

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
September 10, 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: Becky Sharp, Chuck Kraus, Robert Aldrich, Jon Stimson, Gary Sauer, Javed Shah, Tim Cypher, Phyllis Kladder, Linda Evans/State Savings Bank, Karyn Thorrr, Pat Shaeffer, Chris Bobek

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: S. Williams motioned to approve the August 13, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT: Discussion on % on CD's. Williams motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

GUEST INPUT: G. Sauer, Commissioner, gave an update on County business. County Budget approved at today's meeting. Jail Administrator position removed for now. Millage proposals on November ballot: EMS, BCRC, Jail. County discussed Tower/land in Frankfort. Frankfort recycling site is being moved. Health Officer for Benzie-Leelanau Health Dept has been hired for one day a week. BVT is requesting the County turn over maintenance/mowing (not paving) to the Village of Thompsonville for the TARP site. Repairs have been completed on the BVT by Beulah toward Elberta. Thomas Edwards/Eagle Scout presented What3Words app that will be available to 911 and persons using the Trail. His group will be putting up signs on the Trail referencing this app. Dave Long from Blaine Township has passed away. S. Meredith reported that there are two dump sites that have been discovered. One is behind the Sportsman's Clubhouse. C. Aldrich, Supervisor will handle with the DNR. The spray that was put on the 'cleared wooded area' next to the Sportsman Clubhouse was discussed.

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: none

BUDGET REPORT: Amendment for \$29.66 transfer from 299.955 Miscellaneous to 330.726 Liquor Enforcement supplies requested. S. Bobek motioned to approve the amendment request. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: C. Aldrich gave her report. Trees at DUP have been removed and the tree behind the Hall has been trimmed back. The hearing system has been repaired. Space between the parking lot and the wooden trail has been filled in. TARP group is working on a grant. Supervisor Aldrich had a discussion with Troy Hinds, BCRC Supervisor, regarding the Weldon/Lindy Rd intersection issues. She did hear back from State Senator, Jon Bumstead, but nothing from State Representative, John Roth. She has FOIA'd the Michigan State Police for their records of accidents at that intersection.

CLERK COMMENTS: F. Griffin reported that the Hall water meter installation was inspected today by the County inspector. All good. She also reported on the BCRC August 22nd meeting she attended regarding the Weldon/Lindy Rd intersection. The Election Commission will meet October 3rd at 4:30pm to appoint election Inspectors for the November General Election. The Public Accuracy Test will be done at the same meeting if programming is available then. The clerk would like to purchase a file cabinet. A new copier was also discussed. S. Bobek made a motion to approve the Clerk purchasing a new file cabinet and copier. S. Meredith seconded. Roll call vote: S. Bobek, aye, C. Aldrich, aye, S. Williams, aye, S. Meredith, aye, F. Griffin, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Supervisor Aldrich read items pertinent to the Crystal Commons Project. Finding of Facts--Figura Legal Review 9/3, Bond Required. Discussion. T. Cypher/ZA, C Kraus/PC Chair, J Stimson/Homestretch all spoke on the Crystal Commons and answered questions regarding the legal review and recommendations. The PILOT/Tax Exempt Ordinance is 4% for 30 yrs and the word Development will be inserted under the Criteria Finding of Fact A-5. Discussion. S. Bobek read the motion to approve the Crystal Commons Project. S. Meredith seconded. Roll Call: S. Bobek, aye, C. Aldrich, aye, S. Williams aye, S. Meredith, aye, F. Griffin, aye. Motioned passed 5 ayes 0 nays. Open PC position discussed. No responses to ads in the paper. Discussion. Decided to leave the PC at seven members and to discuss again at Budget time in March. The Thompsonville Village has agreed to separate Whistle Stop Day Care water turn off from the Weldon Township Hall turn off with money left over from the Village water project. Short Term Rentals Ordinance-tabled. Carpet discussion. S. Bobek will arrange for the carpet cleaning of the two meeting rooms and the Clerk's office.

NEW BUSINESS: C. Aldrich read a notification from the Benzie County Administrator, Zeits, regarding the County 2024 Master Plan update. There will be a public meeting on November 12th at 9:00am at the Government Center. Any questions/comments can be directed to K. Zeits at the County prior to the meeting. C. Aldrich also addressed her findings on the Weldon/Lindy Rd intersection. In speaking the Troy Hinds/BCRC he doesn't feel it warrants a four-way stop. Suggested possible flashing stop signs. Both roads are County Roads according to MDOT. Discussion. Cleanup Day is Saturday, September 21, 2024, from 9am – 1pm at Northern Disposal site. Discussion on someone from the Board being there to verify residency. The Clerk suggested next year only doing one cleanup day. Colfax only has one and the Village doesn't have one. Discussion. S. Bobek suggested a Game Night here at the Hall. Discussion. Cemetery was weed whipped by Bobek's and crosses were put back up. Discussion. Jeff Drobena was looking into a material to make crosses from that would withstand the weather better. Haven't heard back from him. C. Bobek will do the crosses.

BILLS: September 10, 2024

EFPTS45 IRS-941 Q3 2024 Aug	\$2402.38
Township Board Pay	\$4166.66
Assessor	\$1678.08
Tim Cypher-Zoning Admin	\$875.00
Julie Lonn-Hall Cleaning	\$50.00
Pat Schaeffer-Nuisance	\$400.00
Acentek	\$244.12
Cherryland Electric	\$105.62
AFLAC	\$239.40
ATI Consulting	\$30.00
Chris Meredith-Hall Mow/Cemetery maint/DUP	\$470.00
VISA	\$232.29
Pioneer Press	\$286.05
USPS-Box 548 rent	\$74.00
Michigan Labor Law Poster Serv	\$105.47
ElectionSource	\$339.29
Sally Bobek-BVDL meeting 9/10/24	\$50.00
TOTAL.....	\$11,748.36

APPROVAL OF BILLS: S. Williams motioned to pay the bills. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE: BVDL Minutes, Conservation Resource Alliance Celebration, Benzie County Master Plan Update 2024-invite comments, Benzie Historical Society newsletter, Housing North Annual Housing Summit invite, Trail Discovery events, September 22nd 9-noon—see poster.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Phyllis Kladder likes the idea of a Game Night. Thank you to the Clerk for a successful August Election. Thank you to everyone that attended the BCRC meeting. Karyn Thorr spoke on the Crystal Commons project. The trees on the curve on Lindy Rd will be cut back. Linda Evans, State Savings Bank introduced herself. Javed Shah introduced himself and asked about the spraying of the clear-cut area on Egan Rd. S. Williams discussed with him.

ADJOURNMENT: C. Aldrich adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21PM.

Respectfully submitted:

**Fran Griffin
Weldon Township Clerk**