

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
May 9, 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: Tim Maylone and wife, Jon Stimson, Kellye Jelemensky, John Jelemensky, Becky Sharp, Phyllis Kladder, C. Kraus, Janet and Tim Taylor, Don Suchocki, Gary Sauer, Vick Schwartz, Chris Bobek, Tory Tallent

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: F. Griffin, Clerk, added C. Bobek bill of \$100 to the bills. Total of bills is now \$12,892.80. R. Hitesman motioned to approve agenda with change. S. Bobek seconded. All Ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: S. Bobek motioned to approve the April 11, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT: S. Bobek reported on the CD change. She spoke on the Summerfest on June 19th. MTA says ARPA monies could be used for door prizes like gift cards for teens and adults. Discussion. S. Bobek made the motion to use \$200 of the ARPA money for gift cards for the Summerfest. She will pick them up. R. Hitesman seconded. All ayes. S. Bobek also reported on the cemetery crosses and flags. She will touch up the paint on some crosses and remove the artificial flowers. Hall flowerboxes are done. Becky Sharp has agreed to take care of the flowers in them. D&D Signs waiting on weather to change the Day Use Park sign. She also explained the PILT monies regarding the Crystal Commons project. R. Hitesman made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

GUEST INPUT (up to 3 minutes per guest): Jon Stimson/Homestretch spoke on the Crystal Commons Project and the Public Hearing to be held May 10th. Discussion. Tim Maylone, Cherry Capital Connections, spoke on the fiber to home project for internet to the underserved in our area. Village of Thompsonville will be served from Acentek. Three different entities running fiberoptic in our area. Discussion. Mr. Maylone will submit the required application and send to the Township for signature. Gary Sauer gave an update on Benzie County business, BCRC paving Henry St by new Elementary School, Maples is full, he attended a Joint Court meeting, Leelanau Health Department remodeling needs more bids, BVT dog sign issue, BV Friends fundraiser, Gilmore Twp moratorium still in effect. Memorial Day recognition at the Veterans Memorial Park at 1:00PM.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: on file from T. Cypher.

DAY USE PARK: on file

PLANNING COMMISSION: C. Kraus said Public Hearing for the Crystal Commons is scheduled for May 10th at 6:30PM. Community Garden has spent \$1160 on soil, etc leaving \$4040 bal. Shed is ordered and will be delivered for \$1150. Harry Collins will pour a slab for it at \$986.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: on file

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: on file

BUDGET REPORT: F. Griffin says Budget in good.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: He attended the FOIA Seminar in Traverse City and the MTA Conference-1 day. BCRC is going out to bid October 23, 2023 for piling removal on Haze Rd. Township \$18,000 road money discussed. Garden is looking good. C. Bobek will fix or replace the doorbell at the front entrance.

CLERK COMMENTS: Annual Audit will be June 12th. Clerk ask for changes to the FOIA policy. Eliminate any reference to facsimile, faxing or verbal requests and computer tapes or discs and the contracted labor charge from \$48.90 to \$60.60 (6 times the state min hourly wage). S. Bobek made the motion to approve the policy change. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes. Clerk asked to change the Smoking Policy to include Vaping and other e-cigarette items. R. Hitesman made the motion to change the policy as requested. S. Bobek seconded. Roll call vote taken. All ayes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: R. Hitesman tried to contact Tim Windrim, Village DPW supervisor, regarding the separating of the water hookup with the Whistle Stop Day Care and the Weldon Township Hall. No response. House Plaque-S. Williams-no update. Nuisance Enforcement Officer position--R. Hitesman will contact Mark Ketz.

NEW BUSINESS: Tim Maylone, CCC, asking for a Metro Act bilateral agreement (copper, fiber) for 30 years for approval. It is in lieu of a franchise agreement. \$500 fee has been received. Discussion. S. Bobek made the motion to approve the bilateral with Cherry Capital Communication for the use of Township roads. S. Williams seconded. Roll call vote taken. All ayes. T. Maylone will send an agreement to be signed by R. Hitesman, Supervisor.

C. Kraus asked for a letter of support from the Township for the TARP project. Helps them in applying for grants. Applications are due the end of June. R. Hitesman read notification regarding Hi Speed Internet meeting being held May 11th from 4-6PM at the Michigan Works Conference Center and a letter from Michelle Thompson, Benzie Land Bank, is asking if there are any projects in this area to be worked on. Grants due 30-60 days. P. Kladder stated they will be working on the flower plots along Thompson Ave on June 5th starting at 8-9AM. Any help would be appreciated.

BILLS: May 9, 2023

EFPTS28 quarterly taxes	\$816.70
Board Pay	\$3625.04
Assessor	\$1540.00
Julie Lonn	\$50.00
Cypher Group-Zoning	\$1100.00
Planning Comm (Public Hearing 5/10)	Max.....\$425.00
Acentek	\$175.30
Cherryland Electric	\$72.53
VISA	\$666.60
AFLAC	\$286.07
ATI Consulting	\$72.00
Spectrum Printers	\$26.75
Baird, Cotter & Bishop	\$315.00
Fortress Security	\$311.88
Blarney Castle	\$425.65
Accident Fund	\$282.00
Team Life	\$457.00
Milarch Bros	\$1160.00
R. Hitesman reimburse	\$202.18
F. Griffin-reimburse	\$110.41
C. Bobek-reimburse wood	\$229.86
Pioneer Group	\$204.75
Chris Meredith	\$150.00
Robert Aldrich (lost check)	\$44.04
Carrie Aldrich (lost check)	\$44.04
C. Bobek-flowerboxes	\$100.00
Total.....	\$ 12,892.80

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

CORRESPONDENCE: BVDL Board Minutes, ParPlan News April, Office of Rural Development News, State Rep. John Roth newsletter, Networks Northwest April News,

**Housing North April newsletter, MTA Action Alert for Sand and Gravel Mining
Legislation, Our Home, Our Voice organization emails-local land authority House Bills
PUBLIC COMMENTS: none**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:16PM

Respectfully submitted:

**Fran Griffin
Weldon Township Clerk**