

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING**

May 10, 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: Gary Sauer, Chuck Kraus, Craig Meredith, Vicki Schwartz, Gary Stevens, Becky Sharp, Phyllis Kladder, Vicki Schwartz

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: S. Bobek would like to add Cleanup Day and S. Meredith would like to add Air Conditioner to the agenda under New Business. R. Hitesman made the motion to approve the agenda with changes. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: S. Bobek made the motion to approve the April 12, 2022, minutes. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: S. Bobek stated that the second payment of ARPA money was received. S. Williams motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. F. Griffin seconded. All ayes.

GUEST INPUT (up to 3 minutes per guest): G. Sauer, Commissioner, gave an update on County issues. Weldon Townships Veterans Memorial plaque is still not installed. Memorial Day ceremony will be at 1:00PM Memorial Day. Grant for tire disposal has been approved. June 18th at Frankfort, July 16th in Thompsonville, and August 27th BCRC. Merit Survey on Broadband will be addressed at the Commissioner's meeting May 24th. Health Dept will have an exit interview with Lisa Peacock. Esch Road work will proceed unless the DNR objects due to the threatened Hawk nesting. BVT-Lewis Bridge project is completed. BVT Event application is being worked on to make it easier to use. Northern Mitten application to the BVT has been approved. Liability waiver for Trail volunteers and helpers is being worked on by the County. Maples retirement plan has changed. Maples second floor is being changed to a Memory Care unit. Joyfield Township has blight issues. Chip Johnson, Centra Wellness, is working with the Sheriff's Dept on public and prisoner mental health issues. Discussion.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: C. Meredith stated there will be a Public Hearing held at the Township Hall by the Natural Rivers Group on June 7th. MSU is having a seminar on May 18th regarding Solar. Zoning report is on file.

DAY USE PARK: R. Hitesman is still looking for a picnic table suitable for the DUP. C. Meredith's report is on file.

PLANNING COMMISSION: n/a. Garden Shed was destroyed in the last windstorm we had. C. Kraus and R. Hitesman have shopped around for a new one. Pahl's has one 8 x 8 pine for \$2500 delivered. They also checked with the people near Kaleva. Same size shed \$1500 and \$400 to deliver. Garden budget discussed. Shed foundation would need to be done. C. Kraus suggested limestone. C. Kraus talked about marketing the Community Garden, so people know about it. S. Bobek will put on the Township website and on Facebook. Shed subject tabled.

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.

BUDGET REPORT: Clerk asked for Board approval to add the Restricted Funds of \$1368.40 to the 2022-23 budget. S. Bobek made the motion to adjust the 2022-23 Budget to include the Restricted Funds. S. Williams seconded. All ayes. Clerk also asked to add the ARPA money received by her today (\$11051) to the budget report total. Annual audit is Monday, May 16th all day.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: R. Hitesman will put the flags out at the Thompsonville cemetery this coming week. He has been notified that there is a mattress and couch dumped on Aylsworth Rd. The State is looking at the Haze Road Bridge. He suggested we could do something next year for Earth Day on local road(s).

CLERK COMMENTS: Dawn Olney Retirement Open House is on May 27th 1-4PM. Clerk has received a FOIA from Kent Stevens and has sent him everything she had.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: ARPA monies ideas discussion: Generator, Carpeting, Wall Partition in outer room for secure storage, kitchenette in one end of meeting room. S. Bobek will get quotes/bids on the proposed items. County has \$3.7 million from ARPA monies. Broadband would be a great addition to the rural area of Benzie County. Veteran's Memorial (ordered 8/2016)- still not installed-tabled. Short-Term Rentals-tabled. Nuisance Ordinance amendments tabled. House Plaque-S. Williams-tabled. F. Griffin made the motion to adopt the Zoning Ordinance amendments and Map correction recommended by the Planning Commission. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes. S. Bobek says they don't have any volunteers to help with the curbside pickup for Clean Up Day currently. S. Meredith says weeds need to be cut back around the air conditioner at the back of the Hall and possible raising it higher above ground. S. Williams said he'd cut the weeds down.

NEW BUSINESS: C. Kraus presented a quote for two new bike racks from DERO for the Day Use Park-cost \$527.65. Discussion. R. Hitesman made the motion to order the bike racks. F. Griffin seconded. All ayes. Fire budget (3/31/2022) was received from the Village

of Thompsonville. DUP poplar tree removal. Two quotes were received-Milarch Bros. and Treetop Benzie. Discussion. R. Hitesman will contact the DNR-Forestry Div-Dave Lemmein for permission to cut the trees or if the DNR does it. Permission for the Township to do will need to be in writing. S. Williams made the motion to award the work to which ever one is less expensive and will chip. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes. The County would like ideas for County ARPA monies: Help TARP Project, Brining, Roads, Broadband.

BILLS: May 10, 2022

City of Traverse City-HAZMAT fee (last yr.)	395.00
EFPTS16 IRS 941 qtr.	887.26
Board Pay	3600.00
Assessor Pay	1572.00
Julie Lonn	50.00
AFLAC	321.43
Acentek	218.65
VISA	186.14
Cherryland Electric	66.39
Craig Meredith-DUP/ZA/Hall Lawn/LUP	455.00
Gary Stevens-nuisance enf	200.00
Gary Stevens-cemetery maint	479.94
Pioneer Group	293.50
ATI Consulting	180.00
Fran Griffin- reimburse mileage and postage	27.11
Fortress Security	311.88
Blarney Castle	540.11
Baird, Cotter & Bishop	300.00
Milarch Bros	470.00
C. Kraus-Reimburse plants	42.69
C. Kraus-Reimburse-sprinkler parts	9.52

TOTAL.....\$ 10,606.62

CORRESPONDENCE: Community Service email from Rebecca Hubers, BVDL Board Minutes March 2022, Networks NW newsletter, Benzie Area Historical Society Open House notice, Spring newsletter and Annual Report

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

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