

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
In Person & ZOOM
April 15, 2021
Thursday
7:00PM**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor R. Hitesman at 7:02PM.
The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

ATTENDANCE: (in-person) Ron Hitesman, Supervisor X Fran Griffin, Clerk X; Sally Bobek, Treasurer X; Sue Meredith, Trustee X; Scott Williams, Trustee X.

GUESTS: (in-person) Craig Meredith, V. Schwartz, Gary Stevens, (virtual) John Schor, Kellye Jelemensky, Shattara? LB?, B?, John?, ALS?

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: F. Griffin asked to have the following added to Clerk's comments: EFTPS set up and Unemployment Acct to be setup by BCB. R. Hitesman made the motion to approve the Agenda with changes. S. Meredith seconded, All ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Sally Bobek made the motion to approve the March 9, 2021 Budget Hearing Minutes and the March 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes. R. Hitesman referenced the Statement of Cancellation and rescheduling of the April 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting to April 15, 2021.

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

GUEST/ PUBLIC INPUT (up to 5 minutes per guest): John Schor joined the meeting virtually and made a statement about the Zoning Administrator. Kellye Jelemensky also made a statement (virtually) regarding OMA and the court date for a zoning violation coming up in a couple of weeks.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Report on file. Three LUP's were issued. He attended a Short-Term Rental program. Commented on the trailers/storage containers on Crystal Mountain property. Kirk Davidson has assured him they will be moved. ZA will be in Judge Mead's court (virtually) on April 26th with the Township attorney about the Zoning Citation that was issued to Jelemenskys.

DAY USE PARK: C. Meredith presented his report. It is on file. R. Hitesman spoke with the BCRC and stated that the BCRC may be able to fill in the cracks at the DUP parking lot. R. Hitesman stated that the grant application was submitted April 1st. Looking at mid-

May for possible approval. Non-slip treads need to be replaced on the walkway. C. Meredith gave C. Kraus and R. Hitesman a referral to a company for new treads

GREENSPACE GRANT #2 UPDATE: See above comments in DUP about non-slip treads.

PLANNING COMMISSION: R. Hitesman reported that the PC has reviewed the latest changes suggested to the Zoning Ordinance. Will probably be two more meetings to complete.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: Reports are on file.

NUISANCE REPORT: G. Stevens' report is on file. He is keeping in contact with F. Hankins at 4th and Lindy Rd.

**BUDGET REPORT: F. Griffin asked for approval of the proposed Budget amendment to move \$900 from Contingency 890.00 to Road Maintenance 523.000
R. Hitesman made the motion to approve the amendments. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.**

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: R. Hitesman had a conference with Tim Figura on April 14, 2021 regarding the cancellation of our Regular Meeting on April 13, 2021. Mr. Figura stated that we did the right thing to cancel and reschedule. R. Hitesman addressed the Black Bridge subject. Monies are supposed to be coming from the Government for infrastructure repairs and improvements at 100%. Bridges are one of the items on the list. R. Hitesman will be attending the BCRC's meeting on April 22nd. The BCRC has said the Lindy Rd bridge will need to be replaced/repared in the near future. John VanLaeken is a resident of Thompsonville and has talked with R. Hitesman about his willingness to volunteer to help on the DUP upkeep. Subject of liability insurance for volunteers was stated.

CLERK COMMENTS: Clerk ask for approval for our Baird, Cotter and Bishop to setup a EFTPS for the Township to pay the Federal Tax quarterlies. S. Bobek made the motion to approve. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes. BCB also advised that the Township is supposed to have an Unemployment Account with the State of Michigan. To do this, they need to have a 'responsible' person's information to set it up. S. Meredith appointed R. Hitesman, Supervisor, as that person. S. Williams seconded. All ayes. R. Hitesman accepted. The framed Black Bridge pictures Gary Stevens donated to the Township need a place to hang. It was suggested by the banner in the meeting room. Discussion. Clerk asked permission to take the screens on the windows that are torn/damaged for repair. There are 4 from the front windows, 1 from Ron's office, 1 on the east side. Board approved. Julie will be washing the windows inside and out when weather breaks. Oaths need to be given to BOR, Assessor, Deputy Treasurer and Deputy Clerk, ZBA, Nuisance Officer, Planning Commission.

Clerk asked S. Williams about his signing up for AFLAC and the Pension plan. Clerk will send the information to him again. Front of Hall landscaping discussed. TBAISD has officially been renamed the Northwest Education Services.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Assessor’s Contract—Casey is not in attendance. Discussion. A monthly report and attendance at meetings are important. R. Hitesman will talk with Casey about our other concerns. Although the contract was signed in February by R. Hitesman and C. Guthrie the Board still needs to approve it. S. Bobek made the motion to approve. R. Hitesman seconded. 4 yes, 1 no. Job descriptions have been received from G. Stevens and C. Meredith. F. Griffin asked to amend the 2021-22 Budget to change the \$150/mo for cemetery maintenance by G. Stevens be changed from month to mowing. Error on the Clerk’s part in assuming that ‘mo’ in the past meant month. R. Hitesman made the motion to change this to mowing. F. Griffin seconded, All ayes. It was also agreed G. Stevens can pick up flowers for the Weldon Township Cemetery and turn the receipt in to the Clerk for reimbursement up to \$100. Flooring for the Hall—discussion. Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS: Cleanup Day is May 15th 9am – 1pm. S. Bobek will contact the person to do the metal salvaging. County has sent a quote for brining this year. It is almost \$1000 over what it was last year for each brining. Discussion. R. Hitesman made the motion to have BCRC do two brinings for 2021. S. Williams seconded. All ayes. Urinal in the men’s restroom has been leaking. R. Hitesman will call Rich Matthews (REM Plumbing) for repair.

BILLS:

One Bill for Deb Franke-BOR training (check between meetings)	150.00
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APRIL 2021

Board Pay	\$3258.30
Assessor Pay	1540.00
Planning Commission	425.00
Dave Kane	60.00
Julie Lonn	50.00
AFLAC	257.90
Acentek	176.86
VISA	1137.14
Cherryland Electric	63.55
Craig Meredith-DUP/Lawn/ZA/LUP/Reimburse	514.30
Gary Stevens-Nuisance Enf	200.00
Pioneer Group	258.00
MER	20.40
Republic Services	145.50
Gary Stevens-Cemetery	345.00
941 IRS Quarterly	2931.90
Michigan Tax Quarterly	601.71
Blarney Castle-propane	379.87

Figura Law

84.00

TOTAL.....\$ 12,599.43

Motion to pay the bills was made by S. Bobek, seconded by R. Hitesman. All ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE: BVDL Minutes, Networks Northwest Newsletter, Par Plan News March 2021, MISS DIGG April newsletter, Michigan Historic Preservation Network Conference.

PUBLIC COMMENT: S. Williams asked what the situation is with C. Meredith, ZA and J. Schor and K. Jelemensky. C. Meredith explained the situation/citation that led up to the comments made on ZOOM tonight by Schor and Jelemensky.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:11PM.

Respectfully submitted:

**Fran Griffin
Weldon Township Clerk**