

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

July 8, 2021

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

Others: Brian Zimmerman, Tom Olson, David Niccum, Terry Helgeson, Kay Harer, Chris Veenendall and Kevin Oium, of Cedar Corp.

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

Minutes of the June 3, 2021 board meeting were read. Motion by Joseph Kusilek to approve, seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried.

Vouchers and bank account balances were reviewed by the board. Motion by Joseph Kusilek to approve vendor checks number 10919 & 10943-10974 for the amount of \$251,175.63. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

Kevin Oium of Cedar Corp. gave the board an up-date on Rose Lane/70th Ave. construction progress. The binder course of asphalt is down with the final course scheduled for the end of next week. Shouldering and guardrail will be installed after that. Kevin is expecting two (2) more pay applications. Douglas Veenendall informed Kevin of one complaint concerning twine from straw bales left in ditch. The resident thought that is would be a problem with mower. Kevin stated he would check it out. Overall project is going well, base was added to only a couple of spots that were short, undercutting of weak shoulder revealed only a clay pocket. TRIP-D funding should be applied for by September.

For board information only: The county has informed us that the tire collection sponsored by the Town of Baldwin will be held Saturday, September 25th instead of the original 18th.

The town has applied for and received the ARPA funds to the amount of \$49,979.23. A non-exclusive list of eligible uses was given to board members. United Fire is planning on using some of these funds and bill the towns for reimbursement.

The creation of a board of variance was discussed. The five-page form used by the county was handed out, board thinking is that filling out a detailed form may resolve some request before needing action. Questions about who can serve on this board and what authority it would have will be investigated.

Chairman Douglas Veenendall gave the board an update on United Fire Department equipment needs. They will be purchasing two trucks, one for Hammond and one for Woodville. Loan will be 10 years at 2.85% interest. We can expect about a 2 ½% increase in assessment for 2022.

90th avenue between 250th and 260th St. will be our 2022 mill/pave project. The county will be called out to re-evaluate the box culvert by Bunge's and give a better cost estimate and confirm what options would qualify for County Aid funding. There is also one culvert that may have been missed for replacement.

A letter was sent to Gary Schillinger concerning mobile home conversion to storage shed, no reply received.

There is no desire on the town's part to pass a Second Amendment ordinance. A resolution was passed in June supporting these rights.

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No correspondences. Under public comment Tom Olson voiced concern that a new driveway installed by Hilltop, Inc. may have encroached upon his property. He was encouraged to research existing property lines/fences and if necessary, have a survey done to establish property lines.

Future agenda items: ATV/UTV ordinance renewal, LP Gas quotes, Rose Lane/70th Ave., Humane Officer contract & Variance issue.

Due to a schedule conflict with board a motion was made by Joseph Kusilek to hold the August meeting on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 7 PM. Seconded and carried.

Meeting was closed at 7:50 PM.

(These minutes were approved and signed at the August 4, 2021 board meeting)

Douglas Veenendall, Chairman

James Harer, Clerk