

**WELDON TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**July 8, 2025**

**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:** Rob Aldrich, Gary Sauer, Chuck Kraus, Phyllis Kladder, Troy Hinds (BCRC-arrived later)

**CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Clerk asked to add to the Bills \$325.00 for the Planning Commission pay for this week's meeting. Bills total this month will change to \$33895.98. S. Williams motioned to approve the agenda with the changes. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** S. Williams motioned to approve the minutes of June 10, 2025. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

**TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:** S. Bobek gave a financial report including the following: 1) she received the annual delinquent tax list from the County for \$3232. The Township can pay it to the County or go to Court to collect it. Benzonia and other Townships are going to court to collect and the Board decided to go in with the other Townships for \$600 to collect. F. Griffin made the motion to go to court. C. Aldrich seconded. All ayes. 2) Subject of a tax on campers/trailers on property discussed. 3) Treasurer would like to attend the MTA Fundamentals of Assessment and Taxation in Bellaire at Shanty Creek on August 18<sup>th</sup>. S. Williams motioned to approve her attendance. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes. 4) Tax bills are now on our website and can be paid online. C. Aldrich motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

**GUEST INPUT:** G. Sauer reported on County business including Marshall Rd/US31 improvements, settlement of Winkler lawsuit, Maples occupancy, bid on Point Betsie restoration, County discussion of BS&A/Cloud/expense, Health Dept short on employees, T. Bowers, County Clerk, reported to the Commissioners on election equipment replacement. Troy Hinds, BCRC, spoke on the upcoming November

**Election millage for the BCRC. The Township Board asked for suggestions for projects for Weldon Township. Discussed the MDOT Haze Road project and bridges.**

**REPORTS:**

**Zoning Administrator report on file.**

**DUP, Liquor Inspection, Nuisance Enforcement, Assessor reports all on file.**

**Planning Commission-S. Meredith reported on Master Plan review. She will contact Art Mullen. The subcommittee will meet again on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Discussion on Crystal Mountain future changes. The Township Parks and Recreation Plan also needs review.**

**Budget looks good currently. F. Griffin**

**SUPERVISOR: C. Aldrich, F. Griffin, M. MacGirr, J. Franke met to discuss the services of the newly merged Thompsonville Fire and EMS regarding the extra funds they are requesting from just Weldon Township. C. Aldrich was in contact with our attorney, T. Figura, after this meeting. His opinion is that the services would need to be specific to Weldon Township. Zoning Administrator, Tim Cypher, was asked by C. Aldrich for a meeting to discussing issues the Township and residents have had with contacting him. Instead of a meeting date he sent a letter of resignation as our Zoning Administrator. He did state that he would help us out part-time until we get someone else. Discussion. She has not had a response from SEEDS regarding chips at the DUP. S. Williams, caretaker of the DUP, would prefer not to have chips. Easier to mow without them. C. Kraus asked his opinion. Lawncare price went up. She took care of one FOIA request. BOR will be meeting on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00PM. TARP will be having a ceremony at the Thompsonville trailhead on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM for the start of Phase I. Broken sidewalk by the water shutoff will be repaired by the Village. Jared Milarch has not responded to her regarding cleaning up the east side of the Hall with smoothing out and laying sod.**

**CLERK: F. Griffin reminded employees to continue to put the time they spend doing their specific tasks so they can be figured into the ESTA requirements. The clerk will be conversing with an associate of our attorney to clear up the ESTA requirements for the Township. A notice from AFLAC was received about a Cyber Attack they had. Brining invoice from BCRC had a large miscalculation of gallons used on Haze Rd. It has been corrected.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Previously discussed.**

**NEW BUSINESS: S. Meredith asked the Board if it is ok to have Michael Draeger assist with setting up the computer in the Zoning office so that it can be used for Planning and Zoning. Board approved.**

**BILLS:**

**Between Meetings**

<b>MTA-Annual dues</b>	<b>\$2569.47</b>
<b>UHY-LLP-Audit/F65</b>	<b>\$8300.00</b>
<b>Record Patriot-subscrip</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Mika Meyers Attorneys</b>	<b>\$95.00</b>

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<b>EFPTS56 IRS 941 June</b>	<b>\$ ?</b>
<b>Board Pay</b>	<b>\$5248.33</b>
<b>Assessor Pay</b>	<b>\$1803.66</b>
<b>Julie Lonn-Pay</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>
<b>Sue Meredith-Liq Inspector</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>
<b>Fran Griffin-reimburse mileage and (2) per diem</b>	<b>\$319.80</b>
<b>Kenneth Gokey-Mowing-Hall and Cemetery</b>	<b>\$385.00</b>
<b>Fran Griffin-reimburse key and patio stone</b>	<b>\$12.72</b>
<b>ATI Consulting</b>	<b>\$33.00</b>
<b>Acentek</b>	<b>\$244.02</b>
<b>BCRC-brining</b>	<b>\$11,515.08</b>
<b>Chris Bobek-Nuisance Enforcement</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>
<b>Scott Williams-DUP</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>Record Patriot</b>	<b>\$77.40</b>
<b>Cypher Group</b>	<b>\$800.00</b>
<b>AFLAC</b>	<b>\$316.15</b>

Sally Bobek-per diem BVDL	\$50.00
Northern Disposal	\$170.00
Summit Fire Protection	\$146.35
Cherryland Electric	?
PC pay for mtg 7-7-2025	\$325.00

**TOTAL.....\$33,895.98**

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

**\*\*C. Kraus** just received a text from Jared Milarch regarding the sod/yard on east side of the Hall. Sod did not ship—weather is too hot.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** C. Aldrich read a list of the following: Housing North x 2, BVDL Minutes, Seabury Foundation, Benzie Historical Museum calendar, TARP groundbreaking ceremony 7/11 at 11am., State LARA updated building codes, Conservative Resource Alliance newsletter.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** C. Kraus gave an update on the Community Garden. Produce grown in the garden (i.e., romaine lettuce, cabbage, kale) was given to the Daycare Center. C. Aldrich will get information from other sources and produce an ad for a new Zoning Administrator. Maybe publish in the MTA newsletters/site and Planning and Zoning magazine and website. Discussion. May have to schedule a special meeting.

(Up to 3 minutes each)

**ADJOURNMENT:** C. Aldrich, Supervisor, adjourned the meeting at 7:55PM.

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Fran Griffin**

**Weldon Township Clerk**

