

WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
January 14, 2020
TUESDAY
7:00PM

The meeting was called to order by Ron Hitesman, Supervisor at 7:02PM. 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: Gary Sauer, Eugene Allen, Chris Bobek, Casey Guthrie, Chuck Kraus, Cindy Shapiro.

Gary Sauer, County Commissioner, gave an update on Benzie County business including Road Commission issues, Elberta Clerk resigned, erosion issues. Eugene Allen, Village President, asked the Board to keep in mind in the new budget year a possible donation to the Village for help with the Act 51 mandate to spend money on non-motorized items. Village is going to put in new sidewalks. North side of Lindy Road starting from Second to Third St- 300LF and 300LF from Michigan Ave to Elm St on Beecher (Colfax). Casey Guthrie, Assessor, gave dates for the March 2020 BOR. He will be presenting to the Board resolutions at the next meeting regarding 'waiver penalties for transfer affidavits' and 'poverty exemptions.

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF AGENDA: F. Griffin asked to change the bills on the Agenda to add \$550 to R. Hitesman for Liquor Inspector making the total of bills \$12960.85. S. Bobek made the motion to approve the agenda with the changes. G. Stevens seconded. All ayes.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2019 REGULAR MEETING: G. Stevens made the motion to approve the December 10, 2019 meeting minutes. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:(Dated 12-31-2019) G. Stevens made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

GUEST/PUBLIC INPUT: none

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: C. Meredith gave his report. Has not heard from Tim Figura regarding the D. Casey/S. Murphy dispute. C. Meredith will contact T. Figura for an update.
A written report was also presented.

DAY USE PARK: C. Meredith gave a written and oral DUP report. Fence is in bad shape and has been submitted for the new budget year for replacement. R. Hitesman stated that it is included in the New Greenspace Grant application.

NEW GREENSPACE GRANT: R. Hitesman reported that the application was sent in on time. Haven't heard anything yet.

PLANNING COMMISSION: C. Kraus, Planning Chairman, asked the Township Board to approve a Resolution to Amend the Master Plan. Discussion. R. Hitesman made the motion to pass the Resolution. F. Griffin seconded. Roll Call vote: G. Stevens, S. Meredith, R. Hitesman, S. Bobek, F. Griffin all ayes. 0 nays. Motion passed. Resolution number 01062020 adopted.

C. Kraus also asked the Board to approve the Zoning Ordinance. F. Griffin made the motion to approve the Zoning Ordinance as requested by the Planning Commission. R. Hitesman seconded. Roll Call Vote: G. Stevens, S. Meredith, R. Hitesman, S. Bobek, F. Griffin all ayes. 0 nays. Motion passed. Discussion. Cost going forward with the Zoning Changes estimated to be \$6,000-10,000.

C. Meredith asked about the Recreation plan. C. Kraus said E. Calcutt, Networks NW suggested delaying until Sportsman Club issue is settled.

GREENSPACE UPDATE: See above.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: Reports are on file. No issues.

BUDGET REPORT: F. Griffin presented budget amendments to bring line items in line. S. Bobek made the motion to approve the amendments to the budget. R. Hitesman seconded. All ayes.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS: R. Hitesman will pick up sterile swabs to use with the Black Mold kit. Withdrawal from the JPC looks to be approved by the Village and Colfax Township. Waiting for attorney’s paperwork.

CLERK COMMENTS: Clerk asked if it was ok to contact Kirstin Horan to get copies of the bills for the first Greenspace Grant from last summer/fall. Okayed by the Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: BOR ad was in the published in the paper. Only one response was received. Chris Bobek would like to be on the BOR. R. Hitesman motioned to have Chris Bobek appointed to the BOR. G. Stevens seconded. All ayes.

NEW BUSINESS: March 10, 2020 Regular scheduled Board Meeting needs to be rescheduled due to the Election that day. Discussion. It will be rescheduled for Monday, March 16, 2020 at 7:00PM.

BILLS:

Accident Fund Insurance Premium	1122.00
(paid between meetings due to lapsing if not paid)	
David Kane, Monthly Website Maintenance	60.00
Craig Meredith, ZA	166.67
Craig Meredith-DUP	150.00
Ron Hitesman-Liquor Inspector	550.00
Figura Law	546.00
Craig Meredith-Plowing	80.00
Julie Lonn, Town Hall Cleaning	50.00
AFLAC	304.86
VISA	722.40
AcenTek	172.09
The Pioneer Group	
176.90	Cherryland Electric
71.73	
Blarney Castle-propane	711.20
Personnel Concepts	37.90
Sally Bobek - reimburse	68.88
Ron Hitesman - postage reimbursement-Grant	25.50

Michigan Dept of Treasury SUW Tax Qtrly	
581.00	
IRS 941 Qtrly	2347.99
Carrie Aldrich-Dpty Clerk	45.00
Republic Services	60.90
Casey Guthrie-Assessor	1409.83
Planning Commission Jan 2020	425.00
Township Board Salaries	<u>3075.00</u>
TOTAL	\$12,960.85

G. Stevens made the motion to pay the bills. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE: BC Road Commission Minutes, Nov and Dec 2019,
 Networks Northwest -Opportunity to Learn about Land
 Bank and Brownfield Tools Jan 21st
 MTPP-Educational Seminars - Jan 23rd
 Village of Benzonia notice of Master Plan Public Hearing Jan 23rd
 CRA - Michigan Wild Game Dinner - Feb 8th
 MTA 2020 Educational Conf and Expo - April 27-30th
 CRA-River Report

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

ADJOURNMENT: G. Stevens made the motion to adjourn. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes.
 Meeting adjourned at 8:02PM.

Respectfully submitted,
 Fran Griffin
 Weldon Township Clerk