

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING**

July 13, 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: Russ Smith, Gary Sauer

**CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Clerk asked to amend the bills. Add \$63.59
for Treasurer calculator making the total of the July Bills \$16,496.10. R. Hitesman made
the motion to approve the agenda as presented. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: S. Meredith made the motion to approve the June 8, 2021,
minutes as presented. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT: R. Hitesman made the motion to approve the Treasurer's
report as presented. F. Griffin seconded. All ayes.**

**GUEST INPUT (up to 5 minutes per guest): Russ Smith spoke on the Thompsonville
Revitalization Project and the need for people to take the survey for it. Presentation was
beautifully done. Gary Sauer, Benzie County Commissioner gave an update on County
business. Betsie Valley Trail will be having a ribbon cutting at the Beulah Trailhead on
August 13 at 2:00PM. The Maples will be looking for a new Administrator. Court security
has been opened to Phase 4. Katie Zeits has been offered the position of County
Administrator starting at the end of the year. He is checking into the Veteran's Memorial
(ordered 2016) issue for Weldon Township.**

REPORTS:

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Report on file. BCRC notice in the paper regarding road
right of way.**

**DAY USE PARK: C. Meredith's report is on file. R. Hitesman stated that the skid strips
for the DUP steps have arrived and will be installed.**

**GREENSPACE GRANT #2 UPDATE: R. Hitesman reported skid strips are here for the
DUP and plan to have the SEEDS group install them.**

**PLANNING COMMISSION: The Annual Planning Commission Report was received. C.
Kraus gave his monthly report. The Planning Commission had a Zoning Ordinance**

proposed changes Open House last night, July 12th. It well attended. Final draft is not ready yet. Public Hearing may be scheduled in September and a recommendation to the Township Board in October. Wildflowers at the DUP are in bloom. Most plots are filled in the Community Garden.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: R. Hitesman gave his report. Crystal Mountain has had golf tournaments going on. Liquor Inspection reports are on file.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: C. Guthrie's written report is on file. He has tendered his resignation as of August 10, 2021. Deb Franke will be on the BOR in July but will then turn in a written resignation letter.

NUISANCE REPORT: Report is on file.

BUDGET REPORT: Clerk stated the Budget looks good at this time. R. Hitesman made the motion to approve the budget. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: R. Hitesman reported that the BCRC is still waiting on the Federal and State Bridge Project. BCRC will be sealing the Day Use Park road within a month. R. Hitesman also asked that the AA Group be able to use the Township Hall for their meetings on Saturday mornings until November at no charge. A new contract will be renegotiated at that time. S. Williams stated if our insurance covers them.

CLERK COMMENTS: Fire Extinguishers have been inspected for this year. Scott will get the paperwork to the Clerk to enroll in the AFLAC and Pension. Cyber Insurance-will get pricing for 100 GB. ARP money (\$24,000) was brought up. S. Bobek has been looking into it for the Township. It appears that the Township has no loss to claim due to the Covid-19 pandemic. There is a lot of paperwork to apply for it and for the next four years quarterly reporting to the Government. S. Bobek ask that the money be available for another local entity. Discussion. S. Williams motioned to not apply for the 'American Rescue Plan Act" money. R. Hitesman seconded. Roll call vote taken. R. Hitesman, S. Bobek, S. Williams, S. Meredith, F. Griffin all ayes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: MTA Principles of Governance was adopted by the Board. S. Bobek motioned to adopt. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

R. Hitesman made the motion to accept Assessor Casey Guthrie's resignation effective August 10, 2021. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes.

MTA Up North Summit in Escanaba in September. R. Hitesman may go.

R. Hitesman has talked with Carol Merrill about our Assessor position. Discussion.

BILLS:

July 2021

Between Meeting EFPTS Payment

Federal Tax Transfer-June 2021 qtrtrly	934.86
Board Pay	\$3258.34
Assessor Pay	1540.00
Planning Commission	425.00
Dave Kane	60.00
Julie Lonn	50.00
AFLAC	257.90
Acentek	226.47
VISA	878.85
Figura Law	196.00
Cherryland Electric	57.92
Pioneer Group	83.85
Craig Meredith-DUP/Lawn/ZA/LUP	634.00
Gary Stevens-Nuisance Enf	200.00
Gary Stevens-Cemetery	300.00
Reimburse C. Meredith for computer system/lime	695.88
Reimburse C. Kraus for flowers/mulch	47.64
Reimburse S. Bobek, Treas for Treas supplies	88.57
Benzie Road Commission-brining	4792.45
Summit Fire Protection	49.50
Republic Services	158.25
Ron Hitesman-Liq Inspec	550.00
Reimburse C. Meredith-Geek Sq file transfer/tech support	251.18
State of Michigan -quarterly tax	695.85
TOTAL.....	\$ 16,432.51

S. Williams made the motion to pay the bills. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE: BVDL Minutes, Networks Northwest newsletter, EGLE Flood Ways Newsletter June 2121, Par Plan Newsletter-July, MTA Up North Summit in Escanaba registration

Sally Bobek mentioned that Chuck Kraus has a new book coming out in September. Library is planning an Open House for him in October.

Sue Meredith thanked C. Kraus, T. Figura, Arthur Mullen, and Elise Craft for how they conducted the Open House on July 12th. They were very good at explaining, conducting, and helping people in attendance to understand the idea of Zoning and the Proposed Changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Becky Sharp spoke and thanked all the Board members and community members past and present for all their help. The importance of Grants for the Library, Community Garden, Day Use Park, Mural Building, Landscaping, Betsie Valley Dental Van, Historical Marker, Betsie Valley Trail. Takes many volunteers and Boards. Look at the positive. Be sure to check out a new book coming out by Charles Kraus.

Stephanie Randolph, resident, enjoys living here and we all need to work together. C. Kraus did a great job.

Chuck Kraus asked everyone to do the Revitalization Survey and donate if they can. He also asked the Board to look at adopting a Code of Conduct for Meetings and post it.

Kellye Jelemensky stated that the Open House was good. Asked if the Township attorney is paid to be here and why. Asked who is paying for the training for a new assessor. Wants public to look at the School Board meetings.

ADJOURNMENT: S. Bobek made the motion to adjourn. S. Williams seconded. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:03PM.

Respectfully submitted:

**Fran Griffin
Weldon Township Clerk**