

WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
May 12, 2020
TUESDAY
7:00PM

The meeting was called to order by Ron Hitesman, Supervisor 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: Craig Meredith, Chuck Kraus, Gary Sauer
R. Hitesman moved Gary Sauer, Commissioner, ahead in the agenda. Mr. Sauer gave his report on the County including the cancellation of the Veterans Memorial event on Memorial Day, DNR Grant money suspended, Covid-19 in Benzie County 4 cases, Leelanau 9. Joyfield Township discussing hidden site repair on Mick Road. Blaine Township is considering a weigh restriction on Lower Herring Lake due to high water issues. Financial issues addressed. Revenue Sharing may be limited. Law enforcement, EMS, Correction officers all signed waivers so they are not eligible 80 hour extra pay thru the Federal government, so the County is extending to them and is waiving copays. County plans to recall all furloughed employees on May 13th.

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF AGENDA: R. Hitesman made the motion to approve the agenda as presented, G. Stevens seconded. All ayes.

MINUTES OF THE March 16, 2020 Budget Hearing and the March 16, 2020 Regular Board Meeting minutes: S. Bobek made the motion to approve both sets of minutes. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:(April and May 2020) F. Griffin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. G. Stevens seconded. All ayes.

GUEST/PUBLIC INPUT: none

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: C. Meredith's written report was given to the Board. He also received a communication from Bryan Bury, Natural Rivers regarding a teleconference on June 2nd at 5:30pm. C. Meredith attended a webinar about Short Term Rentals. He thinks that Township is missing out on revenues and there are regulations for short term rentals. There will be another one for Michigan only on May 21st from 5-6pm. He asked that the Clerk sign up Zoning Board of Appeals members for conference on Roles and Functions for the ZBA. Members: Gary Stevens, Chris Bobek, Don Suchocki, Craig Meredith. At \$94/each.

DAY USE PARK: C. Meredith continues to clean restroom and surrounding area. He asked whether the restroom should be closed like the State parks. Consensus from the Board was that it should stay open. Crystal Mountain's Legacy Art Park is still open.

R. Hitesman spoke on the small bridge the DNR asked to be put over a wetland area of the trail. C. Kraus and R. Hitesman thinks they could reroute the trail around that spot. Brian Bury, Natural Rivers, told them the deadline to do the bridge was July 1st but has extended it to Nov 1st due to the current condition with the Covid-19 issue. R. Hitesman said they are currently looking into treads for the walkway. He has been in contact with SEEDS to maybe do some work at the Day Use Park again. The old septic tank on the property (for the old Lopez house) has been tampered with. Discussion about filling it in. Perfect Fence will be starting on replacing the split rail fence at DUP parking lot.

NEW GREENSPACE GRANT: R. Hitesman says it has been extended.

PLANNING COMMISSION: C. Kraus reported under the current circumstances the PC did not have an April or May meeting. He also spoke on the Historical Marker. It has been approved by the Michigan Historical Commission. He read the text for both sides of the marker. There is a celebration planned possibly in the fall. Thompsonville DPW will install the marker. Crystal Mountain has offered to underwrite the food for the event. Should have a firm date sometime in July. Cost of Marker is \$3900. Discussion.

NUISANCE Report: G. Stevens talked to Frank Hankins on Lindy and 4th St. regarding the nuisance complaint.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: Reports are on file.

BUDGET REPORT: Clerk says the budget looks good at the present time.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: R. Hitesman has had complaint on the 'memorial cross and flowers' on M115 near Crystal Mountain. He has spoken to the Benzie County Road Commission. They say it is not their issue but the State's. Flags have been received for the Thompsonville Cemetery. R. Hitesman will see that they get put out for Memorial Day. Chris Bobek may help. Haze Road Bridge—Kim Balke, CRA is working on a grant for it. In April there was a leak above the Treasurer's office. R. Hitesman called in Lost Lake Improvements to repair a (hold) hole in the roof above the window. Back hallway has flying ants. G. Stevens made the motion to call in pest control, S. Bobek seconded. All ayes. Clerk will call Hogarth Pest Control in the morning. Eugene Allen talked to Ron Hitesman again about the Township helping with the replacement of some of the sidewalks. Tabled. Eugene will attend the next meeting with a plan.

