

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

August 12, 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, Troy Hinds, Bob Rosa, Kellye Jelemensky, Vicki Schwartz

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Sue Meredith asked to add the Garden to New Business. S. Williams motioned to approve the agenda with the change. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

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

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT: Treasurer reported that many have used the online system for tax payments. S. Meredith motioned to approve the July report. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

GUEST INPUT: Troy Hinds, BCRC, spoke about and answered questions regarding the MDOT Haze Rd project. Question if its ADA compliant and liability was brought up. Supervisor Aldrich will contact the township attorney with these questions. Accessibility to the Betsie River is hindered due to the newly installed guardrails. Mr. Hinds stated that they are working on making an offset space 4-5 feet wide to address this. G. Sauer, Commissioner, reported on County business including low interest CVG loans, Frankfort Airport becoming self-sufficient, Maples 99.2% capacity, Point Betsie project has a grant but needs more funding.

REPORTS:

Zoning Administrator report on file. Discussed the Weldon Rd AIRBNB. It is not in violation if rented to one family at a time. County Building inspecting is contracted out by the County.

Day Use Park: on file

Planning Commission: nothing currently

Liquor Inspection: on file.

Nuisance: on file. Nuisance Officer has requested street signs for Cleanup Day be posted on the corner of Lindy Rd and M115 and Thompsonville Rd and Lincoln. He also asked that it be posted on the website that Cleanup Day help is available. S. Bobek will get the signs and have the information posted on the website that was requested.

Assessor Report: on file

Budget Report: Amendments requested. S. Meredith motion to approve the requested amendments. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

SUPERVISOR: She met with Diane Heller, Benzonia Twp Clerk, to discuss Zoning Administrator. She met with Troy Hinds, BCRC regarding the Haze Road issue. (brief recess-15 seconds to retrieve information) Met with Tim Cypher and Fran to discuss the ZA issues we'd been having. He will help until we get someone else. TARP is ready to begin Phase I. Therefore, Sharp Park will be closed. S. Bobek and C. Aldrich met with Betsie River Canoe campground and Mountain Valley campground owners to make them aware of a camper tax beginning next year. Discussion on the condition of the side yard at the Township Hall and the irrigation control disc -above ground. Jared Milarch has been hard to contact or get a response. Discussion. F. Griffin, Clerk, will reach out to Jared Milarch. Concerns for lawn moving and snowplowing in that area. Concerns also with the uneven areas of the east side of the building lawn and liability if someone falls. Supervisor and Clerk will produce an ad for a snow removal ad.

CLERK: She had a lengthy phone conversation with Nikole from Tim Figura's office about ESTA after our last meeting. Nikole sent a the policy, notification letter and posters for ESTA the next week. S. Bobek motioned to approve the Weldon Township Sick Time Policy. S. Meredith seconded. Roll Call: S. Bobek, C. Aldrich, S. Williams, S. Meredith, F. Griffin. All ayes. AFLAC rep has reached out to see if anyone would like to add anything to their policy. Clerk advised that if they do, the additional premium will be deducted from their paycheck. Ad template for Cleanup Day in September reviewed and discussed. OK to go ahead as is. Clerk gave the information from MTA on Website ADA Compliance to S. Bobek will forward to Jim Stamm, our webmaster.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Zoning Fee Schedule (January 2025) was tabled at the January Township Board meeting. Discussed. S. Bobek motioned to approve the new Zoning Fee Schedule. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes. Ad for Zoning Administrator will be put in the Benzie Record Patriot, the MTA online and the Michigan Planning site. Sue asked that the bird bath donated by the AA Group in memory of Ron Hitesman be put out in

the Community Garden so it can be seen. Presently, it is in the center of very tall flowers and cannot be seen. C. Aldrich will talk to C. Kraus about it.

NEW BUSINESS: S. Williams brought up a situation at the house on Lindy Rd just past Hankins going west. Appears it is being rented and the other person is living in a shed out back surrounded by pallets. Discussion. S. Williams will get a house number to C. Aldrich, and she will call Tim Cypher, ZA. S. Bobek has asked Vicki Schwartz to assist her in holding the required office hours during tax season.

BILLS:

Between Meetings

EFPTS56 IRS 941 June	\$1246.64
EFPTS57 IRS 941 July	\$1302.74
State of Michigan-SUW June 2025	\$1216.61
MTA-S. Bobek Seminar	\$100.00
Benzie County Treasurer	\$1955.78
Kenneth Gokey-June	\$200.00
Cherryland Electric -July	\$78.46
Mika Meyer Attorney	\$247.00
Elan Financial	\$1742.75

Board Pay	\$5248.33
Assessor Pay	\$1803.66
Julie Lonn-Pay	\$125.00
PC Sub Comm Master Plan	\$80.00
Marian Mayer-BOR	\$20.00
Chis Bobek-BOR	\$25.00
Kenneth Gokey-Mowing-Hall and Cemetery-July	\$200.00
S. Bobek-reimburse ink cartridge	\$65.70

ATI Consulting	\$51.00
Acentek	\$243.85
Chris Bobek-Nuisance Enforcement	\$400.00
Scott Williams-DUP	\$200.00
Record Patriot	\$122.55
Cypher Group	\$800.00
AFLAC	\$316.15
Sally Bobek-per diem BVDL	\$50.00
Cherryland Electric-August	\$77.50
Foster Swift-Tax Litigation	\$192.86
BS&A Subsc-Assessor	\$1000.00
UHY Adv thru June	\$330.00
Glen Lake Electric	\$255.00
EPS Security	\$60.00
TOTAL.....	\$19756.58

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

CORRESPONENCE: BVDL minutes-June 2025, JBOR July 2025 info, EGLE Flanagan W/D Letter, NW MI Housing Summit registration info, Networks NW Remote Survey request (if you want to take the survey) State of Michigan permit app for Village of Thompsonville Campground, State of Michigan-LARA-Building Codes, U of M survey report-effect of winding down of State and Federal funding.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: K. Jelemensky spoke on the changes that have taken place since she moved here 12 years ago. DNR/Forestry-cutting trees, \$3 tax for camping at a campground, Haze Road bridge issues. (Up to 3 minutes each)

ADJOURNMENT: C. Aldrich, Supervisor, adjourned the meeting at 8:07PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Fran Griffin, Weldon Township Clerk

