

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
March 14, 2023
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: Deb Frisbee, Chuck Kraus, Becky Sharp, Vicki Schwartz, Kellye and John Jelemensky, Tory Tallent, Gary Sauer

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: F. Griffin made a change to the February 14, 2023 minutes. S. Bobek should have been marked as present. S. Bobek made the motion to approve the agenda with the change. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: R. Hitesman made the motion to approve the February 14, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes with the change and the February 28, 2023, Budget Hearing Minutes. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT: R. Hitesman made the motion to withdraw and reinvest the larger CD we have into one with 4.25% per S. Bobek suggestion. Discussion. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes. R. Hitesman made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

GUEST INPUT (up to 3 minutes per guest): Deb Frisbee, Summerfest 2023, gave a presentation on the planning of the Summerfest on June 19th 6-9PM in Thompsonville this summer. She went over things that are planned and what is still needed. Kensington Church plans to have a movie night in the park in July and August. Discussion. G. Sauer, County Commissioner gave an update on the happenings (BCRC, Maples, Elberta, new Thompsonville Council member, Brine, Tourism, ARPA money approval for tower in Frankfort) in the County. He also gave dates for Special Recycling: June 3rd at Frankfort High School for tires, electronics, mattresses, July 15th Tires only at Thompsonville, August 12th at BCRC for tires, electronics, mattresses.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: on file from T. Cypher

DAY USE PARK: no report.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Next Meeting is April 10, 2023. C. Kraus clarified the Planning Commission terms. All should be appointed for 3 years with staggering years per attorney. Ex-Officio only is appointed to a one year term then as long as they are on the

Board. There are three 3-year positions up for appointment this year--Phyllis Kladder, Becky Sharp and the position Rebecca Parmer held until her recent resignation.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: Reports for February 12, 2023, and March 4, 2023, are on file.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor's report on file. R. Hitesman gave a report on the recent BOR meetings. Appeals- (8) approved, (3) denied.

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

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: R. Hitesman stated that he, C. Kraus and Tim Cypher, ZA, had a meeting this week with Crystal Mountain regarding their housing project.

CLERK COMMENTS: nothing

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

NEW BUSINESS: F. Griffin motioned to approve the proposed 2023-24 Budget by Account as presented. S. Williams seconded. All ayes. S. Bobek suggested that we obtain a memorial sign for the Day Use Park stating "Craig and Sue Meredith Day Use Park". S. Bobek will look into the sign. F. Griffin made the motion to appoint Phyllis Kladder and Becky Sharp to the Planning Commission for 3 year terms each. S. Williams seconded. All ayes. F. Griffin made the motion to appoint Sue Meredith to the Ex-officio position for one year or until she is no longer on the Township Board. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes. We still have one vacancy to fill. Discussion. S. Meredith would like to purchase a bench to be installed in the front of the Township Hall in memory of her husband, Craig Meredith. S. Williams made the motion to approve her request. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes. R. Hitesman stated that Broadband is being worked on in many places in the County.

BILLS: March 14, 2023

EFPTS26 quarterly taxes	819.44
Board Pay	3600.00
Board-per diems	700.00
Assessor	1572.00
Julie Lonn	50.00
Planning Commission Pay	325.00
Marlene Smith-BOR	140.90
Acentek	222.31

Cherryland Electric	67.16
VISA	948.13
Figura Law	384.00
Cypher Group	228.00
AFLAC	321.43
Blarney Castle	691.76
ATI Consulting	210.00
Board of Review Pay	735.00
Pioneer Group	219.30
Christopher Meredith	234.00
Total.....	\$ 11,468.43

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

CORRESPONDENCE: BVDL Board Minutes, Network Northwest, SEEDS update, Benzie Sunrise Rotary BikeTour notice, U of M Center for Local Policy Key Findings, Housing North newsletter(Story Tellers wanted), Networks Northwest email-Broadband

PUBLIC COMMENTS: K. Jelemensky spoke on the appointment of Planning Commission members. Verified that the next Planning Commission meeting is April 10, 2023 and noted that the website has an incorrect date for the January 2024 meeting. Clerk will look into it. S. Williams brought up donating to the Summerfest. We cannot donate money but maybe other items we could help with. Discussion.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:57PM

Respectfully submitted:

**Fran Griffin
Weldon Township Clerk**