

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
March 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: G. Sauer, Chuck Kraus, Robert Aldrich, Katherine Harris, Vicki Schwartz Troy Hinds, BCRC, Jim Bowers, BCRC, Paul Beechcraft, BCRC, Bob Rosa, BCRC

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: C. Aldrich asked to table WIFI Browser for this meeting. S. Williams motioned to approve the agenda with change. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: S. Meredith motioned to approve February 11, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes and the February 28th Budget Workshop minutes. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

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

GUEST INPUT: Jim Bowers, BCRC, spoke on the need for a new building for their equipment. The present building is almost 100 yrs old. Present trucks don't fit in the garage doors, floors not level, water suppression. They will be asking for a .6148 mil for 20 years = \$18,000,000 for a new building only. Cost to tear down old Platte River Elementary School was \$300,000. P. Beechcraft and B. Rosa arrived at 7:10PM. C. Aldrich, Supervisor, will email Troy Hinds, BCRC to notify him that she is the Representative from Weldon Township. G. Sauer gave a report on County business including: Elberta seeking grant to pave the water tower road. EDC debate, Parks and Rec master plan updating, County elevator is working now, Conservation agreement, one ambulance purchase, tax advisory committee--April 1, 2026, Dodie Putney has retired from the BLHD, Village of Thompsonville working on Water Ordinance and budget. County Designated Assessor agreement presented for opt-in or out.

Reports:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: file. Need to see a name or parcel# for violations on reports. Tim's response to Clerk's inquiry regarding the Weldon Rd 'AIRBNB' that is still on a website was that he is in contact with their attorney.

DAY USE PARK: on file. The list of tasks to be performed was given the Scott Williams.

PLANNING COMMISSION: n/a

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: on file.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: none

BUDGET REPORT: Amendment request:

MOVE:

\$2100 from 191.000 Election Other to 851.857 Payroll Taxes

\$2010 from 191.000 Elections Other to 101.000 Township Board Other

\$1050 from 410.000 Planning Other to 265.000 Hall and Grounds Other

\$600 from 410.000 Planning Other to 247.000 Board of Review Other

\$500 from 410.000 Planning Other to 751.000 Parks & Rec Other

Requested Budget Amendments were approved. S. Williams motioned. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: MDEC (Michigan Economic Development Corp) letter of support was approved. C. Aldrich motioned to approve. S. Williams seconded. All ayes. CyberLiability-ParPlan-tabled. Designated Assessor County Agreement was presented. S. Williams motioned to opt-out. S. Meredith seconded. Discussion. All ayes. We will be sending out a request for bid on the following: Nuisance Officer, Day Use Park maintenance, Township Hall Lawn care, Cemetery lawncare and in the fall, bid out snowplowing. BOR of review took place March 4, 10 and 11.

CLERK COMMENTS: Clerk updated on the credit card situation. A new card has just been received from the Honor Bank. The clerk will be notifying TCMBank that we need to settle the discrepancies in their billing. That account will be closed when this is done. ESTA still has changes coming in. ElectionSource trade in for new ICP2-Clerk checked with the County Clerk and was made aware that as a County we are still under contract with them for 3 years. At our last meeting the Board gave the Clerk the option to go ahead with the trade in. At this time, the Clerk will make the trade-in with ElectionSource.

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 has been replaced by the Village DPW. The new Zoning Fee Schedule given to the Board by Tim Cypher has been reviewed. Discussion. C. Aldrich motioned to approve the new Zoning Fee Schedule. S. Williams seconded. All ayes. WIFI Browser-tabled.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion was made by F. Griffin to approve the Budget for 2025-2026. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes. Clerk made the Board aware of new appointments for boards/commissions.

Planning Commission: S. Meredith -1 yr term
Rob Aldrich – 3 yr term
Becky Sharp – 3 yr term

ZBA: Chuck Kraus – 3 yr term
Chris Bobek -- 3 yr term
Don Suchocki—3 yr term

C. Aldrich motioned to appoint the above to the Planning Commission and the ZBA. F. Griffin seconded. All ayes.

BOR: Janes Hitesman-2 year term
Marian Mayer-2 year term
Chris Bobek-2 year term
Marlene Smith-2 year term (alternate)

C. Aldrich motioned to appoint the above to the BOR. F. Griffin seconded. All ayes.

BILLS: March 11, 2025

EFPTS51 IRS-941 Q1 2025 Feb	\$1059.48
EFPTS52 IRS-941 Q1 2025 March	980.08
Board Pay	\$4166.74
Board per diem (budg w/s & hearing)	\$600.00
Assessor Pay	\$1678.08
Julie Lonn-cleaning	\$50.00
Rebecca Parmer-Dpty Treas	\$45.00
BOR Training/mileage	\$283.09
Acentek	\$243.98
AFLAC	\$316.15
ATI Consulting	\$48.00
Cherryland Electric	est \$90.00
Pioneer Group	\$277.35
UHY Advisors	\$1120.00
ElectionSource	\$343.00
Blarney Castle	\$386.57
Sally Bobek-reimburse Postage/cartridge	\$124.40
JT Outdoor	\$415.00
Cypher Group	\$800.00
VISA	\$218.54
Scott Williams-DUP	\$200.00
BOR-March pay	\$455.00
TOTAL.....	\$13,900.46

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: G. Sauer stated there is a meeting on March 12th at the Frankfort Library at 4-5:30 presented by MSU on the OMA.

CORRESPONDENCE: BVDL Minutes, MMPC Notice-Benzie County recycling (emailed to Board), Venture North Newsletter, Conservation Resource Alliance-upcoming events, Benzie Historical Society event March 15th.

ADJOURNMENT: C. Aldrich adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 7:52pm.

Fran Griffin
Weldon Township Clerk