

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
April 11, 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: Rebecca Parmer, Chuck Kraus, Becky Sharp, Kellye Jelemensky, Tory Tallent, Gary Sauer, Tim Cypher, Karyn Thorrr, Vicki Schwartz

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: S. Bobek motioned to approve the March 14, 2023 Budget Hearing and the Regular Meeting Minutes. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT: S. Bobek stated the CD's on the Financial Report have not been corrected yet. They have been converted to the 4.25%. S. Bobek would like to change the financial institution for the Tax Account only. Discussion. She would like to switch from Honor Bank to Credit Union One. Discussion. R. Hitesman made the motion to allow the Treasurer to change over the Tax Account only to Credit Union One. S. Meredith seconded. Roll call vote taken. S. Bobek, R. Hitesman, S. Williams, S. Meredith, F. Griffin all ayes. Zero nays. S. Bobek also spoke on the change in the DUP sign to read the Craig and Sue Meredith Walking Trail. She has been in contact with D&D Signs. They can make the change for \$275.00. S. Williams motioned to go ahead with the change to redo the sign at the DUP. S. Bobek seconded, 4 ayes. S. Meredith abstained. F. Griffin made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Financial Report. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

GUEST INPUT (up to 3 minutes per guest): Tim Cypher, Zoning Administrator, gave his report on the proposed PUD application by Homestretch (Jon Stimson), Doug Mansfield, Engr. Reviewed documents for the PUD-Crystal Commons. Public Hearing has been scheduled for May 10th at 6:30PM. Professional review and fees are not paid by the Township. Rental units are for low-moderate income. Mr. Cypher will consult with the township attorney, Tim Figura. Zoning report: No LUP's were issued in the last month. See ZA written report. The single dwelling on Weldon Road (AIRBNB) appears to be non-compliant. ZA will follow up with the regulatory agencies and will likely send the property owner a certified letter to inspect the property. If access is refused by the owner, will have to obtain a warrant from the Magistrate. Will help if trying to comply. Short-term Rentals—everyone is waiting for the Legislature to act. Nuisance is still an issue. STR-

Discussion. Karen Thorr/COO, Crystal Mountain spoke on the proposed Crystal Commons development. It is an affordable housing project by Homestretch Developers. Land is to be transferred to Homestretch. She stated that Crystal Mountain will have some oversight. Q&A—the units will be residential rental ONLY. Units are 2 bedrooms and 1 bath with possible 3 bedrooms in some units. There will be ground floor apartment that are ADA compliant. Water will be coming from Crystal Mountain. They will have their own septic systems.

G. Sauer, County Commissioner, gave an update on County issues. BCRC/Sutter Rd relocation. County lightning strike took out many of the County's communicating devices. Solar was discussed at a MSU tourism presentation he attended. Consumers needing 200,000 acres for Solar projects. These installations will render the farmland useless. BVTMC approved the Benzie Sunrise Bike Tour on June 3rd and tabled the application for the Ironman race in September until more information is presented. Washouts on trail need to be repaired. New development going in off of Sunkissed and Mollineaux Rd. near the BV Trail. Maples—May 11 Covid restrictions over. They have seventeen contract employees. Frankfort had a \$60,000 drone donated to them. Williams asked Gary about the Haze Road Bridge abutment removal that was supposed to be removed years ago. R. Hitesman said Matt Skeels said it's in the works. Lindy Road bridge is supposed to be done. Colfax Township bridges are being worked on now.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: on file from T. Cypher. See his comments above.

DAY USE PARK: no report.

PLANNING COMMISSION: C. Kraus said Public Hearing for the Crystal Commons is scheduled for May 10 at 6:30PM.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: on file

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: on file

BUDGET REPORT: F. Griffin says Budget in good.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: R. Hitesman asked the Board to approve his and Fran's attendance and mileage to the FOIA/OMA Seminar by AG Nessel on Friday, April 14th in Traverse City. S. Bobek made the motion to approve. S. Williams seconded. S. Bobek, S. Meredith, S. Williams all ayes. R. Hitesman and F. Griffin abstained. R. Hitesman would like approval to attend the MTA conference at the GT Resort next week. S. Bobek motioned to approve mileage reimbursement and attendance for R. Hitesman. S. Williams seconded.

S. Bobek, S. Williams, S. Meredith, and F. Griffin all ayes. R. Hitesman abstained.

CLERK COMMENTS: nothing

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: R. Hitesman will check with Village-E. Allen and T. Windrim regarding separating the water hookup between the Township Hall and the Whistle Stop

Day Care Center on Thompson Ave. House Plaque-S. Williams working on it with Image 360.

NEW BUSINESS: DUP maintenance-discussion. S. Meredith will talk with Chris Meredith to see if he'd be interested in doing it. Nuisance Enforcement Officer- R. Hitesman stated that the County doesn't allow their deputies to do this part-time any longer.

S. Bobek will talk to Pat Shaeffer to see if he'd be interested. Mark Ketz was our original nuisance enforcement officer. He is retiring from the County soon. Brining 2023-discussion. S. Bobek made the motion to approve first brining and hold off on second for now. R. Hitesman seconded. All ayes. PC Trustee appointment. R. Hitesman made the motion to appoint Rebecca Parmer to a 3-year term on the Planning Commission. F. Griffin seconded. All ayes. S. Meredith mentioned the front Hall flower boxes need to be replaced. S. Bobek will check with Chris Bobek to see if he would like to make new ones. F. Griffin will call Jared Milarch to have irrigation turned back.

BILLS: April 11, 2023

EFPTS27 quarterly taxes	\$852.06
State of Michigan-SUW	\$805.72
Board Pay	\$3625.00
Planning Commission Pay	\$375.00
Assessor	\$1540.00
Julie Lonn	\$50.00
R. Hitesman-Liq Enf	\$550.00
Cypher Group-Zoning	\$800.00
Acentek	\$123.73
Cherryland Electric	\$62.06
VISA	\$1168.34
Figura Law	\$240.00
AFLAC	\$321.43
ATI Consulting	\$99.00
Pioneer Group	\$548.25
Chris Meredith	\$192.00
R. Hitesman-reimburse ink	\$50.87
S. Bobek-reimburse ink	\$50.88
Republic Services	\$309.84

Village of Thompsonville-annual water bill \$564.00

Total.....\$12,328.18

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

CORRESPONDENCE: BVDL Board Minutes, U of M Recycling survey results, Housing North quarterly, MTA Annual Conference Invitation from Mike/Meyers, Networks Northwest newsletter, Par Plan News-April 2023, Housing North newsletter, MI Dept of AG & Rural Dev Newsletter

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:17PM

Respectfully submitted:

**Fran Griffin
Weldon Township Clerk**