

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING**

June 8, 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, Vicki Schwartz, Chuck Kraus, Kellye Jelemensky, Chris Bobek, Joyce MacGirr, Sue Morris, Kim Bridges, Ron Evitts, Frank Hankins, Kent Stevens, Phyllis Kladder, Rob Aldrich, Becky Sharp, Russ Smith, Gary Stevens, John K Schor, Kathy Howland, Todd Hayden, Jeff Hall, Don Suchocki, one illegible.

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: S. Williams would like to be added to New Business. Clerk asked that G. Stevens and F. Hankins to be added to the beginning of the meeting. Need to leave by 7:30PM. Add, BVCC Newsletter to the Correspondence. Add \$425.00 for PC pay and \$124.98 for Rob Aldrich to bills. Changing total of bills June 2021 total to \$22,211.84. S. Williams made the motion to approve the agenda with changes. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: S. Bobek made the motion to approve the May 11, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

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

GUEST/ PUBLIC INPUT (up to 5 minutes per guest): G. Stevens and F. Hankins both spoke regarding the Hankins nuisance report. The big stuff has been moved and the fence will be installed in July 2021. Still making progress. Kellye Jelemensky would like Board to get rid of the Zoning Ordinance. Does not like the idea of personal computers being used for Township business. Would like the Township to put in \$1500 toward the Village of Thompsonville Skate Park. She asked if everyone is bonded. Clerk responded yes. Asked if Oaths were taken by all. She stated that the MTA will not let private citizens use the Township discount to buy MTA books. Russ Smith gave an update of the BVCC and answered questions regarding the Dental Van. Starting a Recreation Fund/Program. They meet monthly at the Copemish American Legion Hall.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Report on file. C. Meredith, ZA, gave a brief report. He has issued three LUP's and two are out now.

DAY USE PARK: C. Meredith presented his report. It is on file. Spoke of the need for the non-slip treads on the walkway. A picnic table was suggested for the park. It would have to be 200ft from the river. Waste container is being put on the island by the parking lot.

GREENSPACE GRANT UPDATE: R. Hitesman reported that our Greenspace Grant was denied. SEEDS will install the new slip guards on the walkway at the Day Use Park.

PLANNING COMMISSION: C. Kraus gave the report. The PC July 5th meeting has been cancelled and changed to July 12th at 6:00PM due to the Fourth of July holiday weekend. There will be a Public Open House for the proposed Zoning Ordinance changes at 6:30PM following that regular PC meeting on July 12th. The public is encouraged to attend, ask questions, and make suggestions. S. Bobek asked if the Board could all have a copy of the old and new ZO to compare prior to the Open House. C. Kraus said he will have them sent prior to the Open House. Wade Trim had made a couple of suggestions for changes to the Nuisance Ordinance since it needs to mesh with the ZO. It is felt that the Nuisance Ordinance suggested changes should go before the Board first because it is not part of the ZO. Community Garden is part of the Parks and Recreation.

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

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: C. Guthrie sent in a written report. It is on file.

NUISANCE REPORT: Report is on file. Kent Stevens said his fence has fallen and G. Stevens is aware. S. Williams asked to help him. K. Stevens left the meeting. J. Schor started speaking out of turn and being argumentative with the Board.

BUDGET REPORT: F. Griffin asked the Board to approve amending of the 2021-22 budget to add back in the Restricted Funds of \$2713.15 that was missed at Budget time. S. Bobek made the motion to make that amendment. S. Williams seconded. All ayes. Clerk asked that the Board approve the Fire Fund that is presented at the suggestion of the Auditors. Fire Fund must be separate from the General Fund budget. S. Williams made the motion to approve the Fire Fund budget. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes. Clerk stated that since we did not have a May or August election this year, she would like approval from the Board to transfer \$3000 from the 191.000 Elections to the 101.000 Township Board for BCB tax preparation. R. Hitesman made the motion. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: R. Hitesman stated that the BCRC has a new supplier for brining this year. They will be starting the brining in the County this week

