

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
June 13, 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, Jon Stimson, Kellye Jelemensky, John Jelemensky, Becky Sharp, Phyllis Kladder, C. Kraus, Don Suchocki, Gary Sauer, Vick Schwartz, Chris Bobek, Tory Tallent, Kent Stevens, Karyn Thorr, Kirk Davidson, Brad and Lu DeLauter

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: S. Bobek motioned to approve the agenda. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: R. Hitesman motioned to approve the May 9, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT: S. Bobek stated that Chris Jones, Deputy Treasurer, resigned. Rebecca Parmer has agreed to become the Deputy Treasurer. F. Griffin motioned to approve the appointment of Rebecca Parmer to Deputy Treasurer. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes. Gift Cards for Summerfest have been purchased. Organizers were very happy with the gift cards. Company doing the Day Use Park sign change will be repainting the whole sign since it has faded over time. Cost will be \$580.00. S. Bobek made the motion to have them repaint the entire sign for \$580. S. Williams seconded. All ayes. Treasurer will set up online property tax paying with Intellipay. It will cost taxpayer 3% in addition to their tax amount when using a credit card and \$1.50 if they use an e-check. There needs to be a second account set up. BS&A can be used to look up online your taxes at no charge or \$3 to look at any property tax payer's taxes in Weldon Township. Will be on our website to access. S. Williams motioned to set up pay property taxes online and BS&A for tax info lookup. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

GUEST INPUT (up to 3 minutes per guest): Tim Cypher, ZA, was moved from Old Business because he had to leave early. He reported on a 'hiccup' in the Crystal Commons process. An issue with the MDOT Aeronautics Dept and the Glide pattern/flight zones. The Thompsonville Airport Manager, Zoning Admin (Tim), and a person from the MDOT Aeronautics met to review. Doug Mansfield has been contacted and has done an overlay on the MDOT Zone and making site plan changes. Will need to go the Township Planning Commission for review when completed. A location change potential. Holding off on recommendation. County Building Dept, Mr. Zimmerman, Fire Dept and Airport Manager

to be included in approval. ZA gave his Zoning report and written report is on file. He has not had a reply from the AIRBNB on Weldon Rd.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: on file

DAY USE PARK: on file

PLANNING COMMISSION: C. Kraus-no report

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: on file

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: on file

BUDGET REPORT: Clerk asked for one Budget amendment. S. Bobek made the motion to approve the amendment. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: Brining went well. Has had no calls on it. TARP letter of support was sent. Archery Challenge at Crystal Mountain last weekend went well. Well attended. TARP volunteers did the flowerboxes at the hall and all the Village squares. Looks very nice.

CLERK COMMENTS: Annual Audit was conducted June 13th. Village of Thompsonville Fire Dept has asked for a letter of support to submit with their grant application for new SCBA and Turn Out equipment. S. Bobek made the motion to send a letter in support of the Village Fire Dept grant application. R. Hitesman seconded. All ayes. MTA dues is due. S. Bobek made the motion to add on the Essential pkg for class/webinars. R. Hitesman seconded. All ayes. Care.com is asking us to put on our website their information regarding Aging in Place. Discussion. Board decided not to do this.

Jon Stimson, Homestretch, was overlooked under the initial Guest Input. He presented the revised PILOT (4%) (Tax Abatement) they are recommending. He asked that the Board have our attorney look at the Tax Exemption Ordinance that needs to be passed. Also, a Public Hearing will need to be held if the Planning Commission makes their recommendation to the Township Board to move forward with the Crystal Commons project after 'hiccups' are resolved. Time is going to be an issue since the grant Homestretch is applying for is due July 20th. S. Bobek will send an informational notice to the effected entities (i.e. library, schools) that receive tax monies from the Township. F. Griffin asked if there is anything in the agreements that states that at some point the property/housing will revert to Crystal Mountain. Answer was no. Asked if this project is allowed in the zoning area as it is or if there needs to be an amendment to the Zoning map/ordinance. Mr. Stimson said it is fine as it is. Discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: R. Hitesman states still no response from Tim Windrim, Village DPW supervisor, regarding the separating of the water hookup with the Whistle Stop Day Care and the Weldon Township Hall. House Plaque-S. Williams-no update. Nuisance Enforcement Officer position--R. Hitesman contacted Mark Ketz and at this time

he is not interested in being the Nuisance Enforcement Officer. R. Hitesman attended the Forest Management Plan this week. They will be harvesting the red pine trees on King Rd/M115 and Longstreet.

NEW BUSINESS: Clerk asked to add the MTA bill of \$2355.50 be added to the bills for approval. Total of Bills will change to \$27,767.34.

BILLS: June 13, 2023

EFPTS29 quarterly taxes	\$804.88
Board Pay	\$3625.04
Assessor	\$1540.00
Julie Lonn	\$50.00
Cypher Group-Zoning	\$1025.00
Acentek	\$177.76
Cherryland Electric	\$69.99
VISA	\$677.31
AFLAC	\$286.07
ATI Consulting	\$ 69.00
Pioneer Group	\$108.00
Benzie Road Comm-brining	\$9240.01
Bendon Heating Prod-shed	\$1150.00
GFL Environmental-cleanup	\$5062.50
Figura Law	\$288.00
Chris Meredith-lawn/DUP/cemetery	\$330.00
C. Kraus-reimburse garden/hall supplies	\$696.42
C. Kraus-garden supplies	\$4.22
S. Bobek-reimburse GC for Summerfest	\$200.00
F. Griffin-reimburse-postage/supplies	\$7.64
Total.....	\$ 25,411.84

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

CORRESPONDENCE: BVDL Board Minutes, Office of Rural Development newsletter, DNR welcomes public input on 2025 forest mgmt. plans, Networks NW newsletter

PUBLIC COMMENTS: K. Jelemensky stated she will be sending out a survey and all Board members contact information to all residents of Weldon Township regarding the Crystal Commons project and will be circulating a petition against it to be put to a vote. Don Suchocki spoke on the red pine beetles infecting trees. MLive says Benzie County is #8 in the top ten wealthiest counties. Discussion. G. Sauer, County Commissioner, gave an update on the BVT activities, Aquafer and farming, infant in the workplace, and a possible Parks and Rec Dept in the County. Mr. DeLauter spoke on the Crystal Commons project. Location problems. Not right for the community. Karyn Thorr, Crystal Mountain, stated that Crystal Mountain will not be the owner of the Crystal Commons. It would be safe and affordable housing. C. Kraus spoke on the Crystal Commons project benefits.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:14PM

Respectfully submitted:

**Fran Griffin
Weldon Township Clerk**