

**TOWNSHIP OF BALDWIN
BOARD MEETING
2399-90TH AVE.**

February 4, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Chairman Douglas Veenendall, other board members present were Supervisors Don L. Johnson & Joseph Kusilek, Treasurer, Ronda Helgeson and Clerk, Jim Harer.

Others: Todd Dolan of All Croix Inspections, Kevin Oium of Cedar Corp., Chris Veenendall, Kay Harer, Terry Helgeson, Tom Olson and Thomas Kanten.

Don L. Johnson moved to approve the agenda as printed. Seconded and carried.

The January board minutes were read. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve, seconded and carried.

Vendor run and bank balances were reviewed. Motion by Joseph Kusilek to approve check numbers 10745 and 10783-10809 for the amount of \$35, 187.35. (The February tax settlement figures were not yet available.) Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

Kevin Oium of Cedar Corp. updated the board on Rose Lane/70th Ave. After review by the DNR wetlands are determined to be about 1-acre with wetlands restoration cost of about \$70,000 which is less than first thought but still a lot of money. Don L. Johnson moved to replace the concrete 24x24 inch structure with plastic culvert and have county do wing repairs on the concrete box towards east end. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

Jerry Johnson was presented diagrams to explain his variance request for a 83' setback on new garage. Cost of fill and site work prohibits moving it farther back. Don L. Johnson moved to approve the requested set back variance. (It is a standard disclaimer for setback variance, that damage caused by snowplowing operations is the owners responsibility.) Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

Todd Dolan presented the board with a 2-year inspection contract with several fee increases due to anticipated fuel increases and regulations. The board voiced several complaints from town residents about the difficulty in having calls or emails they have sent to his office answered or returned. One example is the new house on 80th avenue, he stated there were 27 emails involved in that one due to working with builder and contracted workers. He asked that if we have any problems in the future to contact him directly at 612-819-9707 and he will investigate.

Motion by Joseph Kusilek to approve the two-year contract with All Croix Inspections as presented. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

Todd also stayed for the Alvermann mobile home discussion. Todd stated that they have been working with Nathan and he is working on a heat loss report and trying to obtain a state permit for living quarters inside their pole building. A determination must be made to see if the roof trusses meet the snow load requirements for a residence. Follow-up will continue.

Thomas Kanten presented a map showing his desire to split his home 75-acre parcel into a total of 4 lots ranging from 11.6-26.69 acres. He has obtained perk test and permission from Excel and the county for driveway permits off CTH "DD. Although the board had no objections at this point, they usually have a CSM presented through the county to review and approve at this point. Tom stated that he will have that available for the next board meeting to act upon.

Last year the board had asked to explore the purchase of LP tanks for the hall and shop so gas could be bid out over a larger range of suppliers. The clerk will prepare bids for tanks by March or April and bid request for gas by July or August.

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No action required for United Fire & Rescue.

Spring clean-up was discussed. The punch amounts were reviewed with input from Murtha Sanitation, county recycling and other towns and villages. A motion was made by Don L. Johnson to hold spring clean-up day on Saturday, May 8, 2021 from the hours of 8 AM-noon using the up-dated punch amount. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

Contract for mowing the town hall was presented by Green Touch Lawn, the rate has increase from \$55-\$58 per mowing but still includes 2 applications of fertilizer and weed control at no extra charge. Presently there are no other companies in the town that do mowing. Motion by Joseph Kusilek to approve, seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried.

The 2020 financial report was not available yet.

No change in Schillinger mobile home, house is occupied and trailer yet to be moved or changed to storage area.

St. Croix County Highway Department presented 3 county aid bridge petitions totaling \$4,260.00. The three structures are: Van Someren, on 110th avenue, Brathal on 260th St. and Van Cutler on 60th Ave., all were replaced after the damage cause by flooding on June 29th, 2020.

Motion was made by Don L. Johnson to approve the bridge petitions. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

No public comments or correspondences.

Future agenda items: Tom Kanten, CSM, Cedar Corp., finance report, Alvermann, Schillinger & Fire Dept.

Motion by Joseph Kusilek to hold next meeting on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 7 PM. Seconded & carried.

Meeting was declared closed at 8:03 PM by town chair.

(Minutes approved and signed on March 4, 2021)

Douglas Veenendall, Chairman

James Harer, Clerk