

WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
August 11, 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: Vicki Schwartz, Craig Meredith, Gary Sauer, Casey Guthrie

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

MINUTES OF THE July 14, 2020 Meeting: G. Stevens made the motion to approve The July minutes. R. Hitesman seconded. All ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: F. Griffin made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

GUEST/PUBLIC INPUT: Gary Sauer, Benzie County Commissioner gave his County report. It included the debris being found on the Elberta Beach, TB case reported by the Health Department in Leelanau County, an increase in Lyme Disease , BCRC improvements to their buildings, MDOT camera installed on Elberta causeway, Road conditions on M22, Future Federal Aid road project in Benzonia Township on River Rd., Painting curved lines on road with angled intersections, Free Truck for the County to try from Western Truck at no charge, Weir Rd. needs work, Maples having issues with Legionella in their water, Betsie Valley Trail Trust Fund Grant to be used next year, Dogs on the BVT is an issue with Crystal Lake residents, County working on the next year's Budget. R. Hitesman stated that the State is making the company that did the road work on King and Pioneer Rd. come back and fix it.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: C. Meredith's report is on file. He reported on four LUP's and other inquiries. He would like permission to contact Tim Figura to get an opinion on the 'shipping containers' that are on Haze and Landis Rd as it pertains to our Zoning. R. Hitesman would like to meet with C. Kraus and C. Meredith and discuss it.

DAY USE PARK: C. Meredith's written report was given to the Board and is on file. R. Hitesman reported that the garbage is now being picked up by Republic on Haze Rd. by the river.

NEW GREENSPACE GRANT: R. Hitesman reported on the project. SEEDS put the tread on the walkway, put the mulch in and adjusted the walkway per DNR specifications. Fence is up. There was a misunderstanding as to the amount of this Grant. K. Horan informed R. Hitesman that it is \$10,000 and not \$15,000 as originally thought. Clerk asked when the Grant money will be issued to the Township. We have paid SEEDS from the General Fund, so it looks out of balance.

PLANNING COMMISSION: C. Kraus gave his report. Elizabeth Calcutt was at the last PC meeting. Discussed the Recreation Plan. It has been on hold since the Covid issue. She stated that we need to have a public meeting. PC plans to pass out information at the Township Cleanup Day on September 19th. Craig Meredith is working on the Fee Schedule and will come up with a recommendation. The PC needs to finish the Zoning started with Wade Trim a few months ago. Arthur Mullen suggested using Crystal Mountain for two-five-hour long Saturday workshops. C. Kraus asked that the Board approve \$150 for each Saturday for the workshops at Crystal Mountain, tentatively scheduled for August 29th and October 3rd from 8am-1pm at the Crystal Mountain Conference Center. Discussion. F. Griffin made the motion to approve the \$150 per Saturday for the PC Zoning workshops at Crystal Mountain and to pay the Chairperson \$20/hr., the Secretary \$20/hr., and the PC Trustees \$15/hr. for attending the workshops. G. Stevens seconded. Roll call vote: R. Hitesman, S. Bobek, S. Meredith. G. Stevens, F. Griffin all ayes. Motion passed.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: Reports are on file. No concerns at this time.

NUISANCE Report: G. Stevens' written report is on file. He has been working with F. Hankins and Mr. Hankins is being very cooperative.

BUDGET REPORT: F. Griffin asked the Board's approval on the recommended adjustments. Transfer \$240 from Contingency to 6560 Payroll Expenses and \$50 from Contingency to 669-000 Reconciliation Discrepancy. R. Hitesman made the motion to make the adjustments. G. Stevens seconded. All ayes.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: R. Hitesman stated that King Rd between M115 and Pioneer Rd needs work. He was asked about a traffic count. BOR was held July 21st. C. Guthrie, Assessor, stated that they had six petitions, one Poverty Exemption request which was denied. BOR went well.

CLERK COMMENTS: F. Griffin stated that the August 4th Election went well. We have two new Election Inspectors. They did well. We had 214 total voters. Of that total 102 were AV.

At the last July Board meeting, S. Bobek asked about the Village Fire Fund money. F. Griffin gave her a copy of the Village Treasurer's report. Clerk asked if it would be ok to destroy the minutes of the JPC withdrawal closed session the Board had with our attorney, Tim Figura July 9, 2019. Open Meetings Act states that you can destroy the minutes of closed session one year and one day after the approval of the meeting minutes of the regular meeting. G. Stevens made the motion to destroy the closed session minutes of July 9, 2019. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes. Clerk will destroy the closed session minutes from July 9, 2019 on August 13, 2020. Clerk asked about having the "old" Weldon Township map given to us by the Historical Society/Museum framed. Also, framing of the Zoning/Future Land Use and current Weldon Township map. Discussion. Board okayed Clerk using her judgement in getting them framed. Clerk advised the Board that she has received two FOIA requests from TrueTheVote. She has been in contact with Tim Figura and Dawn Olney. At this point, she is waiting on advice from them on how to proceed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: R. Hitesman reported that Lost Lake Improvements has finished the ceiling repair in the furnace room.

NEW BUSINESS: F. Griffin stated that the Audit Report 2019-2020 has been received. There are copies in her office for all Board members.

Clerk also stated that we missed reappointing the Planning Commission members. They have staggered terms=3-year, 2 year and 1 year. S. Bobek made the motion to appoint S. Williams, Becky Sharp, and C. Bobek to terms that expire in 2023, S. Meredith to a term expiring in 2022. C. Kraus and R. Aldrich and C. Aldrich will need to be re-appointed in March 2021. R. Hitesman seconded. All ayes.

BILLS:

<u>Aug 2020</u>	
David Kane, Monthly Website Maintenance	60.00
Craig Meredith, ZA	250.00
Craig Meredith-Hall-lawncare	75.00
Craig Meredith-Garden mowing	40.00
Craig Meredith-DUP	
150.00	
Craig Meredith-LUP fee	112.00
Julie Lonn, Town Hall Cleaning	50.00
Gary Stevens-cemetery maint	300.00
Gary Stevens-Nuisance Enforcement	200.00
AFLAC	304.86
VISA	697.42
AcenTek	175.21
Michigan Election Resource	66.69
ElectionSource	31.55
Lost Lake Improvements	1150.00
SEEDS	1708.00
SEEDS	3525.00
Spectrum Printers	90.00
BS&A Software-Assessing	
817.00	
Baird, Cotter, Bishop PC-Audit	4650.00
Pioneer Group	77.40
Cherryland Electric	65.25
Board of Review-Pay	100.00
Sally Bobek-Reimburse for stamps	55.00
Fran Griffin-reimburse for mileage to Govt Ctr x 2	
28.76	
Fran Griffin-reimburse for scanner	
137.66	
Election Workers Pay-Election/Training/Assisting	
1914.50	
Planning Commission-Pay	425.00
Casey Guthrie-Assessor	1398.83
Township Board Salaries	3158.34
TOTAL-AUGUST	<u>\$21,813.47</u>

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Networks NW Newsletter, Betsie Valley District Library Report, 2020 Michigan Public Policy Survey results, Betsie Valley Community Center Report, Public Notice from the State of Michigan re: Steve Besey permit request for new bridge-road crossing 15510 King Rd., MTA Welcome Member letter

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:57PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran Griffin
Weldon Township Clerk