

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING**

February 14, 2023

Tuesday

7:00PM

The meeting was called to order by R. Hitesman, Supervisor, at 7:00PM. A moment of silence was held in honor Craig Meredith, our Zoning Administrator and of those who lost their lives at the MSU shooting.

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: Chuck Kraus, Chris Meredith, Becky Sharp, Vicki Schwartz, Toby Dunne, Kellye and John Jelemensky, Tim Cypher, Gary Sauer

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: R. Hitesman stated that Tim Cypher will arrive closer to 8:00PM. R. Hitesman made the motion to approve the agenda with the change. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: R. Hitesman made the motion to approve the January 10, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT: S. Bobek stated that the CD due to expire will get a 4.06% interest when renewed. S. Williams motioned to approve the report and renew the CD at 4.06% interest. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

GUEST INPUT (up to 3 minutes per guest): Toby Dunne from Benzie Bus gave a thorough report on the Benzie Bus and all they have accomplished in the Community in the last year. Gary Sauer, Commissioner, asked the Township to write a letter of support for the Cherryland Capital Communications (CCC) broadband efforts in Benzie County. He gave updates on County business including the Maples, BCRC, Land Bank, Cole Property acquisition and dates for the hazardous waste and tire collections coming up. He also spoke on the Elberta water tank/pipe issue.

****Recessed due to hearing device not working properly 7:36PM**

****Reconvened at 7:38PM**

C. Kraus gave an update on the TARP and grants.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: on file.

DAY USE PARK: no report. K. Jelemensky stated that the soffit on the restroom may need replacing.

Tim Cypher, All Permits, arrived at 8:00PM. He gave his background information and spoke on the proposed contract to do the Zoning administrating for Weldon Township. Fee schedule was discussed. Q&A. DISCUSSION

R. Hitesman made the motion to contract with the Cypher Group to do the Zoning Administrating for a year per the contract presented. S. Bobek seconded. Roll call vote taken. R. Hitesman, yea, S. Bobek, yea, S. Williams, nay, S. Meredith, yea, F. Griffin, yea. Motion passed 4 yeas to 1 nay.

PLANNING COMMISSION: C. Kraus reported that they had a meeting on February 6. They revised the PC by-laws with regard to unexcused absence. Some members terms will need to be appointed. The Planning Commission did elect their officers for the coming year.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: on file.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: on file.

BUDGET REPORT: Clerk presented a request for Budget Amendments. S. Bobek motion to approve the request. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: R. Hitesman feels now is a good time to put the following positions out for bid: Hall mowing and plowing, DUP maintenance, Cemetery mowing/upkeep, and Nuisance Officer. Discussion. Clerk will put a notice.

CLERK COMMENTS: Clerk reported the cost of brining from the BCRC this season is very expensive compared to last. Recycling cost for the coming year has gone up by about \$2000 from GFL. Discussion. S. Bobek motioned to approve the contract with GFL for the upcoming recycling. R. Hitesman seconded. All ayes. February 28 at 2:00PM was set for the Budget Workshop. The Budget Hearing will be on March 14, 2023 at 6:30PM prior to the Regular Board meeting at 7:00PM.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Fee for use of the Township Hall was tabled. Water hookup change tabled until spring. House Plaque-tabled-S. Williams.

NEW BUSINESS: F. Griffin motioned to appoint S. Meredith as the Natural Rivers representative from Weldon Township and R. Hitesman as alternate. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes.

BILLS: February 14, 2023

Between Meetings:

Election Resource

\$115.00

EFPTS25 quarterly taxes	854.48
Board Pay	3600.00
Assessor	1572.00
Julie Lonn	50.00
Planning Commission Pay	325.00
Craig Meredith-ZA	250.00
Acentek	222.36
Cherryland Electric	66.72
VISA	345.93
Figura Law	752.00
AFLAC	321.43
ATI Consulting	99.00
Baird Cotter Bishop	450.00
Pioneer Group	148.35
Chris Jones	75.00
Fran Griffin-reimburse	89.19
Craig Meredith-DUP/plowing	175.00
ElectionSource-maint contract	343.00
Total.....	\$ 9,854.46

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

CORRESPONDENCE: BVDL Board Minutes, Network Northwest, Housing North (3) items). Michigan Stormwater Floodplain Assn conference, Senator Jon Bumstead letter, Village of Thompsonville water updated letter.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: S. Meredith mentioned the Summerfest on June 19th is being planned. Discussion. K. Jelemensky spoke on Covid Funds balance, Zoom, Planning Commission ‘vacancies’, next Planning Commission meeting date, decision on Zoning Admin.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:53PM

Respectfully submitted:
Fran Griffin
Weldon Township Clerk