

WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
November 10, 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: Scott Williams, Vicki Schwartz, Gary Sauer, Craig Meredith, Russ Smith, Chuck Kraus, Connie Stevens, Carrie Aldrich. Casey Guthrie arrived at 8:07pm.

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF AGENDA: R. Hitesman made the motion to approve the agenda. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes.

MINUTES OF THE September 8, 2020 Regular Meeting and the October 2, 2020 Election Commission Meeting. R. Hitesman made the motion to approve both sets of minutes. G. Stevens seconded. All ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: S. Bobek has signed up for virtual seminar on Taxes Nov 24th. The Treasurer's October 2020 and November 2020 financial reports were presented. G. Stevens made the motion to approve. R. Hitesman seconded. All ayes.

GUEST/PUBLIC INPUT: Russ Smith gave a progress report on the Community Services Van. Most equipment was donated. No Federal or State monies were used. They have had \$90,000 donated. Storage is at the Sheriff's Dept. No drugs are left inside. G. Sauer, Commissioner, gave an update on Gilmore Township, they have received an application for a marijuana grow permit. Elberta is having water/sewage issues. Road Commission have received a prototype truck for 18 months use. School safety issue-truancy. Maples is still closed to visitors, water issue getting better, installing kitchen cabinets. Village of Thompsonville will be

purchasing new speed radar signs. Blaine Supervisor Campbell's last meeting was last Thursday.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: C. Meredith gave his Oct & Nov Zoning reports. November starting out strong. Possible citation for Haze Rd property. S. Bobek brought up the subject of people camping in this area talking of buying property to store their campers, etc. on. They should be checking with zoning in the areas they are interested in.

DAY USE PARK: C. Meredith presented his Day Use Park report. R. Hitesman stated that the DUP has been looking good and garbage has been picked up regularly.

NUISANCE REPORT: R. Hitesman thanked Gary Stevens for his enforcement endeavors. He had a call from someone with a complaint on McCall Avenue. Shelley Green told the person to contact Gary. It is within the Village, not Gary's area.

NEW GREENSPACE GRANT #2: R. Hitesman says they are finishing up. New sign at the DUP with the flora and fauna is up. Still waiting for the new bulletin board for the entry way.

PLANNING COMMISSION: C. Kraus stated that the Commission can only have one Township Board member on it since S. Williams will be leaving the Planning Commission when he takes his place on the Township Board as Trustee November 20th. C. Kraus has spoken with Phyllis Kladder about sitting on the Planning Commission. She is very much interested. C. Kraus is recommending Phyllis Kladder be appointed to take Scott Williams place on the PC. C. Kraus recommended to the Board to approve the Complete Streets Resolution. Recreational and Cultural Plan is now being handled by Matt Clark, Networks Northwest. He is our new contact. He is taking Elizabeth Calcutt's place. Arthur and Elise from Wade Trim will be at the next PC meeting in December with changes to the zoning. PC will be making recommended changes to the Fee Schedule at the December Township Board meeting.

PC working on the future budget possibly including a summer worker for garden and DUP maintenance work. Still looking for a garden shed. Scott Williams will be working on the tiller this winter. C. Kraus asks if anyone has old pictures of Thompsonville, he would like to get copies. R.

Hitesman made a motion to appoint Phyllis Kladder to the Planning Commission to replace Scott Williams. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: No report for November due to Covid-19.

BUDGET REPORT: F. Griffin asked the Board their feelings on Hazardous Pay for the Election Workers. MTA Connection has had several remarks by Township Clerk's on this subject. Some paying from nothing to \$50-\$300 in addition to their Inspector pay. None of our Inspectors refused to do their part because of fear of Covid-19/firearms/disruptions on Election Day. G. Stevens made the motion to pay each Inspector an additional \$100 for Hazardous Pay. F. Griffin seconded. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes. F. Griffin asked the Board to approve an amendment to the budget to move \$1030 from contingency to Elections. G. Stevens made the motion to approve the Budget and the Amendment. R. Hitesman seconded. Roll call: S. Bobek, G. Stevens, Sue Meredith, F. Griffin, R. Hitesman, all ayes.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: R. Hitesman reported that the Diamond Crossing dedication was cancelled due to Covid-19. May reschedule for spring. He thanked all the Board members for working together thru the Covid-19 issues. He also thanked all the Election workers.

He brought up the Haze Rd @ Betsie River abutment removals. Link Engineering and the Road Commission looked over the situation there. There is a Fee to the work they did there \$7780.00 on September 30, 2020. S. Bobek asked about the CRA involvement. There is an amount of \$18,000 the Road Commission has been holding for Weldon Township for a project in the Township. Discussion about the cost to remove the abutments. Matt Skeels will be at our December meeting to explain.

