

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
ZOOM
January 12, 2021
AGENDA
Tuesday
7:00PM**

**The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, R. Hitesman at 7:10PM.
The Pledge of Allegiance was given.**

**ATTENDANCE: Ron Hitesman, Supervisor_X_ Fran Griffin, Clerk_X_ ; Sue Meredith,
Trustee_X_ ; Scott Williams, Trustee_X_.**

**GUESTS: Chuck Kraus. Casey Guthrie, Gary Sauer, Mathew Cooke, Becky Sharp, Craig
Meredith, Carrie Aldrich, Rob Aldrich**

**C. Guthrie, Assessor, spoke about the change in the Property Exemption for up to three
years. Would need a resolution by February 15th. Discussion. S. Bobek would like it to stay
year to year. It was agreed by the Board to leave as is. He stated that the March 2021 BOR
could be virtual or could do write in petitions or by appointment. Briefly discussed his
upcoming contract.**

**CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: S. Bobek asked to add BOR to the agenda
under Old Business. Fran asked to add bills for \$100 and \$167.70 to the bills. R. Hitesman
made the motion to approve the agenda with changes. S. Bobek 2nd. All ayes.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF November 10, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, December 8,
2020 meeting cancelled (Covid-19). R. Hitesman made the motion to approve the November
10, 2020 minutes. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT: S. Meredith made the motion to approve the December 2020
and January 2021 Treasurer's Reports as presented. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.**

**GUEST/ PUBLIC INPUT (up to 5 minutes per guest): G. Sauer, Commissioner, gave an
update on County issues. He gave the COVID-19 Hotline number 231-715-5557 or use the
Benzie County Health Dept website. Road Commission is looking at the Platte School and
costs associated with it. Esch Rd is on their agenda for work to be done. Joyfield and Blaine
discussion Ironman. Looking at cost/loans/grants to repair the Pt Betsie.**

REPORTS:

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: C. Meredith trying to find the Citation book that was
purchased a few years ago. Has an application for LUP on Shenburn Rd.**

DAY USE PARK: C. Meredith presented the report.

GREENSPACE GRANT #2 UPDATE: New bulletin Board has been installed.

PLANNING COMMISSION: C. Kraus reported on the ZOOM meeting on Jan 4th and the Recreational and Cultural Plan. No comments at the Public Hearing. A proposed budget has been submitted for the Community Garden and Day Use Park. Zoning regulations are not finished yet. With Covid-19 things have been set back by Wade Trim. It will be discussed at their Meeting in February.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: on file/no issues

BUDGET REPORT: F. Griffin asked for approve of an amendment to bring the Budget in line-\$2000 from Contingency, \$1000 to Elections and \$1000 to Payroll Taxes. R. Hitesman made the motion to approve the amendments. S. Williams seconded. Roll call taken. All ayes.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: R. Hitesman reported on the Road Commission. Say they are working on what to do with the Haze Rd (Black Bridge). AA Group would like to use the Township Hall once things open again. Next month will be our Budget Workshop.

CLERK COMMENTS: Board signatures are still required on Comp Streets Resolution. Michigan BOE has yet another way to keep the Clerks busy. They have now added a Risk Audit of the November 3, 2020 Election for next week. They will be pulling 18,000 ballots to be tallied. Fortunately for us, Weldon did not get picked in the drawing of ballots. F. Griffin purchased drapes and rods for the Clerk's office. The previous blinds were broken. She stated that when she leaves office, she will take them with her, or the Township can reimburse her \$67.90. S. Bobek made the motion to reimburse the Clerk for them. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes. Thanks to Carrie Aldrich's help the W-2's have gone out in the mail.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Zoning Fee Schedule comparisons are in the packets for review. Tabled. F. Griffin, Clerk read the Resolution for the Adoption of the Weldon Township Recreation and Cultural Plan. R. Hitesman made the motion to adopt the Resolution. S. Williams seconded. Discussion. Roll call taken. All ayes 5-0. S. Bobek asked about the BOR members. All BOR members were paid for the December meeting plus the alternate, Marty Lonn. In our July meeting Jane Hitesman was appointed to replace Marty Lonn on the Board as a regular because he is so often working down state. Marty Lonn is the alternate.

