

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

January 14, 2025

**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 abs; Sue Meredith, Trustee X; Scott Williams, Trustee abs.

GUESTS: Becky Sharp, Chuck Kraus, Robert Aldrich, Gary Sauer, Vicki Schwartz, Warren Schaub, Lindy Evans (State Savings Bank), Rich Reichenbach, Mike MacGirr

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: S. Meredith motioned to approve the agenda as presented. F. Griffin seconded. All ayes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: S. Meredith motioned to approve the December 10, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes. C. Aldrich seconded. All ayes.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT: Report presented. Clerk read an email from the Treasurer regarding the CD renewals and interest earned. S. Meredith motioned to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. C. Aldrich seconded. All ayes.

GUEST INPUT: Mike MacGirr, Thompsonville Fire Chief reported on a grant applied for from the Fire Fighters Trust for \$650,000. It should be awarded in the spring. Training is all caught up and working on future training. He has requested Weldon Township put \$20,000 in their budget for this coming fiscal year to help offset the difference in the Fire Millage start and end dates with Colfax Township. Discussion. Fire Dept will be needing to replace eleven air packs and new turnout gear for 2 new employees. Next year all equipment needs to be replaced (every 10 years). Fire Budget report from the Village did not reference the CD's the Fire Dept has. Gary Sauer, Benzie County Commissioner reported on County business including 2025 Hazardous Waste collections on June 21st and August 23rd. Businesses are being reminded not to use the recycling bins----for residential use only. Lighting has been approved for the parking lots at the Sheriff's Dept. and Animal Control building. Two State Troopers have been assigned to the Sheriff's Dept. Opioid funding (\$200,000) is being used for the Riverbend Project. Treasurer's revised tax bills are in the mail. Old Crytal Lake Elementary School property sold for \$425,000 for the aquatic center. Discussion on old Benzonia High School and old Bus Garage property discussed.

Reports:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: on file. Tim Cypher, ZA, unable to attend tonight.

DAY USE PARK: on file.

PLANNING COMMISSION: n/a

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: on file.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: no report received.

BUDGET REPORT: Amendment request to move \$1400 from 265.000 Twp Hall/Grounds to 101.970 Audit, \$1000 from 265.000 Twp Hall/Grounds to 101.702 Wages, \$250 from 890.000 Contingency to 253.726 Treasurer's Supplies, \$2000 from 751.790 Community Garden to 751.000 P&R Other, \$626 from 276.000 Cemetery to 851.865 B&G Insurance, \$2500 from Twp Hall Grounds to 851.857 Payroll Taxes. S. Meredith motion to approve the requested amendments. C. Aldrich seconded. All ayes.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: C. Aldrich reported the December BOR had one transaction. She found only one deed at the County for the Sportsman's Club property from 7/1971. The winter tax bills sent out had an error in them. County is sending new tax bills with a letter from the Township Treasurer explaining the error. Money, that has already been collected in excess, will be returned to the taxpayers that have already paid. C. Aldrich, J. Hitesman, M. Smith will be attending the BOR class in Cadillac on February 20th.

CLERK COMMENTS: Clerk reported on an issue with the Township Credit Card. Two fraudulent charges were denied so card was deactivated and new one issued. Between that time our check for payment of our bill was cashed but not credited to our account so this month's statement was higher than it should have been. When TCM Bank was contacted they said they couldn't discuss the account because no name(s) is on the account. They need a letter stating who should be on the account and be able to discuss in writing or verbally the account and a copy of the minutes stating this. F. Griffin motioned to put C. Aldrich, F. Griffin, S. Bobek on the account. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes. Clerk has an Election Consolidation meeting January 22nd at the Government Center. Clerk received correspondence from BCRC about T. Cronin Driveway Permit. Adam Gandolfi, Municipal Underwriters sent an email about different grants that are available and if we wanted to sign up for Cyber Liability coverage. Clerk tried to get information to do this a few years ago but did not get needed information from people using the Township computers. Discussion. Tabled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Village water hookup— (update: still not completely filled in) It appears, that the hole the contractor (COLE) for the Village water system, dug and had a fence around has been somewhat filled in. C. Aldrich, Supervisor, will again check with the Village President, Mr. Pasanski. Online Cloud Permit system-discussion. Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

C. Aldrich, Supervisor, would like to reappoint Marian Mayer, Chris Bobek, Jane Hitesman, and Marlene Smith to a two-year term to the Board of Review-2025 and 2026. F. Griffin made the motion to appoint the Supervisor's choices for BOR members. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes. Proposed Zoning Fees presented. Discussion. Tabled. C. Aldrich stated that Mary Wixson has been appointed to the Planning Commission. MTA was contacted about training. It appears that it is done online or video. S. Meredith will check with Mary Wixson on Thursday regarding this. AFLAC rep says we are all set with the addition of C. Aldrich and the changes for S. Meredith. They agree. Water Sensor kits. We have two that were sent to us a few months ago. Cleanup Days for 2025 have been confirmed by Northern Disposal-Saturdays, May 17th and September 20th.

BILLS: January 14, 2025

Between Meetings	
Cherryland Electric-December	\$88.04
Mike Meyer Attorneys	\$152.00
Municipal Underwriters	\$7826.00
MTA-BOR Training -February 20 th	\$337.40
Accident Fund Insurance	\$1087.00
Northern Disposal-Fall Cleanup	\$3000.00
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EFPTS50 IRS-941 Q4 2024	\$980.46
State of Michigan SUW Dec'24	\$1280.20
Township Board Pay	\$4166.66
Assessor	\$1678.08
Tim Cypher-Zoning Admin	\$800.00
Julie Lonn-Hall Cleaning	\$50.00
Planning Commission-January	\$375.00
Rebecca Parmer-Dpty Treas	\$135.00
Acentek	\$243.90
Cherryland Electric (January)	est \$90.00
AFLAC	\$239.40
VISA	\$575.69
Scott Williams-DUP maint	\$200.00
Sue Meredith, Liq Inspector	\$625.00
Blarney Castle	\$486.16
Pioneer Group	\$32.25
Mika Meyers attorney	\$589.00

BOR pay for Dec mtg	\$50.00
Sally Bobek-reimburse office supplies	\$32.95
Sally Bobek-reimburse printer	\$74.89
TOTAL.....	\$25,195.08

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

CORRESPONDENCE: BVDL Minutes, Par Plan News January 2025, Christmas Card from State Savings Bank, MTA 2025 Capital Conference in March, BOR December minutes, Benzie Heritage Winter Newsletter

ADJOURNMENT: C. Aldrich adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 7:40pm.

Fran Griffin
Weldon Township Clerk