

**WELDON TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING**

**August 10, 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: Gary Sauer, Benzie County Commissioner**

**CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: R. Hitesman made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: R. Hitesman made the motion to approve the July 13, 2021 minutes as presented. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.**

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

**GUEST INPUT (up to 5 minutes per guest): Gary Sauer, Benzie County Commissioner arrived at 7:40PM and 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 is having staffing issues, BCRC and Platte School property, broadband. Veterans Memorial from Weldon Township is expected in two weeks.**

**REPORTS:**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Report on file.**

**DAY USE PARK: Report is on file. R. Hitesman stated that the skid strips for the DUP steps have been installed. There is an issue with the yellow jackets again this year. Signs have been posted. Beware if using the Day Use Trail.**

**GREENSPACE GRANT #2 UPDATE: Waiting for SEEDS invoice for installing step strips.**

**PLANNING COMMISSION: C. Kraus reported that the comments from the Open House were discussed at the regular Planning Commission meeting August 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a Public Hearing on September 7, 2021 at 6:30PM to discuss the Zoning Ordinance revisions only. They will be available later this week.**

**LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT:** R. Hitesman gave his report. Reports are on file.

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** Assessor's report is on file. This is Casey Guthrie's last meeting.

**NUISANCE REPORT:** Report is on file.

Carol Merrill and Wyatt Crawford arrived at 7:15PM. Carol Merrill has agreed to be our new Assessor. Wyatt Crawford will be her apprentice.

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

**SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:** R. Hitesman presented the information received from Frankfort regarding Short Term Rentals. Discussion. R. Hitesman to research more.

S. Bobek spoke on the ARPA funds. Half will be awarded now and half in a year. Discussion. Motion by S. Williams to accept the ARPA money. R. Hitesman seconded. Roll call taken. R. Hitesman, yea, S. Bobek, yea, S. Williams, yea, S. Meredith, yea, F. Griffin, yea. All ayes. Motion passed.

R. Hitesman reported on the roof leaking again in the Clerk's office. Rick Damore looked at it. Suggested we use a "Rhino" sealer on it. He will get a price. New metal roof is approximately \$40,000. Deb Franke sent a letter of resignation in July from the Board of Review. Will put an ad in the paper for a new member. R. Hitesman asked for approval to purchase a new printer for his office. S. Williams made the motion to approve the purchase of a new printer. F. Griffin seconded. Roll call taken. R. Hitesman abstained. S. Bobek, yea, S. Meredith, yea, S. Williams, yea, F. Griffin, yea. Motion passed. 4 yeas, 1 abstention.

**CLERK COMMENTS:** Paperwork has been received from S. Williams for his retirement and he has enrolled with AFLAC. Our webmaster has asked for an increase in pay. Discussion. Cleanup day is September 18, 2021. Proof of Weldon Township residency will be required.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** R. Hitesman made the motion to accept the Code of Conduct for Weldon Township Board Meeting. F. Griffin seconded. All ayes. The Code of Conduct was adopted. R. Hitesman made the motion to table the Nuisance Ordinance amendment (waiting for Elise). S. Williams seconded. All ayes. G. Stevens reported that he filed a police report on the yard damage done at the Weldon Township Cemetery. He then presented his project to redo the fence to restrict vehicles entry. A quote from Apple Fence was presented for \$680.00. Discussion. Clerk stated that there isn't enough in the Cemetery account for this.

S. Bobek made the motion to approve the project and take the money needed from the Contingency account for the fence work. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

**BILLS:**

**AUGUST 2021**

<b>Board Pay</b>	<b>\$3258.30</b>
<b>Assessor Pay</b>	<b>1540.00</b>
<b>Planning Commission-Aug 2/July 12 OH</b>	<b>850.00</b>
<b>Dave Kane</b>	<b>60.00</b>
<b>Julie Lonn</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>AFLAC</b>	<b>257.90</b>
<b>Acentek</b>	<b>226.47</b>
<b>VISA</b>	<b>1334.95</b>
<b>Cherryland Electric</b>	<b>61.21</b>
<b>Pioneer Group</b>	<b>116.10</b>
<b>Lost Lake Improvements</b>	<b>90.00</b>
<b>BOR July 2021</b>	<b>70.00</b>
<b>BS&amp;A-Assessor</b>	<b>828.00</b>
<b>BCB-taxes</b>	<b>300.00</b>
<b>Gary Stevens-Nuisance Enf</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b>Gary Stevens-Cemetery</b>	<b>450.00</b>
<b>Gary Stevens-reimburse repair</b>	<b>15.00</b>
<b>Craig Meredith-DUP/Lawn/ZA/LUP</b>	<b>653.00</b>
<b>S. Bobek-reimburse postage</b>	<b>55.00</b>
<b>F. Griffin-reimburse mileage/postage</b>	<b>54.82</b>

**TOTAL.....\$ 10,470.75**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE: BVDL Minutes, Networks Northwest newsletter, Benzie Senior Resources letter, Charles Mayer letter, NW Michigan Housing Summit, MTA Up North Summit in Escanaba registration.**

**S. Bobek announced that the Betsie Valley District Library will be hosting an open house for Charles Kraus' new book on Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at the Weldon Township Hall. R. Hitesman made the motion for the BVDL to use the Township Hall on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: K. Jelemensky spoke on code of conduct, private property rights issues, website, disbursements, makeup of boards/commissions, ARPA money, prayer at beginning of meetings. C. Mayer spoke on self-governance. C. Bobek spoke on lot sizing.**

**ADJOURNMENT: S. Bobek made the motion to adjourn. S. Williams seconded. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:19PM.**

**Respectfully submitted:  
Fran Griffin  
Weldon Township Clerk**

