

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING**

April 12, 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: Kellye Jelemensky, John Jelemensky, Chuck Kraus, Craig Meredith, Vicki Schwartz, Katelyn Zeits, Rebecca Hubers, Ashley Lindstrom, Gary Stevens, Becky Sharp, Phyllis Kladder, Rebecca Parmer

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: R. Hitesman made the motion to approve the agenda with changes requested by S. Bobek to add the Garden Shed to New Business and S. Meredith asked for the refrigerator to be added to New Business. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: S. Bobek made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022, Budget Hearing and the minutes of the Regular Meeting, March 8, 2022. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: S. Bobek commented on the County Tax Collection report. ARPA report for April 2022 has been submitted. S. Williams motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

GUEST INPUT (up to 3 minutes per guest): Rebecca Hubers, Benzie County Emergency Management Director and 911 Director was introduced by R. Hitesman. Ashley Lindstrom reported on her new Whistle Stop Day Care Center next door to the Township Hall. They expect 30-50 children 8 weeks to 12 years old. The zoning is good. The septic system needs to be updated. Opening planned for September 2022. Katie Zeits, County Administrator, spoke on the ARPA reporting, MSU Extension, collecting broadband data April 26 at 1:30PM., and the Wage and Salary Employee Survey. It will be used for internal use at the County. She also said there is Federal and State money to be used for extending natural gas (DTE) up the highway from the southeast to the Village of Thompsonville. C. Kraus, Weldon PC Chairman, spoke on the Parks and Recreation plan and asked the Township to consider assisting the Village of Thompsonville by paying half of their cost (\$4500/Networks Northwest) for a Village Parks and Recreation plan. Discussion. The Clerk will request Eugene Allen attend one of the Township meetings. R. Hubers spoke on the County Hazard Mitigation Plan. They are working on a map and are asking anyone with knowledge of flood areas, small culverts, dead ash trees, historic weather events in certain areas to let her office know. G. Sauer gave his report on the County. BCRC bridge repairs include Lindy Rd, Nostwick Rd and Reynolds Rd. Haze Road is not included. Platte

River school building close of sale expected end of June. Health Department Acting Director is Dan Thornell. Betsie Valley Trail grants helping to repair trestle bridge at Mesick. The Maples using more space for memory care patients. Homestead Hills Elementary School should be ready September 2023. Ironman Competition route has been changed. Veteran's plaque update.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: on file

DAY USE PARK: Report is on file. R. Hitesman will look into pricing for the picnic table that has been approved by the DNR. C. Meredith said pricing for the closer for the DUP restroom is \$150-\$600.

PLANNING COMMISSION: C. Kraus stated there was a Public Hearing at 7:00PM on April 4, 2022, regarding the Zoning Ordinance and Map corrections prior to the regular PC meeting. At the regular, PC meeting the Commission voted to approve recommending to the Township Board to accept the changes as submitted. PC does not need to submit to Benzie County Planning Commission since one does not exist. It was, however, sent to the County by the consultant and by mail by the Township Clerk. We will wait 30 days for any response. Discussion. Township Board may vote on it at its May 2022 meeting. PC next meeting will be July 11, 2022.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: R. Hitesman reported that Crystal Mountain will have their Beer and Brats festival this year. Report on file.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor's report is on file. S. Bobek stated that MTA will have the assessing information on the website next year.

BUDGET REPORT: Budget ok currently.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: R. Hitesman has been in contact with the DNR about the two triangular pieces of property adjacent to the Day Use Park. Waiting to hear back. Looking into Grants. Will be shopping for an approved picnic table for the Park.

CLERK COMMENTS: GFL contract for the spring and fall Cleanup Days needs to be signed. Board approved completing the Village Water Survey (backflow preventer). BOR March 2022 report has been received. The November 8, 2022, meeting date needs to be changed due to the Election being held at the Hall on that date. Board decided on November 1, 2022.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: ARPA monies discussion: Generator, Carpeting, Wall Partition in outer room for secure storage. A. Lindstrom offered the use of their generator at the Day Care Center next door if needed. Veteran's Memorial (ordered 8/2016)- It is available and will be installed when the weather breaks--tabled. Short-Term Rentals--tabled. Nuisance Ordinance amendments tabled. House Plaque-S. Williams stated that he

and G. Stevens are working on it. Sally and Chris Bobek used their anchors and straps to tie down the garden shed last winter. They are getting ready for the camping season and need their items back. She will contact Rob Aldrich to let him know the items needed to tie the shed down are available at Tractor Supply.

NEW BUSINESS: S. Bobek made the motion to reappoint Sue Meredith to the Planning Commission (Board Rep). F. Griffin seconded. All ayes. Iron Fish helping with Cleanup Day discussed. Scheduling does not work for them for Saturdays. R. Hitesman made the motion to approve the Crystal Mountain Fire Works display permit for New Year’s Eve December 31, 2022. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes. State Unclaimed Property Report to State discussed. S. Bobek will file the report. Discussion to replace the refrigerator and microwave. F. Griffin made the motion to replace the broken refrigerator and microwave. R. Hitesman seconded. Roll call: R. Hitesman, S. Bobek, S. Williams, S. Meredith, F. Griffin—all ayes. Clerk reported on an issue with the bill from Quickbooks—double bill for payroll program. QB will credit for the Basic Payroll program.

BILLS: April 12, 2022

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

(Between Meetings)

EFPTS14 (3-15-2022) IRS 941 Fed Tax	779.50
Cherryland Electric-March	70.91
ATI Consulting-website	400.00
Jane Hitesman-BOR	210.00
Marian Mayer-BOR	210.00
Chris Bobek-BOR	280.00

EFPTS15 IRS 941 qtr.	846.40
Board Pay	3600.00
Planning Commission	650.00
Assessor Pay	1572.00
Julie Lonn	50.00
AFLAC	321.43
Acentek	219.51
Village of Thompsonville-water	456.00
VISA	1685.02 (credit due 381.60 QB)
Cherryland Electric	68.26
Craig Meredith-PLOW/DUP/ZA	520.00
Gary Stevens-nuisance enf	200.00
Pioneer Group	420.75
Rebecca Parmer	500.00
State of Michigan SUW tax 3/2022 qtr	684.03

ATI Consulting-web corrections/clerk computer iss.	150.00
Fran Griffin-mileage-rubber stamps/inv correction	39.78
Craig Meredith-reimburse cert mail, rubber stamp	28.23
Sally Bobek-reimburse for stamps	58.00
Republic Services	171.00
Carol Merrill-reimburse supplies	75.05
TOTAL.....	\$ 14,265.87

CORRESPONDENCE: Networks Northwest newsletter Mar 2022, BVDL Board Minutes Feb 2022, JPC Public Hearing Notice, Housing North March newsletter, SEEDS newsletter, Benzie Area Historical Society notice of coming events, Great Lakes Design Update spring newsletter, Par Plan News, April 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENT: K. Jelemensky told Katie Zeits, County Administrator, that she will be contacting her about the County wage survey. She also stated that she is unhappy being billed for her FOIA request for her survey. She stated that the Board receives AFLAC and a retirement. S. Williams spoke about a State Land cleanup, particularly tires. DNR will dispose of tires from State land for nothing, see Adopt-A-Forest program.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

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