CLERK COMMENTS: Clerk asked if Casey Guthrie, Assessor, has signed our contract. R. Hitesman will contact him again about it. Clerk stated that the 2020-21 Budget needs to be amended to include the pay schedule for the ZBA members. S. Bobek made the motion to pay the Chairperson of the ZBA \$20/hr. and the Members \$15/hr. G. Stevens seconded. Roll call vote.

R. Hitesman, S. Bobek, S. Meredith, G. Stevens, F. Griffin all ayes. R. Hitesman brought up the Zoning Administrator's wages. He made a motion to increase the ZA wages from \$2000/annually to \$3000/annually. S. Bobek seconded. Roll Call vote: S. Bobek, G. Stevens, R. Hitesman, S. Meredith, F. Griffin all ayes. Motion passed. Clerk spoke with Julie Lonn from the Rebekah's Lodge about the hall lease for their meetings. Julie had agreed they would take care of the flower boxes in exchange for their meetings here at the Hall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: New BOR member-R. Hitesman-tabled.

NEW BUSINESS: Brining letter has arrived from the BCRC. Discussion. R. Hitesman made the motion to go ahead with first and second brining. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes. Clerk will send consent form to BCRC. F. Griffin presented a Post-Audit Policy that she feels needs to be put in place. It is

needed for situations like the one we are in with this Covid-19 pandemic so we can pay the bills and approve at the next meeting. G. Stevens made the motion to approve the Post Audit Policy as presented. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes.

BILLS:

APRIL 2020

	David Kane, Monthly Website Maintenance	60.00
	Craig Meredith, ZA	166.67
	Craig Meredith-DUP	150.00
	Julie Lonn, Town Hall Cleaning	50.00
	Gary Stevens-cemetery maint	165.00
	Gary Stevens-Nuisance Enforcement	200.00
	Ron Hitesman-Liq Inspec	550.00
	AFLAC	304.86
	VISA	517.73
	AcenTek	172.82
46.80	The Pioneer Group	
	The Pioneer Group Circulation	251.55
	MTA	49.50
	Carrot Top-MI flag	26.22
	Michigan Election Resource	217.09
	Cherryland Electric	71.41
	Blarney Castle	403.37
	State of Michigan-SUW Tax	600.00
	IRS-941 qtrly	2504.28
	Casey Guthrie-Assessor	1398.83
	Township Board Salaries	<u>3158.34</u>
	TOTAL-APRIL	\$11,064.47

MAY 2020

	Dave Kane-Web Maintenance	60.00
	Craig Meredith-ZA	166.67
	Craig Meredith-DUP	150.00
	Craig Meredith-LUP	28.00
	Julie Lonn-Hall Cleaning	50.00
	Gary Stevens-Cemetery Maint	150.00
	Gary Stevens-Nuisance Enf	200.00
	Fran Griffin- Mileage reimburse	14.38
	Fran Griffin-Mileage reimburse AV Env	31.63
	AFLAC	304.86
	VISA	572.08
	Acentek	171.42
	The Pioneer Group	19.35
	Michigan Election Resource	169.71
	Fortress Security	311.88

Lost Lake Improvements	150.00
Cherryland Electric	61.00
Casey Guthrie-Assessor	1398.83
Township Board Salaries	<u>3158.34</u>
 TOTAL-MAY	 \$ 7,168.15

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

CORRESPONDENCE: BVD Library Minutes, BCRC Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT: C. Meredith said the water needs to be turned on in the Community Garden. R. Hitesman will contact Jared Milarch.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:03PM.

Respectfully submitted,
 Fran Griffin
 Weldon Township Clerk