

WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
June 9, 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, Gary Sauer

R. Hitesman moved Gary Sauer, Commissioner, ahead in the agenda. Mr. Sauer gave his report on the County: Maples 95% occupancy, Covid 19 Workman's Comp Claim possible, BCRC getting less money from the State, Elmer's road project is done, M115 road project to start in August, Government Center has reopened, Blaine Twp has applied to the DNR for a 15-day No Wake Zone on Lower Herring Lake, Tire drop off is scheduled for July 18th in Thompsonville. C. Meredith asked about the cancellation of the Veteran's Memorial Day event that was cancelled. A few people did show up.

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF AGENDA: S. Meredith asked to add Landscaping and Cemetery to the agenda. G. Stevens mad the motion to approve the agenda a changed, S. Bobek seconded All ayes.

MINUTES OF THE May 12, 2020 Board meeting: S. Meredith had two corrections in the Supervisor's Comments, 'hold' should be 'hole' and last sentence should read: 'Eugene will attend the next meeting 'with a plan.' S. Bobek made the motion to approve the minutes with the corrections. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (June 2020) S. Bobek reported that a taxpayer said his taxes were sent to the wrong address. He wants \$1200 in interest and penalties refunded to him for being late. County told him to go to the Board of Review to ask for it back. 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's written report was given to the Board and on file. One LUP for Steve May at Crystal Mountain. Met with a person with a travel trailer on Haze Rd. He mentioned the Short-term Rentals would need an ordinance and permits. Discussion. C. Meredith will take to the Planning Commission meeting.

DAY USE PARK: C. Meredith's written report was given to the Board and is on file. He continues to clean restroom and surrounding area. The new split rail fence is installed by Perfect Fence.

NEW GREENSPACE GRANT: R. Hitesman reports the award has been granted. The replacement fence is installed. He met with SEEDS people about more project work. Need another layer of woodchips. The benches had been moved and have been moved back. They need to be anchored down.

PLANNING COMMISSION: The May meeting was cancelled due to the Covid-19. No report per S. Meredith.

NUISANCE Report: G. Stevens' written report is on file. He is working with F. Hankins (4th and Lindy Rd) on his property cleanup and he asks that the Philo complaint be considered closed. Discussion on the junk across from Geno's.

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

BUDGET REPORT: Clerk says the budget looks good at the present time. G. Stevens motioned to accept the Budget report. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: C. Bobek and J. Hitesman helped R. Hitesman put the flags out at the Thompsonville Cemetery for Memorial Day. Census takers are out. Community Garden is going ok. C. Kraus has received an email from the Michigan Historical Marker Coordinator regarding the Diamond Crossing/Thompsonville Junction marker. Proofs and instructions need to be approved and a check needs to be sent to

them for \$3900.00. Clerk asked what account the Board wants it taken out of since it was not specifically budgeted. Discussion. Clerk suggested the Contingency line. G. Stevens made the motion to issue the check for \$3900 as requested. S. Bobek seconded. Roll call vote: R. Hitesman, G. Stevens, S. Meredith, S. Bobek, F. Griffin all ayes.

CLERK COMMENTS: Clerk stated that the 2020-21 Budget needs to be amended to include the pay schedule for the Planning Commission members. F. Griffin made the motion to pay the Planning Commission Chair \$75/meeting and the Recording Secretary \$100/meeting and Members \$50/meeting. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes. Clerk had an inquiry of someone wanting to put his father's ashes in the Weldon Township Cemetery. Discussion of reopening the cemetery. It was decided to not reopen at this time. Clerk would like to know what the agreement is with Republic Service for trash pickup at Haze Road. Complaints have been received of it being full and overflowing. Wednesday is supposed to be pickup day. Discussion.

R. Hitesman said BCRC made a turnaround at the Haze Rd so Republic could pick up. S. Bobek will take care of the letter from MI Dept of Treasury Stability Board. MTA dues bill has been received with an addition if we want to pay extra for online training. Discussion. G. Stevens made a motion to pay the basic MTA dues of \$1387.02 only. R. Hitesman seconded. Roll call: R. Hitesman, S. Bobek, G. Stevens, S. Meredith, F. Griffin all ayes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: New BOR member-R. Hitesman-tabled. S. Bobek asked if Casey Guthrie, Assessor, will be attending any meetings with us. Discussion. F. Griffin asked about the Post-Audit Policy we passed last month. A couple of items in the Policy need to be determined. G. Stevens made the motion to make the Clerk along with the Supervisor the persons with the authority for emergency expenditures. R. Hitesman seconded. All ayes. G. Stevens made the motion to Limit the amount to \$1000.00. S. Bobek seconded. Roll call vote: R. Hitesman, S. Bobek, G. Stevens, S. Meredith, F. Griffin. All ayes.

Furnace ceiling repair still needed. R. Hitesman will contact Rick Damore for the repair.

NEW BUSINESS: F. Griffin presented the Covid-19 Preparedness and Response Plan with suggested changes. It was sent previously to the Board members for review. Discussion. R. Hitesman made the motion to accept the plan with the suggested changes. G. Stevens seconded. All ayes. F. Griffin informed the Board of our annual audit by Baird, Cotter & Bishop to be performed on June 30, 2020. Letter was received by R. Hitesman, Supervisor and a packet was received by the Clerk. R. Hitesman made the motion to approve. G. Stevens seconded. All ayes. S. Meredith asked about the landscaping of the Hall. She has been trying to keep the weeds, etc. cleaned out. She feels it should be cleaned periodically and, in the fall, and spring. Discussion. S. Meredith said she would do it until we find someone else. C. Meredith asked about the Community Garden, who is in charge, rules? Discussion. S. Meredith would like to know if the cemetery is going to reopen or not. Discussion. F. Griffin received reports from Census showing response from our area. Weldon is way down compared to the Village of Thompsonville and Colfax Township. Revenue Sharing report received shows Weldon Township population half Township and the Village of Thompsonville. Hazardous Day is Saturday, June 13th at the Frankfort High School. We have batteries and fluorescent tubes to go over from the Township. Clerk and her daughter plan to take them over. Sally Bobek kindly offered to do that.

JUNE 2020 BILLS:

David Kane, Monthly Website Maintenance		60.00
Craig Meredith, ZA	250.00	
Craig Meredith-lawncare		115.00
Craig Meredith-DUP	150.00	
Craig Meredith-LUP#05022020		28.00
Julie Lonn, Town Hall Cleaning		50.00
Gary Stevens-cemetery maint		300.00
Gary Stevens-Nuisance Enforcement		200.00
Gary Stevens-reimburse for mole pellets		12.70
AFLAC		304.86
VISA		2271.34
AcenTek	172.54	
Michigan Election Resource		54.84
Fran Griffin-reimburse		35.43
Sally Bobek-reimburse		55.00
American Waste-spring c/up		2350.00
Pioneer Group		83.85
Figura Law	58.00	
Planning & Zoning News		300.00
Cherryland Electric		58.55
MTA Dues	1387.02	
State of Michigan (Marker)		3900.00

Casey Guthrie-Assessor
Township Board Salaries

1398.83
3158.34

TOTAL-JUNE

\$16,754.30

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

CORRESPONDENCE: BVD Library Minutes, BCRC Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran Griffin
Weldon Township Clerk