

WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 12, 2019
TUESDAY
7:00PM

The 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: Chuck Kraus & Chris Bobek, no comments. Gary Sauer, Commissioner spoke on maybe Implementing a security system at Government Center, MI Septic Systems meeting, Benzie Summit, financial issues, Eclipse Broadband update, solar and dark skies, Herring Lake flooding and Veterans Day lunch at Blaine Church and a Veterans memorial ceremony. Matt Skeels, Road Commission, gave an update on removing the abutments on Haze Rd. Estimate of about \$100,000 - 150,000. Kim Balke, CRA couldn't attend tonight's meeting. She does feel according to her text, read by Ron Hitesman, that she is in favor of the removal of the abutments. Weldon Township will have about \$18,000 to spend on the Haze Rd. location. Sally Bobek asked Matt Skeels about the corner of Lindy Rd and Weldon Rd. Matt Skeels feels the lighted stop signs (\$13,000) might be helpful at this intersection. Craig Meredith asked about the center lines coming up on an angled intersection like, M115 and Weldon Rd.

CHANGES/APPROVALS TO THE AGENDA: S. Bobek made a motion to approve the Agenda. R. Hitesman seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND THE OCTOBER 11, 2019 ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING. S. Bobek made the motion to approve both sets of minutes. R. Hitesman seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: S. Bobek reported requests for Crystal Mountain property tax information. She talked to the County regarding the issue. It was suggested that if she receives further requests from the requester to have them FOIA the information. Treasurer's report presented. G. Stevens made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

GUEST/PUBLIC INPUT: Russ Smith, Friends of the Betsie Valley District Library/Community Center, gave an update on the Ride for Reading and the Community Center and a thank you to all who helped. They made \$7900 on the Ride. The Center is focusing on the services, (Dental Van, Broadband, Recreation for kids) rather than the building itself at present.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: C. Meredith presented a written report. LUP#100219 was given to Matt Hughes at Crystal Mountain. C. Meredith has had numerous calls for accessory buildings without a primary dwelling. The Frixen property issue has been resolved. The site condo designation has been removed. Fence violation with David Casey has been discussed by attorneys Tim Figura and Jesse Williams. This issue has also been discussed with our Assessor. Joseph Milarchi motor home has been left on the property. May leave there until April 2020.

DAY USE PARK: C. Meredith gave his written report. There has been some vandalism at the Park with someone tearing up the chips in the island where the sign is supposed to be installed. Sheriff's Dept. has been notified. R. Hitesman states that the sign is supposed to be installed November 13th. R. Hitesman received after-the-fact construction approval paperwork from Brian Bury, Naturals River. Needs to remove the chips and adjust the walkway 50 ft to the east of the river where the concrete ends. Vegetation to be allowed to grow back. The trail has a 25 ft low wetland issue. Need to install a 25 ft long 36" wide boardwalk. To be done no later than July 1, 2020.

GREENSPACE UPDATE: See above

PLANNING COMMISSION: C. Kraus gave the report. PC worked on the Zoning Audit review at their last meeting. Will finish at next month's meeting. Will need a sixty-three-day public comment period, different than the Master Plan comment period, after approved by the Township Board.

NUISANCE REPORT: G. Stevens still working on the Huddleston property notification. G. Stevens to submit a bill for November. Clerk was under the impression the Nuisance reporting ended in October. S. Bobek has an issue she'd like to report. Will file a report in the spring.

LIQUOR INSPECTION REPORT: R. Hitesman gave his report and all reports are on file. No issues.

BUDGET REPORT: F. Griffin, Clerk, asked how the current budget was approved, by line or by sub account. Discussion. Clerk communicated with Angie, auditor, on how to go about adjusting the budget to bring it back in

line. This was a question Angie asked. Board says it's by sub account. At this time, F. Griffin, Clerk, is asking the Board to approve adjusting the following for now: \$10,000 contingency transfer to Road Maint acct 523 and add \$10,182.14 (monies received from grant) to Parks Restricted Fund acct 751. Discussion. G. Stevens made the motion to approve these transactions, S. Bobek seconded. Roll call vote: G. Stevens, aye, S. Meredith, aye, R. Hitesman, aye, S. Bobek, aye, F. Griffin, aye. Motion carried. F. Griffin, Clerk, will work on the rest of the line items that are out of line.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: R. Hitesman presented a new Greenpeace grant application. Letter of intent is due November 22nd. R. Hitesman named some things this could be used on. C. Kraus volunteered himself and Becky Sharp to do the grant work. R. Hitesman made the motion to have C. Kraus and Becky Sharp work in conjunction with Weldon Township to seek a grant from Building Greenspace. F. Griffin seconded. All ayes. R. Hitesman reported there is no black mold in the furnace room. Rick Damore said he didn't see any black mold above the ceiling. G. Stevens made the motion for R. Hitesman to get a black mold kit to test the attic/ceiling. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. Lost Lake Construction gave R. Hitesman a quote to re-roof the Hall. Quote is \$23,000. Discussion. R. Hitesman presented a brochure about Frankfort put out by the Benzie Historical Society. Maybe do a Thompsonville brochure sometime. Discussion. Cost is about \$800.

