

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
October 10, 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: Chris Bobek, Vicki Schwartz, Kellye Jelemensky, John Jelemensky

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: F. Griffin had changes to the agenda. Add the Zoning Admin report on file and add \$99.00 to bills for S. Bobek Microsoft 365 subscription. R. Hitesman motioned to approve the agenda with changes. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: R. Hitesman motioned to approve the September 12, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT: R. Hitesman motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

GUEST INPUT (up to 3 minutes per guest): Ashley Lindstrom, Whistlestop Daycare gave an update on the Day Care center. It has been one year, and things are going well. They have fourteen staff members, pantry is being used and the Community Garden has been very educational for the children to learn how to plant, grow and use the produce. R. Hitesman has spoken to the Village, and they feel it is the owners responsibility to have the water hookup separated between the Township and the Daycare. Cost is estimated to be approx. \$5000. F. Griffin gave G. Sauer's report about the County that she received by email.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: on file. K. Jelemensky said it took 30 days to get their LUP. R. Hitesman motioned to accept the ZA report. S. Bobek seconded. All yes.

DAY USE PARK: on file. C. Bobek will install the hinge on the door of the restroom at the Park. S. Meredith will get the hinge to him. R. Hitesman has contacted the DNR regarding the roof separation on the restroom and the condition of the toilet fixture. Still no reply from the DNR. Discussion. Padlock has been replaced in the restroom.

PLANNING COMMISSION: R. Hitesman reported that TARP has been awarded a large grant.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: on file

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: on file

FIRE DEPT: on file

BUDGET REPORT: Budget is good currently.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: RE: Weldon and Lindy Rds intersection, BCRC has installed rumble strips. Troy Hinds is now the new Supervisor of the BCRC. Application has been made for the permits for the Haze Rd Bridge project. Concern over river guides launching at Haze Rd and knocking down vegetation. Communication from Marianne DeGood regarding veteran headstone cleaning in the Weldon Township cemetery.

CLERK COMMENTS: Clerk was at a Clerks Retreat last week and Short-Term Rental legislation is stalled. Township may want to investigate Short Term Rental Ordinance. Discussion. Many changes to the election process in Prop-2 that will need to be implemented 2023 and 2024. Still no date set by the legislature for the Presidential Primary. It will be 2/27/24 or 3/12/2024. Discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Village water hookup—Hall/Daycare Center—Discussion-tabled. S. Williams will pick up and install the House Plaque. Nuisance Officer-Pat Schaeffer left a proposal for being our Nuisance Officer. Discussion. S. Bobek motioned to hire Pat Schaeffer on a trial basis for one year starting in April-October 2024. R. Hitesman seconded. All ayes. Ron Hitesman said he'd let Pat Schaeffer know.

NEW BUSINESS: Clerk presented a Resolution to name the Weldon Township Hall the Early Voting site for Weldon Township for 2024. Clerk read the resolution. S. Williams motioned to approve the resolution. R. Hitesman seconded. All ayes. Cleanup Day proposal (A, B, C) from Northern Disposal was discussed. S. Williams motion to go with Option B with a couple of persons to assist included. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes. F. Griffin motioned that the 2024 Cleanup Dates will be May 18, 2024, and September 21, 2024, 9AM-1PM. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes. S. Bobek will take care of the notice and getting copies into the tax mailing in November. Headlee Reser Forum will be posted. R. Hitesman would like to attend the Headlee Forum. Mika Meyer attorneys Municipal Seminar is 10/26/2023 in Grand Rapids. S. Bobek motioned to appoint Julie Lonn as Weldon Township Representative on the BVDL board for four years. F. Griffin seconded. All ayes. S. Bobek would like Board approval to attend the Mika Meyer attorney Municipal Seminar on 10/26/23 in Grand Rapids. F. Griffin motion to approve S. Bobek attending the seminar. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

BILLS

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EFPTS33 quarterly taxes 941	\$776.86
Board Pay	\$3625.00
Assessor	\$1540.00
Julie Lonn	\$50.00
Planning Commission	\$425.00
Ron Hitesman-Liq Inspec	\$550.00
Cypher Group-Zoning	\$450.00
Acentek	\$178.67
Cherryland Electric	\$73.86
VISA	\$400.78
AFLAC	\$286.07
Chris Meredith-lawn/DUP/	\$160.00
Fran Griffin-Mileage/per diem reimburs/postage	\$561.82
Spectrum Printers	\$120.44
Municipal Retirement	\$375.00
Brighthouse	\$3442.50
GFL	\$2781.25
Rebecca Parmer-Dpty Treas	\$22.50
ElectionSource	\$64.89
Pioneer Group	\$90.30
State of Michigan SUW 9/30	\$748.71
Republic Services	\$312.48
Mika Meyers Attorneys	\$38.00
ElectionSource	\$383.73
ElectionSource	\$38.42
US Post Office Box 570	\$72.00
S. Bobek-reimburse for Microsoft	\$99.00
Total.....	\$ 17,667.28

R. Hitesman motioned to pay the bills. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE: BVDL Board Minutes, Housing North newsletters, email from Debra Horner/ U of M re: Findings of Local Govt on Local Housing Issues, Par Plan News, email from Alexia Vollman/Aflac rep if anyone is interested in additional insurance to what the township provides, Late this afternoon an email came thru from MTA to contact our legislature to vote NO on preempting all local authority on location and permitting of wide scale wind and solar facilities and large battery storage facilities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

ADJOURNMENT: R. Hitesman motioned to adjourn. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM

Respectfully submitted:

**Fran Griffin
Weldon Township Clerk**