

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
October 8, 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, Phyllis Kladder, Karyn Thorr, Archie Souvatzidis

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: S. Meredith asked to add Cemetery and Day Use Park to agenda under New Business. S. Bobek motioned to approve the agenda with change. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: F. Griffin asked to change the name on the first page from Dan Long to Dave Long. S. Williams motioned to approve the September 10, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes with the change. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT: ARPA money discussed regarding Bike Station Fountain for TARP- balance (approx. \$200) not used for that will be used for Gift Cards for next summer's Summerfest, S. Meredith motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

GUEST INPUT: G. Sauer, Commissioner, gave an update on County business including Health Dept officer contract, Maples, Betsie River Zoning appeal-Colfax, Virtual meeting-DNR fisheries presentation, Board of Commissioners approved the contract for the communication tower in Frankfort. S. Williams asked about the Coast Guard Station in Frankfort. Discussion. BCRC installed lighted signs at the Weldon/Lindy Rds. intersection. Discussion. Benzie Resources can now vote virtually. C. Kraus thanked the County for their support of TARP.

Reports:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: on file-Report had a LUP issued to a Village location-needs to be rescinded by Zoning Admin.

DAY USE PARK & CEMETERY: on file. S. Bobek picked up cemetery flags and flowers and put in storage.

PLANNING COMMISSION: C. Kraus addressed the Short-Term Rental issue. Would prefer we let the legislature deal with it. Discussion: motel vs large AIRBNB's. Weldon Rd rental discussed. Does not comply.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: on file.

NUISANCE REPORT: no report. Discussion.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: none. S. Williams asked if our Assessor goes on property without permission. Discussion. It was felt that he knows what he can and can't do regarding assessing property.

BUDGET REPORT: Amendment request to move \$29.66 from 890.00 Contingency to 299.955 Miscellaneous and move \$2700 from 890.000 Contingency to 523.000 Road Maintenance. S. Bobek motion to approve the amendment requests. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: C. Aldrich read a resignation letter from Chris Meredith from Cemetery maintenance, DUP maintenance, Hall mowing and plowing-effective November 1, 2024. She also touched on trying to locate the junk that has dumped by the Sportsman's clubhouse, FOIA-Crystal Commons, Municipal Mingle on Oct 11th. Thanked the Clerk for her work on the Elections. Planning Commission is down one member. Needs to be filled by Jan 1st. She has requested a FOIA from the MI State Police for crash reports at the Weldon/Lindy Rd. intersection. NW MI Housing Summit is October 24/25. S. Bobek will get bids for the Hall snow plowing. S. Williams also mentioned his brother might be interested.

CLERK COMMENTS: Fireworks application for December 31, 2024, approx. 10:30PM has been received from Crystal Mountain. S. Bobek motioned to approve a permit for the Fireworks. S. Williams seconded. All ayes. Cleanup Day for 2025 discussed. Decided to have two again in 2025 on May 17th and September 20th-9AM – 1PM. S. Bobek will make up the Notice. Public Accuracy test is Oct 10th at 4:30 with the Election Commission to appoint Election Inspectors following. S. Williams asked if voters need to show ID. Answer is YES. AA Group lease terms discussed. Lease states \$150.00 twice a year. C. Aldrich will contact them. Lease expires November.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Supervisor Aldrich addressed the PC vacancy. Clerk will have published in the paper two more times. Village water hookup—the Village has a hole dug to separate the Daycare line from ours. Short Term Rentals—discussed. Decided to keep on the agenda. Carpet cleaning will be done November 18th. K. Thorr, Crystal Mountain, addressed the short-term rental issue and Crystal Mountain associations. S. Williams will email his concerns to C. Aldrich to touch base with Tim Figura. Game night didn't have much interest currently.

NEW BUSINESS: C. Aldrich addressed the notification from our Zoning Administrator and a proposed online Cloud Permit Application. Discussion. Tim Cypher said he would be at our November meeting to discuss. J. Stimson is requesting a letter of support for MSHDA Grant. Gave specifics. Looking at first twelve units. C. Aldrich read the letter of support. S. Bobek motioned to approve the letter of support. S. Williams seconded. Discussion. All ayes. S. Meredith would like to have the Weldon Cemetery sign put back up. Discussion. C. Bobek will see what can be done and report back. DUP signs on walkway reminding it is ‘slippery when wet’ are deteriorating. Clerk will order 4-4x8 (Caution-Slippery When Wet) replacement signs. Betsie River Sportsman’s Club discussed. Archie Souvatzidis is interested in it. He asked about insurance, utilities etc. He feels he could get the membership going again. Discussion. S. Meredith spoke of the history of the Club. Deed has restrictions-when it ceases to be a Sportsman’s Club, it goes to Weldon Township. She is locating the Deed. C. Aldrich will contact Tim Figura to see what needs to be done.

BILLS: October 8, 2024

EFPTS46 IRS-941 Q3 2024	\$?
Township Board Pay	\$4166.66
PC Pay 10-7-2024 Mtg	\$375.00
Assessor	\$1678.08
Tim Cypher-Zoning Admin	\$900.00
Julie Lonn-Hall Cleaning	\$50.00
Pat Schaeffer-Nuisance	\$400.00
Acentek	\$244.07
Cherryland Electric	\$ 90.00 est
AFLAC	\$239.40
ATI Consulting	\$30.00
Benzie County Clerk-Election	\$1567.47
Brighthouse Insurance	\$3457.50
Municipal Underwriters	\$375.00
Summit Protection	\$ 81.30
US Postmaster-box rent	\$74.00
Chris Meredith-Hall Mow/DUP	\$210.00
S. Bobek-per diem Library 10/2024mtg	\$50.00
S. Meredith-per diem-Natural Rivers Mtg 10/1	\$100.00
VISA	\$379.94
Pioneer Press	\$195.75
S. Meredith-Liq Inspector	\$625.00

F. Griffin-reimburse mileage and per diem 10/3/2024	\$67.15
Benzie County Road Commission (2nd brining)	\$10,419.92
F. Griffin-reimburse mileage (Sept 2024) 3x	\$55.80
TOTAL.....	\$25,832.04

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

CORRESPONDENCE: BVDL Minutes, Housing North Newsletter

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jon Stimson stated there will be an Open House on October 10/25 11am-2pm at their new Housing project in Frankfort. Javed Shah introduced himself. He is running for Commissioner in our area. He said he would be interested in the PC vacancy. He left his contact info with C. Aldrich. R. Aldrich would like to keep two cleanup days. C. Kraus stated that the State (HB5438) supersedes anything we might have on Short Term Rentals.

ADJOURNMENT: C. Aldrich adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46PM.

Respectfully submitted:

**Fran Griffin
Weldon Township Clerk**