

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
ZOOM
February 9, 2021
Tuesday
7:00PM**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, R. Hitesman at 7:03PM.
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, Gary Sauer, Becky Sharp, Matt Skeels, Craig Meredith, V. Schwartz

Matt Skeels, BCRC, spoke about the Black/Haze Rd Bridge area. The BCRC has received a proposal from Link Engineering for \$7800 to dig up the footings and remove and restore the area. The cost would be 50-50 between the BCRC monies they have earmarked for Weldon Township for Weldon Township match (\$3900). The money (\$18,000 thru 2020) that the BCRC has for Weldon Township started in 2019, 2020 and 2021. The oldest amount needs to be used by the third year. Mr. Skeels stated that it is very unlikely that the Haze Rd Bridge will ever be replaced. (Mr. Skeels left at 7:15PM.)

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: F. Griffin asked that the CRA newsletter be added to the Correspondence. S. Bobek asked that the printed agenda time be corrected to 7:00PM instead of 7:30PM. R. Hitesman motion to approve the agenda, S. Bobek seconded. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF January 12, 2021 Parks/Rec Public Hearing and the January 12, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. R. Hitesman made the motion to approve both sets of minutes. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: S. Bobek, Treasurer, stated that she is getting checks for taxes that are postdated. She is returning them to the taxpayers. S. Meredith made the motion to approve the February 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 including COVID-19 vaccine distribution and administration, IRONMAN coming to Benzie County on September 12th. Frankfort and Elberta have approved the IRONMAN so far. Discussion. Looking for a site for a new Parks Service Visitors Center,

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Report on file. C. Meredith has received the new citation book. Has talked with magistrate. C. Meredith sent a copy of a sample citation to Tim Figura to assess.

DAY USE PARK: C. Meredith presented the report. Park is being used by snowmobilers and walkers.

GREENSPACE GRANT #2 UPDATE: R. Hitesman has been in contact with J. Flynn and SEEDS regarding a possible grant for \$2500 for maintenance at the Day Use Park. Would like to replace the non-slip treads with better ones.

PLANNING COMMISSION: C. Kraus reported on the PC ZOOM meeting on Feb 1st. A proposed PC budget was generated. Zoning revisions from the first workshop were discussed. It is felt that it will take two more meetings to complete.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: on file/no issues

BUDGET REPORT: F. Griffin asked for approval of the proposed Budget amendments
Move \$1000 from Contingency 890-000 to Insurance-Fringe 851-858
Move \$500 from Contingency 890-000 to Payroll Taxes 851-857
Move \$4400 from Townhall maint 265-930 to Payroll Taxes 851-857
Move \$20 from Townhall maint 265-930 to Payroll Taxes 851-857
S. Meredith made the motion to approve the amendments. R. Hitesman 2nd. Roll call: S. Bobek, S. Meredith, R. Hitesman, S, Williams, F. Griffin all ayes.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: R. Hitesman spoke about the IRONMAN letter from Crystal Mountain. Discussed Haze Rd project. County Administrator, Mr. Diesch, County Administrator, would like Paula Figura to speak on Broadband at our March meeting. BOR members had the chance to take the BOR training thru MTA. Discussion had on a Designated Assessor thru the County Equalization Dept. S. Bobek felt it was good to go ahead and support it if there is no cost to the Township.

CLERK COMMENTS: Budget 2021-2022 Discussed. Budget Hearing will be March 9th at 6:30PM prior to the Township Board's regular meeting. F. Griffin asked the Board to approve having BCB Accounting firm that does our Auditing do our Quarterly reports including 941's and MI SUW quarterly taxes and the W-2's at the end of the year. BCB gave us a cost of \$225 per quarter. S. Bobek made the motion to approve. R. Hitesman seconded. All ayes. Clerk still getting correspondence from the State re: quarterly Oct 2020. State says we owe for that quarter. Clerk has been in contact with them and sent them the statement showing the check we sent them was cleared at the bank and a copy of the cleared check.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Zoning Fee Schedule comparisons. Craig Meredith only had one suggestion for a Fee change. The LUP# for a single-family dwelling with attached garage should be changed from \$40 to \$60 and SPU from \$100 to \$200. Discussion. S.

Bobek made the motion to make the changes discussed. F. Griffin seconded. All ayes.
Effective date of new fee changes is April 1, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS: Assessor's Contract- Discussion. It was suggested that he be an Employee (Agreement) not a Contract person. He should be supplying reports quarterly at the least. He should attend some meetings. R. Hitesman and S. Bobek will compose a letter to Casey Guthrie, Assessor. S. Bobek asked that C. Meredith and G. Stevens turn in a job description of all they do when plowing/mowing/DUP maintenance, etc. and cemetery maintenance. Discussion. R. Hitesman has been in contact with Jennifer Flynn/SEEDS.

BILLS:

Between Meetings Checks

Carrie Aldrich-Deputy Clerk	60.00
Image 360	423.25
Municipal Retirement System	25.00

Board Pay	\$3158.34
Assessor Pay	1398.83
Dave Kane	60.00
Julie Lonn	50.00
Kaufman, Sparks, Thall, Seeber & Kaufman-citation book	20.00
AFLAC	257.90
Acentek	177.78
VISA	674.61
Cherryland Electric	65.89
Wade Trim	705.32
Craig Meredith-DUP/Plowing/ZA/LUP	488.00
Chris Bobek-BOR Training	100.00
Jane Hitesman-BOR Training	30.00
Pioneer Press	91.60
Planning Commission	425.00
Gary Stevens-Pension Surrender	<u>5010.01</u>
	13,211.53

S. Meredith questioned the difference in the pay for the two BOR members training. One attended 5 hours the other 2 hours. S. Bobek made the motion to pay the bills. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE: BVDL Minutes, BCRC Minutes, Par Plan Newsletter/Dec 2020. CRA Newsletter.

PUBLIC COMMENT: C. Meredith mentioned that G. Stevens might need to be notified that there is a boat on a trailer with a blue tarp on it sitting next to a garage at F. Hankins place on Lindy and 4th St.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:22PM.

Respectfully submitted:

**Fran Griffin
Weldon Township Clerk**