

**WELDON TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING**

**February 8, 2022**

**Tuesday  
7:00PM**

**The meeting was called to order by R. Hitesman, Supervisor, 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: K. Jelemensky, John Jelemensky, Rebecca Parmer, Bud Kraus, Becky Sharp, Kim Balke, Chuck Kraus, Craig Meredith, Matt Skeels, BCRC**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: S. Meredith would like the misspelling of the word ‘mad’ corrected to ‘made’ on the third page of the January 11, 2022, minutes. S. Williams made the motion to approve the January 11, 2022, minutes with the correction. S. Meredith seconded, all ayes.**

**TREASURER’S REPORT: S. Bobek was able to do tax business while she was in Florida, and it worked out well. S. Bobek gave a breakdown of the bill for the 2022 tax mailing from the County Treasurer. R. Hitesman made the motion to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.**

**GUEST INPUT (up to 3 minutes per guest): G. Sauer was absent. Matt Skeels, BCRC gave an update on Pioneer/King Rd issue. It will be fixed this summer. Will be working on County Line Rd behind Crystal Mountain. He gave an overview of the Brining issue being proposed. It will be a 36% brine as opposed to the 26% they had been using. The 36% brine will only have to be applied once. He also presented a proposal dated February 4, 2022, from Link Engineering Services for the Black Bridge/Haze Road bridge removal of the old abutments that are on pilings. North side is in bad shape. Total cost is \$8510.00. Half will be paid thru the monies the Road Commission has in reserve for Weldon Township. Lindy Road bridge culvers need to be repaired. Haze Road bridge is off the list of bridges to be replaced per Mr. Skeels. S. Bobek made the motion to remove the abutments per the Link Eng. proposal. S. Williams seconded. The number 772 Haze Rd on the proposal is not an address. It is the State Bridge Index number. Roll call vote was taken on the motion. R. Hitesman, S. Bobek, F. Griffin, S. Williams, S. Meredith all votes yes. F. Griffin, Clerk, asked about the poor salting/sanding of the roads outside of US31 and M115. Mr. Skeels addressed. C. Meredith spoke to Mr. Skeels regarding the County Road Commission cutting the trees with a brush hog and how it is allowing bugs to get into the trees/vegetation along the roads.**

## **REPORTS:**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:** C. Meredith's report is on file, and he also mentioned that the Short-Term Rental bills are still in the State legislature.

**DAY USE PARK:** C. Meredith gave his report. Report is on file.

**INVASIVE SPECIES GRANT:** Rebecca Parmer has been working on the Invasive Species Grant that has been submitted for review. Should hear something next month. She viewed a webinar regarding grants--DNR Recreation Passport Grant for development or renovation for five years. It is a 25% matching grant (\$7500-\$15,000). The deadline is April 1, 2022.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** C. Kraus--no report currently. PC will be meeting again in April 2022.

**LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT:** Report on file.

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** Assessor's report is on file.

**BUDGET REPORT:** Clerk asked to amend the Budget by moving \$4002 from 101.000 Township Board to the following: \$1000 to 265.000 Township Hall and Grounds; \$2500 to 253.000 Treasurer; \$500 to 410.000 Planning and Zoning; \$1.00 to 276.000 Cemetery; and \$1.00 to Payroll Expenses. R. Hitesman made the motion to amend the budget as requested. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes.

**SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:** R. Hitesman asked the Board's approval for J. Hitesman and C. Bobek to take the MTA BOR training at \$78 each. R. Hitesman will register them in the morning. F. Griffin motioned to approve. S. Williams seconded. All ayes. BCRC looking at putting the flashing signs at the intersection of Weldon and Lindy Rd. It will be at the expense of the BCRC per M. Skeels.

**CLERK COMMENTS:** F. Griffin stated there is an issue with checks not getting cashed in a timely manner. She would like permission to obtain a VOID AFTER 90 DAYS stamp to put on checks so the extra work can be avoided. It is more difficult if uncleared checks overlap fiscal years. Budget Hearing date and time set for March 8, 2022, at 6:30PM. The phone line in the Treasurer's office was repaired by Acentek.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Website--Sally has talked to Jim Stamm. It is \$400 to create the website that he sent a sample of. He would not charge for minor changes like adding meeting minutes. Will put on next month's agenda. Veteran's Memorial (8/2016) R. Hitesman stated he has seen a picture of it, but it has not been installed yet. Tabled until spring. Short-Term Rentals-tabled. Nuisance Ordinance amendments tabled. House Plaque-S. Williams gave an update. G. Stevens is getting old pictures of it.

**NEW BUSINESS: Cleanup Day—S. Bobek would like to start helping people again that are unable to get their ‘junk’ to the cleanup. She will check with the High School coach to see if the sports teams would like to volunteer to help. C. Bobek will use his trailer. F. Griffin would everyone to bring to the next meeting possible uses for the ARPA money. She suggested a generator for the Hall. Carpeting was also mentioned. Board approved the Job Descriptions that were in all Board members packets.**

<u>BILLS</u>	<u>February 8, 2022</u>
Ron Hitesman – Liq Enf (Jan bills)	550.00
State of Michigan-SUW tax	674.12
Board Pay	3258.34
Assessor Pay	1540.00
Dave Kane	60.00
Julie Lonn	50.00
Chris Jones (Dpty Treas)	60.00
Fran Griffin-reimburse postage	17.86
AFLAC	321.43
Acentek	218.53
Benzie County Treasurer-taxes	1966.60
Baird, Cotter, and Bishop- tax prep	400.00
VISA	233.21
Cherryland Electric	70.02
Craig Meredith-PLOW/DUP/Hall	168.00
ElectionSource	343.00
Craig Meredith-ZA and LUP fee	278.00
Rob Aldrich (reissue check 12999 lost)	200.00
Carrie Aldrich (reissue check 13003 lost)	100.00
Jane Hitesman (reissue check 12571 lost)	30.00
Martin K Lonn (reissue check 12747 lost)	30.00
Pioneer Press	103.20
Rebecca Parmer-reimb for P&Z series	108.00

**TOTAL.....\$ 10,780.31**

**S. Bobek made the motion to approve paying the bills. R. Hitesman seconded. All ayes.**

**CORRESPONDENCE: West Benzie Joint Master Plan 2022 intention, Benzie Bus Thank You card, BVDL Newsletter/report, Benzie Heritage newsletter, Networks NW Jan letter, Par Plan News January, Center for Local, State and Urban Policy January report.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: K. Jelemensky spoke on Black Bridge, website, Cleanup Day and notifying the public. Bud Kraus would like to see a walking bridge on Haze Rd. There seems to be a lot of trash left in the north woods area. He also inquired about the trash at**

**the residence on Second St and Gallagher Rd. He was directed to the Village of Thompsonville for resolution.**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 8:13PM.**

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