CLERK COMMENTS: Clerk has the MTA Dues bill for \$1442.49. There is an additional charge for the Online Learning Subscription. Discussion. R. Hitesman made the motion to pay just the dues. S. Williams seconded. All ayes. S. Williams was reminded that his paperwork for AFLAC and the Pension plan needs to be completed and turned in to the Clerk unless he wants to refuse it. He said he will get it done this month. ZA landline has

been installed. Clerk still needs the amount of Township business on computers to get a price for Cyber Liability insurance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Oaths still need to be administered to the Nuisance Officer, Assessor, ZBA members and BOR in July. Cleanup Day in May was up by 40% in volume. Board felt that someone from the Board needs to be at the Cleanup Day to verify that people dumping are residents of Weldon Township. Plan to try to do this at the September Cleanup. Flooring will be deleted from the agenda until next fiscal year.

NEW BUSINESS: Audit 2020-21 Audit was received. Auditors were complimentary on how well things went. The Corrective Action has been sent to the State with the help of BCB. S. Williams wanted to speak on S. Bobek's question of how long we let a nuisance situation go before we issue a ticket. It was mentioned it is at the discretion of the Enforcement Officer. Should be discussed with the Officer. At this point, there was an outburst from John Schor and K. Jelemensky. S. Williams, Trustee, started to speak again and was interrupted again by J. Schor. Supervisor called for order.

BILLS:

Between Meeting Check & EFPTS Payments

State of Michigan-Pension W/H	\$243.85
Federal Tax Deposit-Pension W/H	1147.52
Federal Tax Deposit-April 2021	920.28

JUNE 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	386.18
VISA	436.10
Cherryland Electric	59.51
Pioneer Group	70.95
Craig Meredith-DUP/Lawn/ZA/LUP/Reimburse	684.00
Craig Meredith-reimburse certified postage/telephone	83.84
Gary Stevens-Nuisance Enf	200.00
Gary Stevens-Cemetery	300.00
Gary Stevens-reimburse crosses-cemetery	30.00
Baird Cotter Bishop-audit	4650.00
Baird Cotter Bishop-EFPTS/MI set up	250.00
Charles Kraus-reimburse-Community Garden supplies	190.72

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Planning & Zoning News subscrip	180.00
American Waste-Cleanup Day	3430.00
Wade Trim	2583.12
Figura Law	602.00
Rob Aldrich-reimbursement	124.98
MTA dues 2021-2022	1442.49

TOTAL.....\$ 23,654.33

PUBLIC COMMENT: R. Evitts asked R. Hitesman about his BOR appeal paperwork He has not heard back from him or the assessor. Too late for a protest now. R. Hitesman will get him a copy.

R. Hitesman went down the list of people in attendance to see if anyone wanted to speak. R. Aldrich asked about amending the budget by \$500 to cover the Community Garden mowing for the rest of the summer/fall. Discussion. In the past that area was charged to the Township Hall mowing account. Since the fence and plots were created, it is more cumbersome to mow because it is narrow between plots so is being mowed partially by push mower. J. MacGirr asked what the AFLAC policy is. K. Jelemensky asked where the Northwoods subdivision is in the Township. Directions were given to her. She also asked why 5988 Haze Rd is brined but stops before her property. R. Hitesman addressed. J. Schor spoke on Oaths, violation rights to private property, and due process. Threats were verbally made to the Board. Supervisor called for order. S. Williams asked J. Schor to work with the Boards and PC. Kim Bridges feels her private property is hers to do with as she wants without restriction. Her situation is a Zoning issue with the Village/Colfax Township Zoning Board, not Weldon Township. K. Howland just spoke to say how disrespectful people were being. T. Hayden has a Village issue-not a Weldon Township issue. K. Jelemensky had some zoning questions. C. Meredith, ZA, offered to meet with her and she declined. K. Jelemensky did make the Board aware that she has all their addresses and is going to be contacting every resident on her list to get them to come to the next Township meeting. She continued and got into a discussion with S. Williams. Supervisor called for order. S. Williams made the motion to have the Garden mowed and charged to the Hall budget. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes. S. Meredith did say that the Michigan MCL42 that K. Jelemensky referred to is for Charter Townships. Weldon Township is a General Law Township, and that the Supervisor can make motions and vote.

ADJOURNMENT: R. Hitesman made the motion to adjourn. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:38PM.

Respectfully submitted:

**Fran Griffin
Weldon Township Clerk**

