

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING**

May 12, 2026

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: Gary Sauer, Chris Bobek, Chuck Kraus, Vicki Schwartz, Jean Hughey, Matt Hughey, Rob Aldrich

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Clerk asked to add to the bills \$46.62 for supplies for Supervisor. C. Aldrich asked to add to New Business 6744 Weldon Rd property, BOR alternate and ZBA. S. Meredith would like to add cemetery flowers. S. Bobek made a motion to approve the agenda with changes. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: S. Willaims made the motion to approve the April 14, 2026, Regular Board Minutes. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer stated that CDs are online now. She would like to appoint Vicki Schwartz as her Deputy Treasurer. S. Meredith made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. S. Williams seconded. All ayes. She has checked with our webmaster to be sure our website is ADA compliant. Will need to work on some of it. Must be compliant by April 26, 2028. We may have to hire someone to do some of it. She will research more information on it.

GUEST INPUT (up to 3 minutes per guest): Jean Hughey spoke on their situation with their property on the north side of King Rd. The zoning ordinance changed from the time they bought it until now. She and Mr. Hughey would like to be able to give five acres of their twenty-five acres to their son to build a house. As the zoning ordinance is now, they are unable to do that. Our Zoning Admin, Marv Radtke, told her to fill out the paperwork for a variance. She has had a hard time contacting him. Will discuss in New Business. G. Sauer gave an update on Benzie County issues: website ADA compliance, interviews set for IT position at the County, hired Joe Duncan for Animal Control Officer, County approved a resolution to approve the \$25 recycling surcharge, still looking for a spot for the Benzonia recycling site, volunteers for Crystal Lake watershed, Rotary Charity looking for grant and County MERS retirement plan discussed.

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: on file. Marv has sent a letter to Floyd Carlson regarding camper on Lindy Rd. Discussion. Other issues not resolved: Pallet enclosure on Lindy Rd and three campers on Fourth and Lindy Rd.

DAY USE PARK: on file. S. Williams stated that the benches are damaged and need to be replaced. Scott will take them to cleanup day Saturday.

NUISANCE REPORT: on file

PLANNING COMMISSION: n/a

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: on file.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: on file.

BUDGET REPORT: no amendments needed.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: C. Aldrich reported attending TARP meetings and fundraiser, working with our attorney, Mr. Figura, on a possible moratorium resolution for Data Centers/Battery Storage, Jesse Wolfe/Homestretch will be at our June meeting to ask for a 2 year extension on the Crystal Commons project since their original permit will expire soon, discussions with Ken Pasanski and Greg Kraft regarding blight. Discussion.

CLERK COMMENTS: Annual audit is tomorrow, Scott will put out the gravesite flags at the Thompsonville Cemetery for Memorial Day, S. Bobek will put them out at the Township Cemetery, Roof bid ad is in the paper, Clerk asked for approval to attend the BOE Election Training in Frankfort on June 10th and reimbursement for mileage. S. Williams motioned to approve the Clerk attending the Training and reimbursement for mileage. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes. Clerk would like clarification on who is responsible for doing the ZBA duties.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Moratorium on Data Center/Battery Storage was covered in Supervisor's Comments. Attorney is working on it.

NEW BUSINESS: Jean Hughey spoke again about the variance or zoning change they are requesting on their property on King Rd. She has filled out the proper paperwork and submitted it to Marvin Radtke, Zoning Admin. C. Kraus, Chair of the Planning Commission, has been in contact with Arthur Mullen and spoke on the zoning ordinance and the changes that were made from the time the Hughey's purchased their property on King Rd and when they moved there. Their property is zoned Conservation Resource. They need it changed to Rural Residential. He states copies of their requested changes need to go to the Planning Commission and Township Board and County Road Commission (for driveway change) for review. Then a public hearing notice needs to be posted 15 days and an attorney to do the amendment to the zoning ordinance and zoning map change. Matt Hughey spoke. Discussion. He says Hugheys need to go to the Planning Commission, and they can make it happen. ZBA responsibilities--it is felt that the Zoning Administrator, Marvin Radtke, should take the lead on this. Village of Thompsonville proposed alley vacating-no updatye. Clerk needs someone to replace the clips on the flagpole lanyard. Legislature is working on the bills to take away local zoning and master plan right from

local governments. C. Aldrich, Supervisor, stated it was brought to her attention that a business, Advanced Towing, working out of a residential area 6744 Weldon Rd. She will check with ZA to see if this is allowed. Also, they are running an impound lot in Colfax Township. Supervisor Aldrich would like to appoint Rebecca Parmer to the BOR-Alternate position. No motion was made. She made a motion to appoint Chris Bobek, Charles Kraus, and Don Suchocki to the ZBA. S. Bobek motioned to approve this appointment. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes. Sue Meredith will place the flowers at the Township Cemetery for Memorial Day.

BILLS: May 12, 2026

Checks Between Meetings

Mika Meyers	\$304.00
Fortress Security	\$431.88
Elan Financial	\$291.29
Michigan Media Group	\$353.59
EFPTS66 IRS 941 Fed Tax	\$1231.04
Board Pay	\$5415.00
Assessor Pay	\$1824.67
Julie Lonn	\$125.00
ATI Consulting	\$45.00
Northern Disposal	\$3150.00
MR Consulting	\$1000.00
Acentek	\$243.88
Cherryland Electric	94.21
UHY Advisors	\$340.00
S&S Cleaning and Property Mgmt_DUP	\$200.00
MTA Election Seminar-Clerk-Gaylord	\$100.00
Sue Meredith per diem and mileage MTA	\$161.48
Sally Bobek per diem and mileage MTA/BVDL	\$161.48
Fran Griffin per diem and mileage MTA	\$111.48
EPS Security	\$62.40
AFLAC	\$316.15
Intuit-Quickbooks 3 yr subscrip	\$3179.99
Michigan Township Assn-Clerk	\$215.00
Carrie Aldrich-reimburse	\$46.62
TOTAL.....	\$19404.16

S. Merdith motion to pay the bills. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE: MDOT Grant Application (BVT), BVDL Board Minutes -March 2026, Inland Twp Planning Commission-Master Plan, Treasury 2026 Public Safety

Revenue Sharing, Benzie County Emergency Mgmt Rebecca Huber-American Red Cross Shelter Partner Training, May 19th and a notice of State of Emergency assistance for public and individual, Notice of County Recycling bin locations and use, Conservation Resource Alliance newsletter

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

ADJOURNMENT: C. Aldrich, Supervisor adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09PM

**Respectfully submitted:
Fran Griffin
Weldon Township Clerk**