GUEST: Bill Kennis Benzie Bus, arrived and gave his annual report. They had 550 rides in one day-- Election day. There will be a Benzie Bus millage renewal in March 2020.

CLERKS COMMENTS: F. Griffin stated that the letters did go out for the Master Plan. Received two back, researched and resent to different addresses. No reply from anyone. Clerk would like to see the legal file cabinets given away or gotten rid of. Will put FREE signs on them if anyone wants them. Clerk will pick up the needed candy and supplies for the Christmas Candy bags, about 150ea. Meeting room locks and closet inside meeting room need to have keys. Clerk doesn't have them. Check with Dennis Smith to see if he can make keys for them. R. Hitesman stated he may have the keys. Will check. The I-9 Forms required by the Government have been sent to everyone that did not have one on file here. Only two have not come back. Clerk stated that she will not issue another check to either of these two individuals until she has this form and supporting documentation on file for them. G. Stevens will take one and R. Hitesman will take one and talk to these individuals to see if we can get the forms filled out and back to me. Election Source has sent a service/support contract for our election equipment (ICX, ICP) G. Stevens made the motion to accept this contract, R. Hitesman seconded. All ayes. Cleanup Day this spring

will be May 16th. Clerk asked permission from the Board to contact Mr. Figura regarding her attending a JPC/Village/Colfax Twp/Mr. Kuhn meeting on Nov 20th @ 6PM since she is also on the Village Council. G. Stevens made the motion to allow her to ask the advice of Mr. Figura. R. Hitesman seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. JPC withdrawal discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Thompsonville DPW work on water hookup- Discussion-delete from agenda.

NEW BUSINESS: R. Hitesman stated that C. Kraus named every tree and plant along the Day Use Trail.

BILLS:

David Kane, Monthly Website Maintenance	60.00
Craig Meredith, ZA	166.67
Craig Meredith, mowing	25.00
Craig Meredith-DUP	150.00
Craig Meredith-LUP fees	28.00
Craig Meredith-postage reimburse	4.80
Craig Meredith-reimburse f/snowplow markers & lime	
35.53	
Julie Lonn, Town Hall Cleaning	50.00
Sally Bobek-Reimburse Clocks	25.98
Sally Bobek-Reimburse for Office 365 s/c	99.99
Fran Griffin-Mileage reimbursement-QVF 338mi	
184.21	
Fran Griffin-reimburse Bldg supplies	12.57
AFLAC	304.86
VISA	190.89
AcenTek	177.32
The Pioneer Group	
73.20	
Cherryland Electric	
63.34	
Michigan Election Resource	137.13
Dustin's Computer Serv-Treas	120.00
BS&A software annual serv contract	696.00
SEEDS	7451.81
Milarch Bros	65.00
Figura Law-FOIA, JPC	126.00
Bayside Printing	33.60
Benzie Clerk-Voter ID cards	6.30

Election Board-wages	
1200.00	
Wade Trim	328.60
Casey Guthrie-Assessor	409.83
Planning Commission Nov 2019	425.00
Township Board Salaries	<u>3075.00</u>
TOTAL	\$16,493.03

G. Stevens made the motion to pay the bills. R. Hitesman seconded. All ayes.
G. Stevens stated he would send a bill for the Nuisance Enforcement or drop it off.

CORRESPONDENCE: U of M report for Local, State and Urban Policy, Benzie Historical Society Letter, Village of Benzonia Master Plan update and Inland Township Planning Commission Master Plan update.

PUBLIC COMMENT: C. Kraus commented on his presentation to the Crystal Mountain Association regarding his and Becky Sharp's work on the Township Hall landscaping and sign. Also, the upgrades to the Day Use Park.

ADJOURNMENT: S. Bobek made the motion to adjourn. G. Stevens seconded. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran Griffin
Weldon Township Clerk