

**WELDON TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
August 13, 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:** Mike MacGirr, Jim Franke, Becky Sharp, Chuck Kraus, Kirk Davidson, Robert Aldrich, Jon Stimson, Gary Sauer, Camille Johnston

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** S. Bobek motioned to approve the July 9, 2024, Public Hearing Minutes and the July 9, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

**TREASURER’S FINANCIAL REPORT:** S. Williams motioned to approve Treasurer’s report. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

**GUEST INPUT:** G. Sauer, Commissioner, gave an update on County business. The Benzie Health Dept to hire a health officer. Funds need to be raised for the Aquatic Center at the old Crystal Lake Elementary School. GTLC proposed to purchase the Elberta property. Will result in a loss in tax revenue. Some of the property may be turned over to the Village of Elberta. BCRC, Troy Hinds, MDOT, Jon Bumstead, John Roth may be able to help with the issue of the numerous accidents happening at the corner of Lindy and Weldon Rds. Discussion. Public feels something needs to be done. Accidents have been happening there for years. A report was submitted by M. MacGirr with a history of accidents that have happened at that intersection since 2019. Old Platte River Elementary School demolition waste is being cleaned up. BVTMC—area on the Frankfort part of the trail needs asphalt replacement and the Crystal Lake ‘washout’ area needs repaired again. Friends to pay \$84,000. BVTMC has \$9000 in funds. Jail proposal on the August ballot was denied. Board of Commissioners approved a ‘jail operational renewal millage for November. Discussion.

**Reports:**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:** on file

**DAY USE PARK:** on file.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** nothing to report

**LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT:** on file.

**NUISANCE REPORT:** on file. Pat Shaeffer gave an update on the property on Fourth and Lindy Rd. Discussion.

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** on file. July 16<sup>th</sup> BOR minute included.

**BUDGET REPORT:** Amendment for \$2000 transfer from 890-000 Contingency to Clerk Other 215-000. S. Bobek motioned to approve the amendment request. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

**SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:** C. Aldrich gave her report including the Benzie Chamber of Commerce 'Mingle' event for community and local candidates in the November Election. S. Bobek will have posted on the website. Pesticides used at Egan/Haze Rd by DNR/EGLE discussed. Village water meters project is moving along. BCRC meeting is August 22 at 9:30am. S. Bobek will do a letter from the Board to government representatives with regarding to the road hazard at Lindy and Weldon Roads. Crystal Commons-township attorney, T. Figura is doing the legal review. Will have done by the end of August. Flowers in the Village furnished, planted and maintained by TARP and Crystal Mountain are appreciated. Haze Road abutment removal still being worked on. Clerk forwarded to the Board earlier this month an email received from the CRA regarding the ongoing Haze Rd abutments issue.

**CLERK COMMENTS:** Clerk installed the water sensors. Primary Election went fine. Discussion. Irrigation-backflow preventor(tabled)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** PC position ad has been in the paper. No response. Will be in one more time. S. Bobek to have put on website. Village water hookup—Hall/Daycare Center-discussed again. Short Term Rentals Ordinance-tabled. Carpet-discussion. Decided to have the two meeting rooms and the Clerk's office cleaned.

**NEW BUSINESS:** C. Aldrich asked to approve Rob Aldrich attending the MTA Planning and Zoning workshop in Cadillac. Sue Meredith asked that she be able to attend also. S. Bobek motion to approve Sue and Rob attending the MTA workshop on Planning and Zoning in Cadillac. S. Williams seconded. All ayes. Rob and Sue will register themselves. Mike MacGirr, Thompsonville Fire Dept Chief, spoke on the fire millage. There are now more requirements for the Fire Chief position. New truck needed. Millage terms discussed. He is asking the Township to contribute an additional \$20,000 in 2025 only. Discussion. Camille Johnston, Traverse Connect, asked for Township approval for a one-time Gaming License at a Crystal Mountain golfing event on August 14th from 5-7p.m. as required by the State. C. Aldrich reviewed the form to be approved and signed. S. Bobek motioned to grant the license. S. Williams seconded. Roll call: S. Bobek, yea, C. Aldrich, yea, S. Williams, yea, S. Meredith, yea, F. Griffin yea. Motioned approved 5 yeas to 0 nays. Clerk will complete and sign the form.