CLERK COMMENTS: F. Griffin stated that the November 3, 2020 General Election went well. Was a very long night. Steady voters all day and many AV ballots. Checked with the County Clerk today. Advised that oaths should not be taken until the Board of Canvassers have certified the election on Nov 16th. She will advise me. Tentatively set up November 17th at 4:00pm to take oaths here at the Township Hall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Complete Streets Resolution- S. Bobek made the motion to approve this resolution. G. Stevens seconded. Roll call vote taken. G. Stevens, S. Bobek, Sue Meredith, F. Griffin, R. Hitesman- all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS: Crystal Mountain has submitted a fireworks permit for Dec 31, 2020 at 10:30pm. G. Stevens made the motion to approve the fireworks permit. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes. S. Bobek asked about the Cemetery and Nuisance person for the coming year. Gary Stevens is still interested in doing it next year if we want. F. Griffin asked about possibly replacing the carpeting/flooring in this building. Discussion. G. Stevens made a motion to get three quotes. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes. The Thompsonville Fire Dept send a copy of their budget so far this year. R. Hitesman made a motion to lease the Hall to the AA group per lease agreement including sanitizing facilities before leaving each meeting. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes.

BILLS:

October 2020—Due to cancelled October Meeting—Paid per Post-Audit Policy

David Kane, Monthly Website Maintenance	60.00
Craig Meredith, ZA	250.00
Craig Meredith-Hall-lawn care	100.00
Craig Meredith-Garden mowing	40.00
Craig Meredith-DUP	150.00
Julie Lonn, Town Hall Cleaning	50.00
Gary Stevens-cemetery maint	150.00
Gary Stevens-Nuisance Enforcement	
200.00	
Ron Hitesman-Liq Inspec	550.00
AFLAC	304.86
VISA	390.94
AcenTek	175.72
Benzie County Treasurer-chargebacks	19.99
Benzie County Clerk -Program, Ads, Canvassers	494.50
Figura Law	392.00
Michigan Election Resource	53.93
Wade Trim	582.81
Blarney Castle	217.28
Michigan Law Poster Service	89.50
American Waste-fall cleanup	1175.00
Republic Waste	145.50
The Pioneer Group-CU ad	135.00
Cherryland Electric	20.94
Sally Bobek-reimburse stamps and Microsoft subs	
160.99	
Fran Griffin-reimb f/mileage-Govt Ctr Elec Ballot/program	
54.34	
Craig Meredith-reimbur-zoning supplies	126.30
USPS-Box 570 Rent	56.00
Sally Bobek-reimburse for 6 mo. box rent 548	28.00
Image 360-Sign deposit-DUP	877.69
State of Michigan-Quarterly taxes	635.69
IRS-941 Quarterly	2720.11

Planning	Commission-Pay-Oct	3 rd	Zoning	Workshop
373.75				
Planning Commission Oct 5 th meeting				325.00
Casey Guthrie-Assessor				1398.83
Township Board Salaries				<u>3158.34</u>

TOTAL-OCTOBER \$15,663.01

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Craig Meredith-Hall-lawncare		25.00
Craig Meredith-DUP	150.00	
Craig Meredith-reimburse-office sup		26.41
Julie Lonn, Town Hall Cleaning		50.00
BS&A Software	709.00	
Crystal Mountain-PC Workshops		300.00
Personnel Concepts	58.90	
Municipal Retirement Systems		200.00
Brighthouse Life Insurance Co.		2842.50
Fran Griffin-Mileage reimbursement		86.84
MTA-Treasurer Virtual Training-Tax Coll		99.00
Image 360	822.40	
Milarch Bros Landscaping		65.00
AFLAC	304.86	
VISA	576.18	
AcenTek	178.04	
The Pioneer Group		38.70
Election Inspector Pay, Nov 3, 2020		1710.00
Cherryland Electric	59.40	
Planning Commission Nov 2nd meeting		375.00
Casey Guthrie-Assessor		1398.83
Township Board Salaries		<u>3158.34</u>

TOTAL-NOVEMBER 2020 \$13,628.40

S. Bobek made the motion to pay the October and November bills. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: C. Kraus thanked the Board for helping make the Diamond Crossing Memorial possible. The Board in turn thanked Chuck and Becky Sharp for all their hard work.

CORRESPONDENCE: Networks NW Newsletters, Betsie Valley District Library Reports, Michigan Township Par Plan newsletter, September 2020, Village of Honor PC Hearing, variance.

***Ron Hitesman, Supervisor, presented a plaque to Gary Stevens, Trustee, and thanked him for his 46 years of service to Weldon Township.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Griffin
Weldon Township Clerk