

WELDON TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 8, 2019  
APPROVED 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 X Fran Griffin, Clerk excused, Sally Bobek, Treasurer X Sue Meredith, Trustee X Gary Stevens, Trustee excused, C. Aldrich, Deputy Clerk X.

GUESTS: Chris Bobek, Craig Meredith

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF AGENDA: S. Bobek made the motion to approve the agenda, S. Meredith seconded. All ayes. Motion passed.

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 BOARD MEETING: R. Hitesman made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: R. Hitesman made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes. Motion passed. CD's discussed.

GUEST/PUBLIC INPUT: none

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: C. Meredith gave a verbal report. He has had inquiries regarding accessory use buildings. ZBA met and approved the variance request for Dan Miller. Frixen site condo discussed.

DAY USE PARK: C. Meredith gave his maintenance report. Mentioned that the new benches are narrow and are not fixed in place. R. Hitesman suggested to have rebar installed in the future. C. Meredith would like to have permission to have the restroom pumped out this fall. R. Hitesman made the motion to have it pumped, S. Bobek seconded. Roll call vote taken. S. Bobek, R. Hitesman, S. Meredith all ayes. Motion passed.

R. Hitesman will talk with Milarch regarding the water supply to the Garden. He will also call to have the pipes blown out for the irrigation system at the Township Hall.

GREENSPACE GRANT UPDATE: R. Hitesman stated the signs are not up yet. Plant inventory was done by Chuck Kraus. Invasive species were identified by Conservation District person. The Grand Opening of the Trail was done thanks to Carrie Aldrich. She had pedometers and water bottles to give away. Got rained out. Brian Bury spoke with R. Hitesman about the Trail. The west entrance should be moved about seven (7) steps south (20ft). There is a low-lying area off the handicapped access, small raised wooded area. Kathy Maginity is a State certified mushroom identifier.

PLANNING COMMISSION: S. Meredith gave the report. Commission worked with Elise Craft at their last meeting on the Zoning Audit. Need to get the Master

Plan with corrections passed so we can start the 63-day period for public comment.

**NUISANCE:** R. Hitesman stated that G. Stevens has been trying to locate Normalee Huddleston, owner of the house located above the old railroad bridge over the Thompsonville Dam. Mail sent to her at her listed address in Bendon has been returned.

**LIQUOR INSPECTION:** R. Hitesman has turned his reports in and are on file.

**BUDGET REPORT:** F. Griffin, Clerk left copies of the Budget for everyone. Two items are over currently. Clerk will work to get this resolved for next month's meeting.

**SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:** S. Meredith would like to see two (2) new clocks for the meeting room. Sally will pick them up. Discussion. Price up to \$20 each was agreed on. R. Hitesman has talked to Rick Damore regarding the leaking roof particularly over the Clerk's office. Rick gave him a price and information on a roof coating that is \$250 per bucket. Would need 17 buckets; to do the job. Price of quote was \$8575 with 25% down. Discussion. S. Bobek will see who did the roof at BACN. She also asked if R. Hitesman could get an estimate to silicone the screw heads over the Clerk's office. Insulation and ceiling in the furnace room needs to be repaired. Possible mold issue. C. Aldrich will have a mold company contact R. Hitesman. Kim Balke, CRA, will be at our November meeting to speak on walking bridges (\$100,000>). Discussion.

**CLERK COMMENTS:** F. Griffin left a list of items for the Board to consider. Clerk received a letter from the

State asking for corrective actions concerning items in our audit. Clerk has contacted Angie, BC&B. She will help with the response to the State. Crystal Mountain has requested a firework permit for New Year's Eve. S. Bobek made the motion to approve. R Hitesman seconded. All ayes. Motion passed. AA lease for use of the Hall--- a card and check for \$150 was received for the lease but check says for a year. Last month's minutes reflects it should be for 6 months. Clerk will draw up a lease for the AA Group and give check to Treasurer to deposit but hold funds. Also, a reminder that the Governor vetoed the budget line for PILT payments to Townships.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Deputy Clerk Aldrich read the Master Plan w/changes resolution for the 63-day period for public comment. R. Hitesman made the motion to pass the resolution. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes. Motion passed. Clerk will type up resolution with signature lines and send out letters.

At our request, Tim Windrim from the Village gave the Clerk a list of what the cost was to work on the water system during the outside landscaping. Cost to the Village was \$737.22. DISCUSSION. This item was tabled last month and is tabled again this month.

NEW BUSINESS: none

**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-ZBA member	
15.00	
Craig Meredith, LUP fees	
84.00	
Bryan Matthews, ZBA Chair	
20.00	
Chris Bobek, ZBA member	
15.00	
Gar Stevens-ZBA member	
15.00	
Ron Hitesman-Liq Inspect	
500.00	
Julie Lonn, Town Hall Cleaning	
50.00	
Nuisance Officer - Gary Stevens	
200.00	
Cemetery Maint - Gary Stevens	
150.00	
Sally Bobek-reimburse supplies	
86.41	
Fran Griffin-Reimburse mileage	
205.47	
AFLAC	239.51
VISA	
1231.27	
AcenTek	172.86
The Pioneer Group	
336.40	US Postal Service (annual box #570 rent)
54.00	
MTA ZBA Pkg-Craig	
72.00	
Michigan Election Resource	
35.50	

Bayside Printing		
33.60		
Baird Cotter & Bishop		
200.00		
Benzie County Road Comm		
3508.41		
American Waste		
2500.00		
Republic Services		
65.90		
Lost Lake Improvements		
75.00		
Municipal Retirement		
200.00		
Municipal Retirement-surrender fee- C. Aldrich		
25.00		
Brighthouse Life Ins.		
2767.50		
Michigan Dept of Treasury qrtly		
616.23		
US Treasury 941		
2388.30		
Image 360 (50% DUP sign)		
693.62		
Cherryland Electric		
63.34		
Casey Guthrie-Assessor (check issued last month)		
1409.83		
Chris Jones, Dpty Treasurer		
67.50		
Planning Commission-Oct 2019		
375.00		
Township Board Salaries		
<u>3075.00</u>		
TOTAL		\$
22,048.32		

Motion was made by S. Meredith to pay the bills. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes. Motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

BVDL Sept 2019 minutes & budget

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chris Bobek commented on the meeting pay of \$15/hr for ZBA members. Discussion. Meeting pay and permit fees will be discussed at the Annual Budget Meeting. Discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT:** S. Bobek made the motion to adjourn. S Meredith seconded. All ayes. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Fran Griffin  
Weldon Township Clerk