requested

copies of the issues the Clerk found. Tabled the vote until our October 8th meeting.

AA Group voted to continue meeting here at the Hall 9:30-11:00am on Saturdays. R. Hitesman stated they'd pay us \$150 every six months for use of the hall. R. Hitesman will ask them to take their used coffee cups, water bottles, etc. with them since we don't have a cleaning person every week.

At our request, Tim Windrim from the Village gave the Clerk a rundown of what the cost was to work on the water system during the outside landscaping. Cost to the Village was \$737.22. DISCUSSION. Tabled until next month.

S. Bobek asked that the subject of the garden shed be tabled until next month. Carrie Aldrich was going to speak on this.

NEW BUSINESS:

F. Griffin stated there was an issue with the wages paid to the BOR members. In checking further, the Budget sheet did not reflect what the Board thought was voted on at the March 2019 meeting. F. Griffin made the motion to correct the pay as follows:

Election Chair \$20/hr

Election Workers \$15/hr

Deputy Clerk \$15/hr

Deputy Treasurer \$15/hr

BOR Chairman \$20/hr

BOR Members \$15/hr

R. Hitesman seconded the motion. Roll Call vote taken:

G. Stevens, yea, S. Meredith, yea, S. Bobek, yea, F.

Griffin, yea, R. Hitesman, yea. All ayes. Motion passed.

S. Bobek would like to have permission to purchase ice cream sandwiches for the Block Party here in town on September 28th. R. Hitesman made the motion to allow it. G. Stevens seconded. Roll call vote taken. G. Stevens, yea, S. Meredith, yea, S. Bobek, yea, F. griffin, yea, R. Hitesman yea. All yeas. Motion passed.

BILLS:

David Kane, Monthly Website Maintenance	
60.00	
Craig Meredith, ZA	
166.67	
Craig Meredith, mowing	
125.00	
Craig Meredith-DUP	
150.00	
Craig Meredith-reimburse postage	
7.00	
Julie Lonn, Town Hall Cleaning	
50.00	
Nuisance Officer - Gary Stevens	
200.00	
Cemetery Maint - Gary Stevens	
150.00	
AFLAC	240.41
VISA	
694.25	
AcenTek	183.80
The Pioneer Group	
124.40	
US Postal Service (annual box #548 rent)	
54.00	
MTA-Books p/u by Sue at conference	
100.50	
Planning & Zoning News	
300.00	

Benzie County Treasurer-charge backs	
44.14	
Bayside Printing (Master Plan Books)	
241.50	
Image 360 (Township Hall Sign)	
577.14	
Cherryland Electric	
59.72	
Figura Law Office, legal fee	
434.00	
Sally Bobek - reimburse for Dep Slips Gen Chk	
28.08	
Figura Law-August bill	
70.00	
Image 360-DU Park Sign and Kiosks	
2917.14	
Casey Guthrie-Assessor (check issued last month)	
1409.83	
Township Board Salaries	_____
<u>3075.00</u>	
TOTAL	\$
11462.58	

G. Stevens made the motion to pay the bills. S. Meredith seconded. Clerk requested that the check to Image 360 for \$2917.14 be held until items have been installed. All ayes. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- BVDL Budget minutes
- Networks NW eNEWS-August
- BCRC Aug 2019 minutes
- Networks NW-Fall Asset Mgmt Summit

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comment-none

ADJOURNMENT: G. Stevens made the motion to adjourn. R. Hitesman seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fran Griffin

Weldon Township Clerk