**BILLS: August 13, 2024**

**Checks Between Meetings**

<b>Ace Seal Right</b>	<b>\$1635.00</b>
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<b>EFPTS 42IRS-941 Q2 2024 June</b>	<b>\$1243.06</b>
<b>EFPTS43State of Michigan SUW June 2024</b>	<b>\$1064.21</b>
<b>EFPTS44 IRS-941 Q3 2024 July</b>	<b>\$1150.60</b>
<b>Township Board Pay</b>	<b>\$4166.66</b>
<b>Assessor</b>	<b>\$1678.08</b>
<b>Tim Cypher-Zoning Admin</b>	<b>\$950.00</b>
<b>Julie Lonn-Hall Cleaning</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Pat Schaeffer-Nuisance</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>
<b>BOR members July Mtg</b>	<b>\$70.40</b>
<b>Pat Shaeffer-reimburse pictures</b>	<b>\$4.69</b>
<b>Chris Meredith-DUP</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>Acentek</b>	<b>\$245.92</b>
<b>Cherryland Electric</b>	<b>\$84.78</b>
<b>AFLAC</b>	<b>\$239.40</b>
<b>Mika Meyers attorneys</b>	<b>\$304.00</b>
<b>Northern Disposal thru October 25, 2024</b>	<b>\$148.75</b>
<b>Benzie County Treasurer</b>	<b>\$1852.36</b>
<b>City of Traverse City-Hazmat fee</b>	<b>\$395.00</b>
<b>EPS Security</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>
<b>Pioneer Press</b>	<b>\$83.85</b>
<b>UHY, LLP (audit and F65)</b>	<b>\$6985.00</b>
<b>BS&amp;A Assessing System annual fee</b>	<b>\$970.00</b>
<b>ATI Consulting</b>	<b>\$48.00</b>
<b>Aubrey Kitzmiller-IT Sup EV Election</b>	<b>\$100.02</b>
<b>Fran Griffin-reimburse mileage-govt ctr</b>	<b>\$17.15</b>
<b>Benzie County Road Commission-brining</b>	<b>\$10,268.78</b>
<b>UHY Advisors</b>	<b>\$320.00</b>
<b>Blarney Castle</b>	<b>\$176.72</b>
<b>Sally Bobek-reimburse stamps</b>	<b>\$68.00</b>

Carrie Aldrich-Deputy Clerk	\$105.00
Election Workers-August 6, 2024	\$5275.00
Chris Meredith-Hall Mow/Cemetery maint	\$300.00
VISA	\$585.55
Sally Bobek-per diem BVDL mtg	\$50.00
TOTAL.....	\$41,245.98

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** S. Bobek motioned to pay the Bills. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** BVDL Minutes, City of Traverse City Hazmat Communication, Housing North email, Housing North NW Michigan Summit 2024, Networks Northwest newsletter, Conservation Resource Alliance newsletter

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** J. Franke said there may be money available from the current Village water project to have the water turn off now shared by the Day Care Center and the Township Hall separated. Discussion. J. Stimson, Homestretch, spoke briefly on the Crystal Commons project and asked that anyone that has questions to please contact him directly by phone or email. Lindy and Weldon Rds. discussed again. C. Kraus reported that the Community Garden produce has been put to good use and distributed to the community and the Day Care center. R. Aldrich stated that the passage of the millage was a good thing to help the community. S. Meredith would like internet access in the Zoning Admin office to do Planning Commission minutes. Clerk will contact Acentek to get it done.

**ADJOURNMENT:** C. Aldrich adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04PM.

Respectfully submitted:

**Fran Griffin**  
**Weldon Township Clerk**