

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

September 9, 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: Marvin and Lisa Radtke, Rob Aldrich, Gary Sauer, Vicki Schwartz, Chuck Kraus, Chris Bobek

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: S. Bobek motioned to approve the agenda with a change to the city for Clerk's Seminar to Frankenmuth. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: S. Bobek motioned to approve the meeting minutes of August 12, 2025. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT: Treasurer reported on seminar she attended on Taxation and Assessing. State Audit for Assessors is in 2027. Suggested Supervisor attend with the Assessor. L-4029 is complete. County will prepare ballot language for operating millage. Statutory Revenue Sharing is in danger of being eliminated. Website-ADA Compliant information given to S. Bobek last meeting. She checked with Jim Stamm, our webmaster. Leave as is for now? S. Williams motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

GUEST INPUT: Marvin and Lisa Radtke, MR Consulting attended in response to the ZA ad. They gave an overview of what they had to offer. Discussion. A meeting is set for September 23rd at 5:00PM for the Board and the Planning Commission Chair to meet with the Radtkes and possibly another person interested in the ZA position. G. Sauer, Commissioner, gave an update on Benzie County business including the awarding of the Life Saving Award, MSU Reports, MERS report, Brianne has resigned her position as Director of the Equalization Dept, Sheriff' deputies received all new 9mm handguns-no charge. State has stopped funding the recycling program. County is working on a solution. Health Dept. reported on illnesses spread by Mosquitos.

REPORTS:

Zoning Administrator: on file. Floyd Carlson RV on property on Lindy Road and the Betsie River discussed. T. Cypher communicated with Wyatt, our Assessor. He will assess again later this year to see if it is being winterized. RV should not be on the property after November 1st. Discussion

Day Use Park: on file. Discussion on why the BCRC cut down the wild 'flowers' at the entrance to the DUP. C. Aldrich will check with them.

Planning Commission: next meeting is October 1st.

Liquor Inspection: on file.

Nuisance Report: on file. Signs were put out for assistance for Cleanup Day. One is missing.

Assessor Report: on file

Budget Report: No amendments needed at this time.

SUPERVISOR: Received two responses to the ZA ad. Meeting set up to interview including Planning Chair Kraus. Thompsonville emergency test siren needs to be reset. Discussion on first two houses on Lindy Rd and 4th St. One has multiple campers on the property in addition to the house and the next-door neighbor is making changes to a shed on the property near the residential house that is there. Supervisor will check on these issues and may contact our attorney.

CLERK: Clerk reminded everyone of the Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 20th from 9am – 1pm. All Board members will be there at some time to help with the load restrictions, etc. S. Williams is going to verify with Northern Disposal to be sure they have us on their schedule for the 20th. Clerk made a motion to discontinue the PERM AV list for Weldon Township. Voters will have the option to move to a PERM Mail Ballot. S. Bobek seconded. All ayes. County Equalization aerial photo program for Assessor was presented. Discussion. Clerk asked for approval for her to attend the MTA Clerk's Professional Seminar in Frankenmuth on September 29th and for mileage reimbursement. S. Bobek motioned to approve the Clerks' meeting and mileage. S. Meredith seconded. 4 ayes. 1 abstained. Letter from Linda Evans, State Savings Bank, was presented. Discussion. At the Clerk's meeting held this week, T. Bowers, County Clerk informed the group that the State is looking at new voting equipment for 2027 and Townships will have to foot the bill. Looking at \$30,000 for Early Voting machines and Election Day machines. State may try to get grants to help fund this. State will reimburse Townships up to \$15/hr. for EV Election Inspectors. There is going to be a

presentation on Mortgages and Property Fraud on October 7th from 10:30am – noon at the Benzie District Shores Library in Frankfort.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Milarch finished the side lawn leveling and seeding. ZA interviews on September 23rd at 5:00pm here at the Township Hall.

NEW BUSINESS: S. Meredith read a letter from Natural Rivers granting variances for the Cooper property on Leisure Dr. She will check with Brian Bury to see if it needs a new LUP as S. Williams suggested. Haze Road grassy area discussed. BCRC is supposed to complete the rail separation done this fall. Discussion. Supervisor Aldrich reports that the Crystal Commons was awarded a \$50,000 grant and other applications have been submitted.

BILLS:

Between Meetings

MTA-ZA ad	\$35.00
Benzie County Treasurer	\$ 4.29
Mike Meyers-ESTA Law/MP review	\$2061.00
EFPTS58 IRS 941 August	\$892.78
Board Pay	\$5248.33
Assessor Pay	\$1803.66
Julie Lonn-Pay	\$125.00
Kenneth Gokey-Mowing-Hall and Cemetery-July	\$400.00
ATI Consulting	\$93.00
Acentek	\$243.53
Chris Bobek-Nuisance Enforcement	\$400.00
Scott Williams-DUP	\$200.00
Record Patriot	\$325.00
Cypher Group	\$800.00
AFLAC	\$316.15

Elan Financial (cc)	\$287.77
Traverse City Hazmat fee	\$395.00
Da Designs	\$64.00
MI Assn Planning	\$75.00
Aubrey Kitzmiller	\$164.20
Sally Bobek-per diem BVDL/Treas Mileage	\$205.00
Cherryland Electric-August	\$80.24
Milarch Landscaping	\$905.00
Municipal Retirement	\$375.00
Fran Griffin per diem	\$50.00
Fran Griffin-reimburse mileage	\$92.96
Brighthouse Life	\$4723.50
Brighthouse Life (CA)	\$606.25
TOTAL.....	\$20,971.70

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

CORRESPONDENCE: BVDL minutes-August 2025

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

ADJOURNMENT: C. Aldrich, Supervisor, adjourned the meeting at 8:04PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Fran Griffin, Weldon Township Clerk

