

WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
March 16, 2020
TUESDAY
7:00PM

The meeting was called to order by Ron Hitesman, Supervisor at 7:01PM. 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: Craig Meredith, Chris Bobek, Gary Sauer, Deb Franke

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF AGENDA: S. Bobek motioned to approve the agenda. G. Steven seconded. All ayes.

MINUTES OF THE February 11, 2020 Regular Meeting and the March 3, 2020 Budget Workshop Meeting: S. Bobek made the motion to approve both sets of minutes. G. Stevens seconded. All ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:(Dated 2-29-2020) S. Bobek stated that a CD renewed automatically. G. Stevens made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. R. Hitesman seconded. All ayes.

GUEST/PUBLIC INPUT: Gary Sauer, County Commissioner, reported the BCRC is looking for a new building. They are considering the old Platte River School. School structure is solid. County looking at upgrading security at the Government Center. Headlee Act discussed in Lansing. The Maples, and the jail are closed to the public due to the Covid-19 crisis. Court is open but with restrictions. He is still checking on the purchase the Township made for the Veteran's Memorial.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: C. Meredith's written report was given to the Board.

DAY USE PARK: C. Meredith continues to plow and clean restroom.

NEW GREENSPACE GRANT: R. Hitesman- He is checking for pricing to replace the split rail fence at the Park.

PLANNING COMMISSION: S. Meredith gave the PC report to the Board. Since she is the Board's representative to the Planning Commission, she will be giving their report. The Commission reviewed the Wade Trim updated agreement.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: Reports are on file.

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

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: R. Hitesman has spoken with Matt Skeels, BCRC, regarding the Haze Rd Bridge. Their Planner has been gone. Issue has not been forgotten.

CLERK COMMENTS: Kirstin Horan did tell the Clerk the Township could keep the \$2049+ left over from the initial Greenspace Grant to use on other improvements at the Day Use Park. They have closed their 2019 books. The old outstanding checks have been rectified and voided per the Auditors recommendation. There is still one check outstanding for \$200 to Gary Stevens for November 2019. Discussion. S. Bobek made the motion to re-issue the check to Gary Stevens. S. Meredith seconded. All Ayes. Clerk will void old check #12258 and re-issue another. Clerk did have one FOIA request and took care of it. S. Bobek made the motion to amend the 2019-2020 budget by \$15,150 for the withdrawal from the JPC per Auditor's advice. G. Stevens seconded. Roll Call: G. Stevens, S. Meredith, R. Hitesman, F. Griffin, S. Bobek- all ayes. The JPC withdrawal check is in tonight's approval for bills. Deb Franke is in attendance so will accept the check tonight. Assessor's Contract was given to R. Hitesman in duplicate for Casey Guthrie to sign. Village Fire Dept report is in Board member's packets. Clerk is scheduled for a training at the Government Center April 9th for Election Preparation for 2020 by the BOE.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The test for the black mold came back negative for black mold. R. Hitesman will contact Rick Damore to have the furnace

room ceiling torn out and repaired. JPC check addressed under Clerk Comments.

NEW BUSINESS: MTA Spring conference in April at Grand Traverse Resort has been cancelled due to Covid-19. The American Waste contract for 2020 spring and fall cleanup has been received. S. Bobek made the motion to approve the contract for May 16, 2020 and September 19, 2020 9AM-1PM both days. R. Hitesman signed. F. Griffin asked what should be done with the check given to us by the Rebekah Lodge last April for use of the Hall for meetings. Clerk will return check #736 for \$100 to Julie Lonn. Maybe they could do the flower boxes on the front windows in exchange for use of the Hall for their meetings. F. Griffin found the TCM Bank useless for helping with an issue with the Township credit card. BOR needs 1-2 new members. Marty Lonn is no longer able to sit on the BOR. Clerk stated that the March 10th election went well thanks to the Election workers. S. Bobek made the motion to accept the new 2020-21 Budget as presented. R. Hitesman seconded. All ayes. G. Stevens mentioned that he and S. Meredith need per diem pay for two meetings. Clerk will issue their checks for the Budget workshop and the Budget Hearing.

BILLS:

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|---|---------------------|
| United States Post Office (assessor) | |
| \$715.00 | |
| (Between meetings) | |
| David Kane, Monthly Website Maintenance | |
| 60.00 | |
| Craig Meredith, ZA | 166.63 |
| Craig Meredith-postage reimburse | |
| 9.60 | |
| Craig Meredith-DUP | 150.00 |
| Craig Meredith-Plowing | 100.00 |
| Julie Lonn, Town Hall Cleaning | |
| 50.00 | |
| Figura Law | 196.00 |
| AFLAC | 304.86 |
| VISA | |
| 262.69 | |
| AcenTek | 172.07 |
| Blarney Castle | 517.76 |
| Joint Planning Commission w/d | |
| 15,150.00 | |
| Wade Trim | 412.30 |
| The Pioneer Group | |
| 206.40 | Cherryland Electric |
| 69.61 | |
| Village of Thompsonville-water annual | |
| 408.00 | |

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| Ron Hitesman-mileage reimburse | |
| 53.41 | |
| Ron Hitesman -Liq Inspec | |
| 50.00 | |
| Chris Bobek-BOR Training | |
| 105.00 | |
| Fran Griffin=Mileage reimburse | |
| 68.67 | |
| Sally Bobek-reimburse for postage stamps | |
| 55.00 | |
| Chris Jones-Dpty Clerk | 52.50 |
| Gary Stevens-reissue check #12258(11/19) | |
| 200.00 | |
| Gary Stevens-per diem x 2 | 200.00 |
| Sue Meredith-per diem x 2 | |
| 200.00 | |
| BOR Pay | 420.00 |
| Election Workers Pay | |
| 1240.00 | |
| Casey Guthrie-Assessor | |
| 1409.83 | |
| Planning Commission Mar 2020 | |
| 325.00 | |
| Township Board Salaries | |
| <u>3075.00</u> | |

TOTAL **\$26,405.33**

G. Stevens made the motion to pay the bills with the addition of the per diem checks. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE: BVD Library Minutes, BCRC Minutes, Joyfield Township Planning Notice letter, ProLab Mold Report, Networks Northwest-Bench Mark Northwest Report, Networks Northwest eNews letter, Health Department of NW Michigan letter re: New Grant.

PUBLIC COMMENT: G. Sauer says there are two (2) positions on the Benzie Bus Board. C. Bobek will put out a flyer with information for anyone that needs help getting junk to the Spring Cleanup.

ADJOURNMENT: S. Bobek made the motion to adjourn. G. Stevens seconded. All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43PM.

Respectfully submitted,
 Fran Griffin
 Weldon Township Clerk