

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

MAY 13, 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, X Sue Meredith, Trustee, X Scott Williams, Trustee X.

GUESTS: Vicki Schwartz, Phyllis Kladder, Chuck Kraus, Gary Sauer, Mike MacGirr, Chris Bobek

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Clerk asked to have a late bill for \$74.20 added to the Bills making the total \$17,184.54. S. Williams motioned to approve the agenda with the change. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: S. Meredith motioned to approve the minutes of April 8, 2025. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT: May 2025 for April report – F. Griffin motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. C. Aldrich seconded. All ayes. Treasurer reported that some of the tax refund checks have not been cashed, and some were returned as not deliverable. On June 15th, the online credit card payment for taxes will be active through BS&A. There will be no fees changed to the Township. Taxpayer will be charged a 3% fee by BS&A if they use this method.

GUESTS: Rob Scott, Benzie Bus was not in attendance. Mike MacGirr, Thompsonville Village Fire Chief reported that the Fire Department has free smoke alarms with 10-year batteries beginning next week. They will also have a limited supply of CO detectors. These are provided by the State Bureau of Fire Services. AlrPacks have been received. He has applied for two grants-one from FEMA and a 2% grant from Tribe Wildfire Fighting. He has been appointed to the County 911 Dispatch Advisory Board. He has been working with Crystal Mountain on their Tier II Chemical Testing reporting.

Gary Sauer, Commissioner, reported on the Betsie Valley Trail paving project. Ribbon cutting ceremony on June 3rd at 10am at the Beulah Trailhead. Dave Davis was appointed to be commissioner for District 6 (Colfax/Inland). \$40,000 of Opioid money is being used to purchase AED-see Greg Hubers. Village of Thompsonville is looking

for a new ambulance. Natural Rivers had a meeting last week to approve changes to a cabin on Leisure drive. Subject of the Haze Rd flags along the road to the Betsie River were discussed.

REPORTS:

ZONING REPORT: file. S. Bobek asked if there could be more details in the reports like who owns properties being reported. \$80 reported in permit fees has not been received by the Treasurer. Discussed the inability to contact the ZA by phone or email.

DAY USE PARK: on file.

PLANNING COMMISSION: none

LIQUOR INSPECTION: on file.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: April and May reports were presented.

BUDGET REPORT: on file-looks good

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: Booster has been purchased for the Township per C. Aldrich, Supervisor. She has been in contact with Jesse Wolf/ Homestretch. She has a response from DNR explaining the removal of so many trees on Haze Rd/Wallin Rd. Discussion. SEEDS will be putting wood chips at the DUP with a picnic following.

CLERK'S COMMENTS: Cleanup Date is this Saturday, May 17th 9-1 at Northern Disposal. The audit is this Thursday May 15th. Board approved the Clerk's request for per diem and mileage to attend an ESTA seminar in Mt Pleasant on June 24th and Election Accreditation June 17th and 18th in Traverse City. An Election Security online seminar was viewed on April 19th. Hazardous Collection by the County is June 21st at Frankfort HS and on August 23rd at the BCRC-appointments required. Clerk has an appointment for the June 21st 9AM. Township received an offer to purchase our 5-acre Cemetery for \$17100+. Not interested. Clerk read a short statement on the SAVE Act for Elections and possible requirements for elections. Clerk received a notice from the Planning Commission of Inland Township about their reviewing the Master Plan. She asked if our PC subcommittee should be notifying like Inland did. Discussion. C. Aldrich will check with MTA.

Sue Meredith attended the Natural Rivers' meeting held last week. She reported on the variance they approved with five agreed upon stipulations with the Cooper family.

Bird Bath donated by the AA Group was discussed. C. Aldrich and C. Kraus will install.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Water hookup between the Daycare and the Township Hall has not been done. CyberLiability Insurance-C. Aldrich said to delete this item. Extra funds requested by the Fire Dept-C. Aldrich says MTA said we could not unless there was a service of equal value in exchange. ER Response/Debris Mgmt-R. Huber—C. Aldrich will check to see if she can come to a meeting. Bids for lawncare at the Township Hall and the Township Cemetery were opened. Bids were received from G. Stevens, Stunning Lawn Care and Mark Gokey. Discussion. S. Bobek motioned to award the bid to Mark Gokey. S. Meredith seconded. Aldrich, Bobek, Meredith, Griffin—all ayes. Williams abstained. Nuisance abatement position-1bid received. C. Bobek was the only bid received. Position is from April through October. He would also like approval to attend an online seminar for Nuisance Enforcement. F. Griffin motioned to award the bid to Chris Bobek at \$400/month and allow him to attend an online seminar for Nuisance Enforcement. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

BILLS: May 13, 2025

Checks Between Meetings

Sally Bobek-reimburse postage/crosses	\$395.89
Sally Bobek-per diem Library-April	\$50.00
Mika Meyers Attorneys	\$380.00
Acentek	\$243.69
AFLAC	\$316.15
VISA-TCM	\$102.11
Fortress Security	\$431.88
Elan Financial	\$1590.63

EFPTS53 IRS941 Q2 2025 April	\$1105.48
State of Michigan SUW 1 st qtr 2025	\$1058.94
EFPTS54 IRS941 Q2 2025 May	\$1269.66
Board Pay	\$5248.33
Assessor Pay	\$1803.66
Julie Lonn-cleaning	\$125.00
Cherryland Electric	est \$90.00
Cypher Group	\$800.00
Scott Williams-DUP	\$200.00
Aubrey Kitzmiller-IT	\$89.90
Jerry Wickham	\$200.00
MTA Assn-ESTA seminar	\$50.00
ATI Consulting	\$42.00
Rebecca Parmer-PC sub comm	\$90.00
Mary Wixson-PC sub comm	\$170.00

JT Outdoors	\$50.00
EPS Security	\$60.00
Pioneer Group	\$344.10
Fran Griffin-per diem 5/5/2025 Cty clk mileage	\$67.92
Sue Meredith-per diem PC sub and Natl River Mtg	\$270.00
UHY Advisors through 3-31-2025	\$330.00
Milarch Bros	\$85.00
Sally Bobek-per diem Library-May	\$50.00
Chuck Kraus-reimburse garden supplies	\$74.20

TOTAL.....\$17,184.54.

S. Bobek motioned to pay the bills. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: C. Bobek spoke on the new Nuisance Enforcement assignment. Discussion. Chris will get the citation from Pat Shaeffer. Crosses are done at the Cemetery. When asked, he said it took about four hours in labor. Pay for his labor was discussed. He will send a bill.

ADJOURNMENT: C. Aldrich, Supervisor, adjourned the meeting at 8:09PM.

Respectfully submitted:

**Fran Griffin
Weldon Township Clerk**