

WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
September 8, 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: Christian Stretlien, Tim Ranville, Deborah Ranville, Chuck Kraus, Vicki Schwartz, Craig Meredith, Brian Dinger, Kara Dinger. Christian Stretlien asked about the alleyway between Second Street and the Ballfield. Not safe to use it because of the shooting range behind the Dinger's. Benzie Equalization told him to check with the Township. The Board advised Mr. Stretlien to check with the Village since Weldon Township does not have jurisdiction within the Village limits. C. Kraus, Planning Commission Chair, is asking for Board approval to have Dave Kane, webmaster, make the Day Use Park a separate section of the website with more pictures and information and to take it out of the section "Points of Interest". G. Stevens made the motion to allow that change. F. Griffin seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion passed.

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF AGENDA: R. Hitesman made a motion to approve the agenda with the Clerk's change to add \$56 to bills for Treasurer's PO Box rent and S. Bobek's change to add 'Flag' to new business. G. Stevens seconded. All ayes.

MINUTES OF THE August 11, 2020 Meeting: S. Bobek made the motion to approve the August 11, 2020 minutes. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: G. Stevens made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. R. Hitesman seconded. All ayes.

GUEST/PUBLIC INPUT: none

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: C. Meredith's gave a verbal and written report. He issued one LUP to Solverson/Portland Builders #08012020. A Zoning Violation Notice was sent to owner regarding the 'shipping containers' that are on Haze and Landis Rd. He has given an application for a fence to Frank Hankins. He also presented fee schedules from surrounding Townships for review for possible changes to our Fee Schedule. People are still asking to leave their campers on properties to live in during the summer months.

DAY USE PARK: C. Meredith's written report was given to the Board and is on file.

NEW GREENSPACE GRANT: R. Hitesman was notified by Kirsten Horan that we still have \$1600 on the Grant to spend before 2PM today. C. Kraus and R. Hitesman got together and have made arrangements with Image 360 to have an information board in the entryway to the Hall for DUP information and a sign against the fence at the DUP with pictures. Discussion. Kirsten Horan advised R. Hitesman that we should have the Grant money by the end of this month.

PLANNING COMMISSION: C. Kraus reported the September meeting was cancelled. All PC members and the Zoning Administrator attended the Workshop at Crystal Mountain on August 29th. Another workshop is scheduled for October 3rd. Small houses need to be addressed. He left information regarding **Complete Streets** for the Township Board to review for the next meeting and a possible Resolution. C. Kraus stated that the Historical Marker for the Diamond Crossing is done and has been shipped to the DPW in Thompsonville and should arrive next week. A dedication ceremony is being planned for Sunday, October 11th at 2:00PM at the site of the Crossing.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: Reports are on file. No concerns currently per R. Hitesman.

NUISANCE Report: G. Stevens' written report is on file. He has been working with F. Hankins on the tires and has talked with the complainant.

BUDGET REPORT: F. Griffin asked the Board's approval on the recommended adjustment. Transfer \$480 from 890.000 Contingency to 6560 Payroll Expenses. S. Bobek made the motion to make the adjustment. G. Stevens seconded. All ayes. Grant money to be received at the end of the month will offset the overage in Parks and Recreation.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: R. Hitesman reported that the County Treasurer contacted him about two parcels of property adjacent to the DUP that are up for tax sale. Wanted to know if the Township is interested in purchasing for \$4800.00. R. Hitesman stated that Dave Lemmien/DNR told him that the State is not picking up anymore property at this time. Discussion. S. Meredith made the motion to purchase the two parcels for \$4800. R. Hitesman seconded the motion. Roll call taken: R. Hitesman, yea, S. Bobek, nay, Sue Meredith, yea, Gary Stevens, nay, F. Griffin, nay. 2 yeas and 3 nays. Motion did not pass.

CLERK COMMENTS: There was a recount for the August 4, 2020 Election. Weldon's ballot can and reports were all sealed and signed and were able to be recounted. Kudos to the Election workers for a great job. F. Griffin has received the August 4, 2020 Election Certified results if anyone wants to review them. A FOIA request was received shortly after the Election from TrueToVote organization. Many questions and communications with Tim Figura and Dawn Olney, County Clerk. Just before the end of August, TrueToVote emailed a withdrawal of their FOIA requests.

The State of Michigan LAFD sent a letter requesting an answer on how we are going to correct a couple of Audit comments. Angie at BC&B, our auditors composed a letter of response that I sent in. R. Hitesman made the motion to make the Cleanup Days for 2021 Saturday, May 15th and Saturday, September 18th both days 9am – 1pm. G. Stevens seconded. All ayes. C. Guthrie, Assessor, sent an email that BOR will be December 15th at 1PM. He also said the Fidlar program should be up and running in two weeks. Kim Balke, CRA, sent an email today stating that they did not get the Sustain Our Great Lakes grant that included the Haze Rd and the Betsie River restoration.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: S. Bobek asked about the flag being at half-staff for so long. F. Griffin put it back up last week.

BILLS:

September 2020

David Kane, Monthly Website Maintenance	60.00
Craig Meredith, ZA	250.00
Craig Meredith-Hall-lawncare	100.00
Craig Meredith-Garden mowing	40.00
Craig Meredith-DUP	150.00
Craig Meredith-LUP and reimburse postage	
38.60	
Julie Lonn, Town Hall Cleaning	50.00
Gary Stevens-cemetery maint	300.00
Gary Stevens-Nuisance Enforcement	
200.00	
AFLAC	304.86
VISA	790.05
AcenTek	174.77
Michigan Election Resource	14.16
Election Source	58.96
Benzie County Clerk-Voter ID cards	1.50
Pioneer Group	64.50
Benzie Road Comm-Brining	3626.67
Summit Companies-Fire Ext annual insp	47.25
Cherryland Electric	64.40
Sally Bobek-Reimburse for supplies	155.19
Fran Griffin-reimburse for mileage-Govt Ctr recount	
28.76	
USPS-Treasurer's box rental #548 annual	56.00
Planning Commission-Pay-Aug 29 th	Zoning Workshop
650.00	
Casey Guthrie-Assessor	1398.83
Township Board Salaries	<u>3158.34</u>
TOTAL-SEPTEMBER	\$11,782.84

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tim Ranvell spoke concerning his property in Colfax Township that he and his wife Deborah are trying to build on. He is having a very difficult time dealing with Deb Franke and Shelley Green (JPC/Colfax Twp) when it comes to the permits, etc. He asked if Sally Bobek, our Treasurer or Fran Griffin, our Clerk, have been contacted by either Shelley Green or Deb Franke. Both have not been contacted by either Ms. Green or Mrs. Franke. He plans to attend the Colfax Township meeting tomorrow night.

CORRESPONDENCE: Networks NW Newsletter, Betsie Valley District Library Report, Dave Lemmien State Forest Planning-share ideas, Certified August 4, 2020 Primary Election results, MI Dept of Treasury Revenue Estimates.

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