

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
January 9, 2024
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 abs; Sue Meredith, Trustee X; Scott Williams, Trustee abs.
R. Parmer, Deputy Treasurer X

GUESTS: Gary Sauer, Chuck Kraus, Vicki Schwartz,

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: R. Hitesman motioned to approve the agenda. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

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

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT: R. Parmer stated that Treasurer is checking on the CD that is due to expire next month. On December's tax collection day, she had one walk in and three phone calls. S. Meredith motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. R. Hitesman seconded. All ayes.

GUEST INPUT (up to 3 minutes per guest): G. Sauer gave an update on Benzie County business. Headlee Reset -4 out of 4 of Mr. Sauer's Townships are against it. BCRC is going to demolish the Platte River School. MSP expressed an interest in using their BEAR CAT vehicle to help initially with the demolition. Elberta is having an issue with trying to put up a 6 ft fence/no trespassing signs. Benzie Central Schools is going ahead with a new bus garage by the new elementary school on Homestead Rd. BVTMC is researching their original organization plans.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: on file

DAY USE PARK: on file. Discussed whether there is a need for the trash pickups at the DUP and Haze Rd locations during the winter months. Discussion. R. Hitesman is waiting to hear from the DNR regarding the roof on the restroom needing repair. Two triangular parcels of property adjacent to the DUP may be State property. Would like to incorporate them into the DUP. Discussion. R. Hitesman would like to look into a maintenance person for the DUP and the Township Hall in the future.

PLANNING COMMISSION: C. Kraus spoke briefly on the Short-Term Rental issue and on a possible DNR grant.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: on file.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: on file.

BUDGET REPORT: Clerk asked for budget amendments: Move \$5500 from 890.000 Contingency to Treasurer Supplies 253.726 (\$2700), Treasurer Postage 253.760 (\$1800), Treasurer's Printing 253.900 (\$1000) and move \$150 from 276.000 Cemetery to BOR Education 247.960. R. Hitesman motioned to approve the amendments. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: R. Hitesman attended the BCRC meeting. One road in Weldon Township project with Homestead Township to seal and chip Pioneer Rd from Cinder Rd to M115. R. Hitesman ask for approval of a Resolution to increase Clerk's salary from \$18500 to \$20000. Roll call: R. Hitesman (aye) S. Meredith (aye) F. Griffin (aye). S. Bobek and S. Williams absent. Resolution passed 3-0—resolution #01092024. S. Meredith asked the Board if we want the Planning Commission to pursue a Short-Term Rental Ordinance. Discussion. It was felt that the Township should have an ordinance for STR's.

CLERK COMMENTS: Clerk will be attending the BOE Train the Trainer meeting 1-10-2024 in Traverse City and a County Clerk meeting for all Township Clerks on 1-18-2024. Clerk also received another Haze Rd revised Permit on 12-17-2023. The Election Commission also needs to meet prior to Feb 6 to appoint Election Inspectors for the February 27, 2024, Presidential Primary and prior to Feb 12 to do the Accuracy Test. Clerk will set dates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Village water hookup—Hall/Daycare Center-tabled.

NEW BUSINESS: Short Term Rentals already addressed.

BILLS: January 9, 2024

CHECKS BETWEEN MEETINGS

Cherryland Electric (estimated at \$75.00 @ last meeting)	\$87.34
Accident Fund Insurance	\$1058.00
Benzie County Treasurer-chargebacks	41.76
Benzie County Treasurer-taxes	\$2058.08
Municipal Underwriters of MI	\$7045.00

EFPTS36 quarterly taxes 941	\$786.38
State of Mi SU W/H tax 4 th qtr.	\$795.88

Board Pay	\$3625.00
Assessor	\$1540.00
Julie Lonn	\$50.00
Planning Commission pay (1/8/24)	\$325.00
Ron Hitesman-Liq Inspec	\$550.00
Cypher Group-Zoning	\$800.00
F. Griffin-reimburse mileage/Meetings 1/2/24	\$66.77
Acentek	\$178.95
Cherryland Electric	est \$80.00
VISA	\$1218.38
AFLAC	\$286.07
ATI Consulting	\$33.00
Chris Meredith-DUP	\$120.00
Pioneer Group	\$122.55
Rebecca Parmer-dpty treas	\$157.50
Sally Bobek-Reimburse for Bitdefender protection	\$52.99
Spectrum Printers	\$675.02
Spectrum Printers	\$443.29
Republic Services	\$349.97
Blarney Castle	\$775.33
Total.....	\$23,322.26

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

CORRESPONDENCE: BVDL Board Minutes, Networks Northwest newsletter, Par Plan News

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM

Respectfully submitted:

**Fran Griffin
Weldon Township Clerk**