NEW BUSINESS: Copies of the proposed budget for the Parks and Recreation are in the Board packets. Discussion. Tabled until February. C. Meredith stated that Bryce Gibbs has sold his Crystal View property on 669 and the Odd Fellows Hall has been purchased and is going to be a motel. The old grocery store downtowns Thompsonville is going to be made into apartments. Assessor Contract-tabled. Municipal Township Participating Plan sent us a Notice of Policy Change regarding Restrictions of Coverage for Communicable Disease.

They also send an application for Netguard Plus Cyber Liability Coverage Offer. Clerk will check into the cost of this coverage.

BILLS:

Bills To Be Paid by Weldon Township December 8, 2020

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| Election Inspectors-Hazardous Pay | 600.00 | [] |
| Dave Kane, Website Monthly Fee | 60.00 | [] |
| Julie Lonn, Town Hall Cleaning | 50.00 | [] |
| AcenTek | 175.58 | [] |
| AFLAC | 257.90 | [] |
| VISA | 253.44 | [] |
| Cherryland Electric | | [] |
| Craig Meredith, ZA | 250.00 | [] |
| Craig Meredith-DUP | 150.00 | [] |
| Image 360 | 595.75 | [] |
| Wade Trim-zoning changes | 2201.83 | [] |
| Spectrum Printers-test decks | 190.00 | [] |
| Apex Software-annual maint contract | 235.00 | [] |
| USPS-postage Tax Mailing | 635.26 | [] |
| Sally Bobek-reimburse for stamps | 55.00 | [] |
| Dustin Computer Repairs | 60.00 | [] |
| Casey Guthrie-Assessor | 1,398.83 | [] |
| Board Salaries | <u>3,158.34</u> | [] |

TOTAL BILL PAYMENT AMOUNT FOR: December 8, 2020

\$10,326.93

BILLS:

January 2021

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| Municipal Underwriters of Michigan | 4663.00 |
| Accident Fund Insurance | 1146.00 |
| David Kane, Monthly Website Maintenance | 60.00 |
| Craig Meredith, ZA | 250.00 |
| Craig Meredith-DUP | 150.00 |
| Julie Lonn, Town Hall Cleaning | 50.00 |
| AFLAC | 257.90 |
| VISA | 382.13 |
| AcenTek | 175.33 |
| Cherryland Electric (Capital Credit-Dec -11.05) | 48.46 |

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| Blarney Castle | 464.74 |
| Republic Services | 145.50 |
| Benzie County Clerk-Nov 2020 Election cost | 522.89 |
| Craig Meredith-Hall Plowing | 100.00 |
| Craig Meredith-LUP | 28.00 |
| Ron Hitesman-Liq Enforcement | 550.00 |
| Aubrey Kitzmiller (ZOOM setup) | 165.55 |
| Sally Bobek-reimburse Bitdefender Security fee | 38.16 |
| Fran Griffin-mileage to Profile-Shredding/Postage | 33.60 |
| Sue Meredith- per diem | 100.00 |
| Pioneer Group | 167.70 |
| IRS-941 quarterly | 2653.81 |
| State of Michigan quarterly | 573.52 |
| Casey Guthrie-Assessor | 1398.83 |
| BOR-Dec 2020 Members Pay | 130.00 |
| Planning Comm wages | 425.00 |
| Township Board Salaries | <u>3158.34</u> |

TOTAL-January 2021

\$17,838.46

S. Meredith made the motion to pay the December 2020 (Post-audit) and the January 2021 bills. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE: Networks Northwest Newsletters-Dec, Networks Northwest Newsletter-November, GFL/American Waste-New Name, BVDL Minutes-Oct and Nov. Gary and Connie Stevens sent a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year email.

PUBLIC COMMENT: C. Kraus stated that the Historical Marker at the Diamond Crossing is set for June 19th at 2:00PM.

It was decided that our February Regular Board meeting will be by ZOOM.

ADJOURNMENT: S. Williams made the motion the adjourn the meeting. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16PM.

Respectfully submitted:

**Fran Griffin
Weldon Township Clerk**