

**WELDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
January 13, 2026
Tuesday
7:00PM**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Aldrich at 7:00PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

ATTENDANCE: Carrie Aldrich, Supervisor X; Fran Griffin, Clerk X; Sally Bobek, Treasurer abs; Sue Meredith, Trustee X; Scott Williams, Trustee X.

GUESTS: Gary Sauer, Vicki Schwartz, Mike MacGirr, Jim Franke, Becky Sharp, Chuck Kraus, Marvin Radtke

CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: S. Williams motioned to approve the agenda. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: S. Williams motioned to approve the minutes – December 9, 2025. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes.

TREASURER’S FINANCIAL REPORT: V. Schwartz read S. Bobek’s email report. S. Bobek is having to do extra work due to the error in the first tax mailing by the County. S. Meredith motioned to approve the Treasurer’s report. S. Williams seconded. All ayes.

GUEST INPUT: G. Sauer, Commissioner, gave an update on County business including the BCRC proposed Bond for the new facility. They were given the go ahead by the County. County discussed the DHSS lease, County building hours (open at 8:30a.m.), Art Jeannot was appointed County Commission Chair, DTE is looking into providing natural gas to Blaine Township and possibly Hoadley Rd requested by the Tribe. May start in the spring. Mike MacGirr, Thompsonville Fire Chief, gave an update on Fire Department-education, new equipment, smoke alarms, merger of the Fire and EMS Departments effective 1-1-2026. Working on cross training Fire and EMS and contracting with DIV3701. J. Franke, EMS, reported they joined Mutual Aid with Benzie EMS and MMR and are working with dispatch. M. MacGirr will start giving quarterly reports. Discussion. Marvin Radtke, Zoning Administrator, gave his report. He asked what was required in his monthly reports and asked that the LUP and Checklist he presented be put on our website. He has been to legislative sessions and MTA meetings. C. Aldrich motioned to put the LUP and Checklist on the website. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes. MTA spring conference is in April at the Grand Traverse Resort this year. A number of issues will be discussed there including Major Property Tax Reform, Revenue from Sales Tax and Data Centers. Senate and House seats are up for Election this year.

Reports:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Marvin Radtke's report was presented. We did ask for details like address of LUP or Nuisance in reports.

DAY USE PARK: on file. S. Williams plowed once.

PLANNING COMMISSION: none

LIQUOR INSPECTOR REPORT: on file.

NUISANCE REPORT: n/a

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: on file.

BUDGET REPORT: Requested amendments were approved by a motion from S. Williams and seconded by S. Meredith. All ayes.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: C. Aldrich reported that PC appointments will be in March 2026. P. Kladder, R. Parmer, and S. Meredith positions are due. Ryan Trudell is interested in being on the BOR.

CLERK COMMENTS: F. Griffin, Clerk, reported on the Clerk's meeting at the County. Clerk would like to retain EV here at the Township Hall and not go into a Municipal Agreement at this time. She feels it would be too chaotic. MTA BOR Training starts February 3rd if needed. Supervisor said everyone is ok at this point. Clerk is requesting the Board approve her attending a one (1) day session (April 22nd) at the MTA 2026 Conference at the GT Resort April 22nd. S. Williams motioned to approve the Clerk attending the one-day conference and mileage reimbursement. S. Meredith seconded. All ayes. Clerk also received information on a warranty extension for our Generac generator. Board approved obtaining cost.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Floyd Carlson property (13889 Lindy Rd) zoning issue to be taken up again in the spring per Marvin Radtke's recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS: Marvin Radtke will check into the Carlson property 13889 Lindy Rd. Will start when the snow melts. He explained the violation process. C. Kraus addressed the turbine from the old power plant that is now located at the Egan and Wolf Rd intersection by the BVT. Village owns the turbine and it sits on the DNR part of the BVT in Weldon Township. May be relocated in the TARP campground portion of the project where the original fountain was located. Working on grants. Clerk reported that the DUP lease is up for renewal in May 2026. She will get a copy of it to the Supervisor. Clerk also let the Board know that she has some old records from the Sportsman's' Club.

BILLS: January 13, 2026

Between Meetings

Elan Financial	\$795.06
Accident Fund Insurance	\$1114.00
Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith	\$15.43
PC Special Meeting Pay	\$325.00
Westshore Plumbing/Heating	\$1253.25

EFPTS62 IRS 941 October	\$?
Board Pay	\$5248.33
Assessor Pay	\$1803.66
Julie Lonn-Pay	\$125.00
Acentek	\$244.39
S&S Cleaning and Property Mgmt-DUP	\$200.00
Sue Meredith-Liq Inspect	\$750.00
Michigan Media Group	\$109.65
Benzie Record Patriot-1 yr subscrip	\$65.00
ElectionSource-maint contracts	\$343.00
AFLAC	\$316.15
Benzie County Treasurer	\$2257.21
Cherryland Electric	\$216.42
ATI Consulting	\$54.00
Reimburse Sally Bobek-supplies-taxes#1	\$50.10
Reimburse Sally Bobek-supplies-taxes#2	\$134.09
Fran Griffin-per diem/mileage 1/9 Clerk Mtg county	\$67.50
PC wages	\$375.00
Northern Disposal quarterly trash	\$185.26
Blarney Castle	\$447.48
Vicki Schwartz-Asst Treas	\$200.00
MR Consulting-Zoning	\$1000.00

TOTAL.....\$17,694.98

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: J. Franke stated that they have signed an EMS agreement with BLS and ALS. He distributed an EMS Run report.

CORRESPONDENCE: BVDL Minutes-November 2025, Housing North Newsletter January 2026, Benzie Rotary Bike Race in May

ADJOURNMENT: C. Aldrich adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08PM

Respectfully submitted:

Fran Griffin
Weldon Township Clerk