

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
June 11, 2024
Tuesday
7:00PM**

The meeting was called to order by C. Aldrich, Supervisor at 7:00PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

ATTENDANCE: Carrie Aldrich, Supervisor X; Fran Griffin, Clerk X; Sally Bobek, Treasurer X; Sue Meredith, Trustee X; Scott Williams, Trustee X.

GUESTS: Nancy Call, Becky Sharp, K. Jelemensky, C. Kraus, P. Kladder, R. Aldrich, T. Cypher, J. Stimson, Jay White, Karyn Thorr, Gary Sauer, Vicki Schwartz, Don Suchocki, L. Delauter, B. Delauter

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Clerk asked to add Nuisance Report to the Reports section. S. Williams made the motion to accept with the change. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: S. Bobek motioned to approve the May 14, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes, S. Williams seconded. All ayes. S. Williams motioned to approve the May 17, 2024, Special Meeting minutes. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT: S. Bobek was asked by Ashley Lindstrom/Whistlestop Day Care if it would be ok for the kids to play in the sprinkler between the buildings in the grassy area. Discussion. S. Bobek made the motion to approve the kids playing in the sprinkler between the buildings. S. Williams seconded. All ayes. The May 2024 and June 2024 Treasurer's Reports were presented. S. Meredith made the motion to approve the May 2024 and June 2024 Treasurer's Reports. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

GUEST INPUT: Nancy Call, Benzie Senior Resources gave a presentation and explanation of the millage request on the August ballot for the Benzie Senior Resources. Tim Cypher Zoning Administrator stated that the Crystal Common project was approved in May 2023 by the Weldon Township Planning Commission with the four conditions. He suggested a Public Hearing by the Township Board for July 2024. A Public Hearing date was set for July 9, 2024, at 6:00PM prior to the Township Board's regular meeting. G. Sauer, Commissioner, gave an update on County business. \$100,000 opioid money was received by the County, Sheriff Dept parking lot being resurfaced, Benzie Bus asking for 1 mil on August ballot, Waste Management Committee being formed for recycling. Jessie Zylstra stepped down as head of Benzie Recycling, Animal Control fence is up, Frankfort Recycling location is changing.

Reports:

NUISANCE: P. Shaeffer, Nuisance Officer, gave a verbal report. Will send a written report. He will bring pictures of locations he feels have blight and see what the Board thinks.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:

Tim Cypher, Zoning Admin, was asked for an update on the Weldon Rd violation. A cease-and-desist order has been recorded with the County. If no response a warrant from a judge may be served directly.

DAY USE PARK: on file.

PLANNING COMMISSION: C. Kraus stated that the Planning Commission unanimously approved the Crystal Commons Project with four conditions at their May 2023 meeting. He is now making a formal recommendation from the Planning Commission to the Township Board to approve the Crystal Commons Project with the four conditions: finding of facts, intersection issue, performance guarantee and PILOT.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: on file.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: on file.

BUDGET REPORT: One amendment needed at this time. Move \$200 from 265.726 Hall Supplies to 299.955 Miscellaneous. S. Bobek motion to amend the budget. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: C. Aldrich read her report. In it she referenced the DNR/DUP responsibilities, new sound system needed, Crystal Commons, MTA notice of Septic Replacement Loan Program. Also touched on the list of items TARP would like and if we are able to help. Discussion. The Public Hearing for the Crystal Commons will be July 9th at 6:00PM with the Regular Board Meeting to follow.

CLERK COMMENTS: The Annual Audit is scheduled for tomorrow, June 12, 2024, at 7:30AM. Clerk asked for approval to attend the MTA Election Prep Beyond the Bureau seminar in Gaylord on June 27th and mileage reimbursement. S. Bobek motioned to approve Clerk attend seminar and mileage. S. Williams seconded. All ayes. MTA annual dues is due. Discussion on the Basics annual dues and legal defense fund at \$1704.11 and any add-ons for online learning subscriptions from \$750 -\$1900. S. Bobek motioned to do the basics at \$1704.11. S. Williams seconded. All ayes. Clerk called Fortress Security in for service on the building security system—getting Comm Failure message. Installed a part that will allow it to work with the newly installed fiber optics. Our contacts for Fortress Security if there is an alarm will be F. Griffin—first call and Sue Meredith will be second call. Mandatory Village water meter for the Hall will be Friday morning 8-10AM. The free water sensors through the ParPlan have arrived. Not installed yet. Milarch Bros were here today and weeded and mulched the front of the Hall. AA Group has been notified that there are four Saturdays in August and November that the Hall will not be available for

their use due to EV Elections. Carpet/cost—Clerk suggested we may want to have the carpet cleaned instead of replaced at this time due to the cost. S. Bobek stated that the ARPA money needs to be allocated by December. Ideas should be brought to the July meeting. Tabled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DUP-crack/seal-Ace Sealing stated they would be able to do in June. No word yet. Village water hookup—Hall/Daycare Center-tabled. Short Term Rentals Ordinance-Planning Commission working on it per S. Meredith. S. Meredith will be opening the Hall for the AA Group on Saturday mornings for now.

NEW BUSINESS: S. Bobek will be working on the L4029. C. Aldrich motioned to appointed S. Bobek to be the alternate to the Natural Rivers Committee. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

BILLS: June 11, 2024

Before approval of the Bills, Clerk asked the Board to add the MTA dues to the bills. Total of the June bills will now be \$12599.05. S. Bobek motioned to pay the bills. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

EFPTS41 quarterly taxes 941	\$1098.60
Board Pay	\$4166.66
Wyatt Crawford-Assessor	\$1678.08
Julie Lonn-Hall Cleaning	\$50.00
Pat Shaeffer-Nuisance	\$400.00
Board per diem (5/17 Spec Mtg)	\$200.00
AFLAC	\$239.40
ATI Consulting	\$39.00
Fortress Security-upgrade/communicator	\$338.60
Milarch Nursery/Landscaping	\$85.00
Acentek	\$308.66
Cherryland Electric	est. \$80.00
Cypher Group	\$950.00
Pioneer Group	\$195.75
Chris Meredith-DUP	\$150.00
Chris Meredith-Cemetery/Hall Lawn	\$320.00
Fran Griffin-reimburse & per diem	\$148.13
Sue Meredith-per diem Natural Rivers 6/4	\$100.00

Chris Bobek-Light parts and repairs	\$119.30
Chuck Kraus-garden flowers reimbur	\$39.16
Sally Bobek-reimburse certified postage	\$8.73
Sally Bobek-reimburse Summerfest GC	\$200.00
VISA	-\$ 20.13
TOTAL.....	\$10,894.94 + \$1704.11=\$12599.05

S. Bobek made the motion to pay the Bills. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE: BVDL Meeting minutes, Housing North Newsletter, May/June, Conservation Resource Alliance Newsletter, The Seabury Foundation-Benzie County Connect 2024

PUBLIC COMMENTS: J. Stimson, Homestretch, suggested use for ARPA money would be speakers and screen. K. Jelemensky asked if the Planning Commission has a vacancy. Spoke on the Crystal Commons in relation to the size of the Frankfort and Honor projects. Jay White, Frankfort Housing and Land Trust, spoke on the housing projects which he has been involved. Tim Cypher will assist Clerk with Public Hearing notices. Fifteen-day notice requirement. Karyn Thorr, Crystal Mountain, addressed some of the questions that have come up at other meetings, tax abatement, density issue, Homestretch will manage. Property has deed restrictions. State controls mortgage on affordable housing.

ADJOURNMENT: S. Bobek motioned to adjourn. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully submitted:

**Fran Griffin
Weldon Township Clerk**