

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING**

May 11, 2021

Tuesday

7:00PM

**The meeting was called to order by Supervisor R. Hitesman at 7:00PM.
The Pledge of Allegiance was given.**

ATTENDANCE: Ron Hitesman, Supervisor_X Fran Griffin, Clerk_X_; Sally Bobek, Treasurer_X; Sue Meredith, Trustee_X; Scott Williams, Trustee_X_.

GUESTS: Craig Meredith, V. Schwartz, Chuck Kraus, John Jelemensky, Kellye Jelemensky, Chris Bobek, Gary Sauer, Casey Guthrie

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: S. Bobek made the motion to approve the Agendas presented. R. Hitesman seconded, All ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: R. Hitesman made the motion to approve the April 15, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

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): G. Sauer, County Commissioner, gave an update on County issues including Memorial Day event at the Veteran's Memorial in Benzonia, Platte River school ownership being transferred to the BCRC, Betsie Valley Trail update. Kellye Jelemensky read a statement regarding the ongoing litigation asking for dismissal, documents requested, Township website, zoning administrator and her rights as a citizen.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Report on file. C. Meredith, ZA, gave a brief report.

DAY USE PARK: C. Meredith presented his report. It is on file.

GREENSPACE GRANT #2 UPDATE: R. Hitesman reports that he is waiting to hear about the Grant application. It is due mid-May.

PLANNING COMMISSION: C. Kraus gave the report. Said they are still meeting on the changes for the Zoning Ordinance. They should be ready for a Public Hearing in July. He also addressed the Nuisance Ordinance changes suggested by Wade Trim. Short Term Rentals are being discussed. S. Williams asked about the Nuisance Ordinance and unusable farming equipment stored on property for possible parts. Feels there should be an

exception for that. Discussion. C. Kraus will talk to Wade trim about it. Discussion. Suggested changes made by Wade Trim are tabled at this time.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: R. Hitesman gave his report. Crystal Mountain has cancelled their Beer and Brats festival and July 3rd Fireworks for this year. Liquor Inspection reports are on file.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: C. Guthrie was in attendance and has submitted a written report. S. Williams asked that Mr. Guthrie respond to inquiries in a timely manner. Mr. Guthrie also stated that he is in the Weldon Township Hall for any questions people have on Thursdays from 6-7PM.

NUISANCE REPORT: Report is on file. G. Stevens was not able to attend this meeting. R. Hitesman went over the report. G. Stevens is keeping in contact with F. Hankins at 4th and Lindy Rd and trying to help him out. He has been talking to K. Stevens also. R. Hitesman stated that the Cemetery is looking good.

BUDGET REPORT: F. Griffin stated that the Budget is good at this time. R. Hitesman made the motion to accept the Budget Report as presented. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: R. Hitesman stated that the AA Group will be having their meetings on Saturdays again starting this weekend from 9-10AM. He went the meeting with PAR Plan rep, Mike Morin, and some of his recommendations like the roof inspection every 5 years. No update on the Haze Rd bridge. Discussion. He did pass on a compliment he received by phone regarding Craig Meredith and how helpful he has been. He also relayed the story of the duck trapped in the restroom at the Day Use Park. People, including the DNR, were called in to help. Duck was successfully rescued the next day.

CLERK COMMENTS: Clerk reported that the Audit by BCB went well on April 28th. Screens have been repaired. Scott was asked again for his paperwork for AFLAC and the Pension plan. He will get it to the Clerk. Clerk has received a request for records etc. from K. Jelemensky to be sent to her thru April of 2022. Clerk also received an email from a law firm out of Ann Arbor asking about Marijuana licenses etc. Clerk responded that in July for 2019 the Township passed a resolution that states in Section III the Weldon Township prohibits all marihuana establishments within the boundaries of the Township. The Township opt-out of the Recreational and did not opt-in the Medical. Board agreed. Clerk reported a virus issue this week with QuickBooks and had to have QB recover data and repair the file. Also having trouble with Outlook (emails). Clerk asked permission to have a professional look at her computer to see that is running efficiently. C. Meredith stated that he has been having trouble with his laptop also. R. Hitesman made the motion to have the computer repairs done for both the Clerk and the Zoning Administrator. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Oaths have been given to most. Still need the Nuisance Officer, Assessor, ZBA members. Discussion on Board of Appeals. C. Kraus/S. Meredith to check

with Wade Trim since Board of Appeals is stated in the Nuisance Ordinance. Flooring-tabled.

NEW BUSINESS: Cleanup Day is May 15th 9am – 1pm. ZA is requesting a land line telephone be installed in his office. His cell phone does not work well in this metal building. S. Williams made the motion to allow ZA to contact Acentek for a new phone line with answering machine capabilities. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes. S. Williams made the motion to appoint three Planning Commission members, C. Kraus, R. Aldrich, C. Aldrich to three-year terms. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes. K. Jelemensky asked where the PC members live. Three live at Crystal Mountain. The others live in the Township in other areas.

BILLS:

MAY 2021

Sue Meredith-per diem-April	100.00
Scott Williams-per diem-April (Above between meetings)	100.00
Board Pay	\$3258.34
Assessor Pay	1540.00
Planning Commission	425.00
Dave Kane	60.00
Julie Lonn	50.00
AFLAC	257.90
Acentek	180.64
VISA	93.95
Cherryland Electric	60.47
Craig Meredith-DUP/Lawn/ZA/LUP/Reimburse	552.00
Gary Stevens-Nuisance Enf	200.00
Gary Stevens-Cemetery	300.00
Baird Cotter Bishop	225.00
Fortress Security	311.88
R.A.M. Plumbing	123.25
Sally Bobek-reimburse stamps	55.00
Gary Stevens-reimburse flowers	80.56
Pioneer Group	70.95

TOTAL.....\$ 8,044.94

PUBLIC COMMENT: F. Griffin asked anyone that has a computer with Township information on it to let her know how many records (GB) they have so she can submit it to the Cyber Insurance Co for a price quote. S. Bobek asked when ACEN TEK would have fiber optics in this area. Would like then to come to a meeting to discuss. Discussion. K. Jelemensky suggested the Township have its website updated. R. Hitesman asked K. Jelemensky for a copy of her initial statement made at the beginning of the meeting. S. Meredith mentioned campsite revenue sharing.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted:

**Fran Griffin
Weldon Township Clerk**