

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

February 11, 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 X.

GUESTS: Chuck Kraus, Robert Aldrich, Gary Sauer, Vicki Schwartz, Mike MacGirr, Tim Cypher.

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: F. Griffin asked to amend the agenda by adding a late bill from Mika Meyers Attorneys for \$114.00 making the bill total \$9,395.14. S. Williams motioned to approve the agenda with change. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: S. Williams asked for time to review. S. Meredith motioned to approve the January 14, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT: S. Williams motioned to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

GUEST INPUT: Gary Sauer, Commissioner, gave an update on County business including the new head of Benzie Resources and Benzie Resources grant received for a new vehicle. BCRC is going ahead with their bond proposal. They will pay for the election needed for it later this year. EGLE approval needed for Point Betsie shore improvements. State is mandating upgraded radios for first responders. Betsie Valley Trail was just designated as a Pure Michigan Trail. Tax advisory committee is being formed to work on putting the Headlee issue on the ballot. It will take 4-6 months to do this. There have been complaints regarding the parking lot lighting at the Sheriff's Dept and Animal Control. Discussion.

Reports:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: file. Tim Cypher, Zoning Admin., gave his report. Lighting was discussed. He was asked to possibly put names on his reports for people requesting LUP, etc. He was advised that the "B&B" on Weldon appears to still be operating. A dozen cars parked there last weekend. He will check it.

DAY USE PARK: on file. Discussion

PLANNING COMMISSION: Tim Cypher explained the proposed change in Zoning Fees and touched on the Cloud Permitting. Discussion.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: on file.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: on file.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: C. Aldrich gave report a on the Plowing issues we have been experiencing. JT Outdoors responded with three options. Discussion. Supervisor will contact JT regarding 1) Plowing past the propane tank so it can be accessed 2) Side fire door needs to be kept clear of snow and ice so it is accessible. She will contact the Village President to get permission from the Village to move snow to Second Street. She attended the TARP meeting and is now on the TARP Board. She has left a message for Adam Gandolfi, Municipal Underwriters regarding Cyber security. BOR members will be attending BOR training in Cadillac on February 20th.

BUDGET REPORT: Amendment request to move \$1500 from 523.000 Road Maintenance to 215.000 Clerk Other, \$2500 from 523.000 Road Maintenance to 253.000 Treasurer Other, \$500 from 851.858 Insurance Fringe to 851.857 Payroll Taxes. S. Williams motioned to approve the requested amendments. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

CLERK COMMENTS: Clerk addressed TCMBank Credit Card errors in billing. Sent them what they requested so we could discuss the account. They stated that it is the wrong kind of Credit Card for a municipality. We'd have to reapply for a different card. Clerk obtained a debit card from the Honor Bank to get us through this issue. Clerk checked with Honor Bank on obtaining a credit card through them. Discussion. Clerk asked for a motion to apply for a credit card through Honor Bank. S. Williams motion to allow the clerk to apply for a Township credit card through the Honor Bank. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes. Debit Card will be kept for backup. Clerk asked for a date for the Budget Workshop. Discussion. Budget Workshop will be February 28th at 4:30PM. ESTA (Earned Sick Time Act) takes effect February 21, 2025. Legislature is working on some amendments currently. Looks like we may have 7-8 people to whom this may apply. If so, those people will need to document with the Clerk the day and times they work starting February 21, 2025. Clerk passed on information that she was made aware of by Penny Nelson, Springdale Township Clerk, on a snowmobile race that will take place February 15th on the south side of County Line Rd. Clerk made the Board aware of a trade-in being offered by ElectionSource for the ICP1 tabulator. They are offering a new ICP2 for \$5593 plus \$100 to retrofit the ICP2 cord to the existing bin. Discussion. S. Williams motioned to let the Clerk use her discretion to do this trade in or not. S. Meredith seconded. Roll call taken: C. Aldrich, yea, S. Williams, yea, S. Meredith, yea, F. Griffin, yea. All ayes. Clerk also made the Board aware that she has two laptops that will need to be replaced due to the Windows 11 update. One is the original E Pollbook for elections and the other is the Clerk's laptop. Clerk will check with the BOE on requirements for the E Pollbook.

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. Fence was not replaced. C. Aldrich, Supervisor, will check with Rob at the DPW. Online Cloud Permit system-discussion.

NEW BUSINESS: WIFI Browser-tabled)

BILLS: February 11, 2025

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| EFPTS51 IRS-941 Q1 2025 | \$ |
| Township Board Pay | \$4166.66 |
| Assessor | \$1678.08 |
| Tim Cypher-Zoning Admin | \$800.00 |
| Julie Lonn-Hall Cleaning | \$50.00 |
| Acentek | \$243.76 |
| Cherryland Electric (January actual) | \$85.95 |
| Cherryland Electric (February) | \$88.12 |
| AFLAC | \$303.55 |
| EPS Security | \$60.00 |
| ATI Consulting | \$42.00 |
| Blarney Castle | \$399.80 |
| Fran Griffin-per diem and mileage reimburs | \$113.92 |
| UHY LLP | \$185.00 |
| VISA | \$640.50 |
| Scott Williams-DUP maint | \$200.00 |
| Rebecca Parmer-dpty treas | \$30.00 |
| State of Michigan-SUW Q4 | \$122.85 |
| Pioneer Group | \$70.95 |
| MikaMeyers Attorney | \$114.00 |
| TOTAL.....,,, | \$9395.14 |

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike MacGirr, Thompsonville Fire Chief spoke on the extra money he would like from the Township this coming year besides the millage. He is going to need approximately \$118,000 for new air packs and equipment. Looking at a FEMA Grant for a new fire truck (\$650,000). He explained a proposed Village ordinance mitigating rates for

fire service. 1) The fire department would only bill insurance company not the Weldon taxpayer even if the insurance doesn't pay or there is no insurance. 2) They would bill non taxpayers for instance when they are called to a car accident.

CORRESPONDENCE: BVDL Minutes, BCRC Financial Statement 9-30-2024, Jon Bumstead email Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant funding, Housing North email. Regional Materials Management Planning Committee meeting notice email.

ADJOURNMENT: C. Aldrich adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 8:19pm.

Fran Griffin
Weldon Township Clerk