

**WELDON TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 14, 2021  
Tuesday  
7:00PM**

**The meeting was called to order by Supervisor R. Hitesman at 7:01PM.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was given.**

**ATTENDANCE: Ron Hitesman, Supervisor\_X Fran Griffin, Clerk\_X\_; Sally Bobek,  
Treasurer absent; Sue Meredith, Trustee\_X; Scott Williams, Trustee\_X\_.**

**GUESTS: Gary Sauer, Tory Tallent, John Jelemensky, Kellye Jelemensky, Becky Sharp,  
Chuck Kraus, Phyllis Kladder, Rebecca Parmer, Marian Mayer, Charles Mayer, Jane  
Hitesman, 1 illegible.**

**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 August 10, 2021  
minutes as presented. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.**

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

**GUEST INPUT (up to 3 minutes per guest): Gary Sauer, Benzie County Commissioner,  
gave an update on Benzie County business including the Maples issues, Government  
Building & Census increase was mostly in Almira and Inland Townships. R. Hitesman said  
the Veterans Memorial is going up this week per County Treasurer.**

**REPORTS:**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Report on file.**

**DAY USE PARK: Report is on file. R.**

**GREENSPACE GRANT #2 UPDATE: Invoice form SEEDS (\$680) was received. Still a  
balance on this grant. R. Hitesman introduced a grant writer, Becca Parmer. She gave us  
an overview. Her fee is 10% of grant amount if awarded, \$500 if not received. R. Hitesman  
made the motion to proceed with the grant writing by Becca Parmer, S. Meredith  
seconded, all ayes. R. Hitesman mentioned that Benzie County Treasurer is working on the  
triangle pieces of property by the Day Use Park.**

**PLANNING COMMISSION: C. Kraus presented the Proposed Zoning Ordinance  
Amendments that were approved (6-0) at the PC meeting following the Public Hearing on  
September 7<sup>th</sup> and asked the Township Board to adopt. Discussion. R. Hitesman made the**

**motion to table the PC recommendation for a month for review. S. Williams seconded. All ayes. S. Williams asked Parks and Rec Committee to consider putting a plaque up at the Day Use Park to let people know about the house that used to be there. It will be brought up at their next meeting.**

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

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor's report is on file. Discussion. F. Griffin made the motion to purchase a laptop for the exclusive use by the Assessor for Weldon Township assessing records only. S. Williams seconded. All ayes. R. Hitesman introduced Marian Mayer and asked that the Board approve her appointment to the BOR. Roll call, S. Williams, S. Meredith, F. Griffin all ayes. R. Hitesman will see that she gets the BOR training that is required.**

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

**BUDGET REPORT: Clerk asked that the following amendments to the budget be approved: Move \$900 from 333.000 Nuisance to Cemetery 276.000 and move \$700 from 890.000 Contingency to Road Maintenance 523.000. R. Hitesman the motion to approve the amendments. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.**

**SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: Picnic table for the Day Use Park will need a permit from Brian Bury/DNR.**

**CLERK COMMENTS: Would like the Board to be thinking about the Township Website and how it could be upgraded.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Veterans' Memorial has been addressed previously. Short-Term Rentals-tabled. Nuisance Ordinance amendment tabled. Roofing-proposals reviewed. Discussion. R. Hitesman made the motion to accept the bid from Lost Lake Improvements for the Gaco roof coating (\$18,525). S. Williams seconded. Roll call: R. Hitesman, yea, S. Williams, yea, S. Meredith, yea, F. Griffin, yea. Passed 4 yeas to 0 nays. Fall Cleanup is this Saturday September 18th 9am-1pm for Weldon Township residents only. Proof of residency will be required.**

**NEW BUSINESS: F. Griffin asked on S. Bobek's behalf to adopt the Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy that is required prior to accepting any ARPA funds. R. Hitesman made the motion to adopt the FPCI policy, F. Griffin seconded. All ayes. Propane bids were reviewed from Blarney Castle, TriGas and Ferrellgas. S. Williams made the motion to go with Blarney Castle locked in price of \$1.949/gl. R. Hitesman seconded. All ayes. F. Griffin asked for approval for her to attend the MTA Professional Development retreat in October. S. Williams made the motion to approve. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes. S. Meredith asked that the Clerk be allowed to get a color printer. R. Hitesman made the motion to approve the purchase. S. Williams seconded. 3 yeas, 1 abstain. F. Griffin asked that P. Kladder be reimbursed \$108.00 for her 3-session Planning and Zoning training. R.**

Hitesman made the motion to reimburse her. S. Williams seconded. Roll call: R. Hitesman, yea, S. Williams, yea, S. Meredith, yea, F. Griffin, yea.

**BILLS: SEPTEMBER 2021**

IRS-taxes EFPTS6 (Aug)	887.66
IRS-taxes EFPTS5 (July)	800.92
Board Pay	\$3258.34
Assessor Pay	1540.00
Planning Commission	375.00
Dave Kane	60.00
Julie Lonn	50.00
AFLAC	321.43
Acentek	233.10
VISA	512.09
Cherryland Electric	63.02
Pioneer Group	499.80
Benzie County Treasurer	2024.03
Benzie County Treasurer	8.49
Wade Trim	1246.91
Benzie County Road Comm	4792.45
Apple Fence	680.00
Milarch Bros	65.00
SEEDS	360.00
Personnel Concepts	58.90
USPO-Treasurer Box rent	62.00
Figura Law	992.00
Figura Law	336.00
Municipal Retirement	15.00
Brighthouse Ins	180.00
Gary Stevens-Nuisance Enf	200.00
Gary Stevens-Cemetery	300.00
Craig Meredith-DUP/Lawn/ZA/LUP	597.94
C. Meredith-reimburse software	74.19
C. Meredith- reimburse printer toner	113.97
F. Griffin-reimburse mileage/Toner/supplies	80.55
F. Griffin-reimburse mileage for env and postage	30.52
C. Jones-Dpty Treasurer	120.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$20,939.31</b>

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

**CORRESPONDENCE: BVDL Minutes, email from Renee O, EGLE letter for Klein water withdrawal. BCRC-New Brining issue, PAR Plan for Fire Prevention for Public Entities Oct 5.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: Tory Tallent spoke on Zoning Ordinance minimum acres to divide. Charles Mayer spoke on losing liberties and asked the Board not to accept the Zoning Ordinance. He also spoke on ecology science and invasive species. Discussion. K. Jelemensky stated that zoning is the beginning of tyranny, and we are turning into a communistic country. R. Hitesman spoke on the legal fees that have been incurred by the Township regarding citizens questions. Stated that the Zoning Ordinance can be adjusted.**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 8:31PM.**

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