

**TOWNSHIP OF BALDWIN  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
TOWN HALL AT 2399-90<sup>TH</sup> Ave.**

February 3, 2022

Chairman Douglas Veenendall called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Roll call: Supervisors Don L. Johnson and Joseph Kusilek, Treasurer, Ronda Helgeson and Clerk, James Harer.

Others: Kay Harer, Terry Helgeson, Tom Olson and Tim Simmons.

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

Minutes of the January 6, 2022, board meeting was read. Motion by Joseph Kusilek to approve. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried.

Vendor checks and bank reconciliation were reviewed. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve vendor checks number 11131 & 11164-11193 for a total amount of \$18,280.77. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

**Punch list.** The punch list for Spring Cleanup were reviewed. Murtha Sanitation furnished their amounts and were compared to the town amounts used in 2021. Motion made by Joseph Kusilek to use the Murtha format and punch amounts. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried.

**Impound contract.** Darel Hall of Dedicated Animal Control Service has requested the town to sign a contract for impound services from Pitstop Impound. Questions arouse on how much the town would be responsible for. The impound service would only be used if the animal's owner could not be immediately located. Board consensus was to table until March for more information.

**Financial reports.** The normal 2021 report was not yet prepared but a printout of accounts was handed out.

**Building permits.** Past, present and future inquires were reviewed. Henry Borntreger has been issued a permit after the state issued several waivers for plumbing/electric/sanitary, smoke and CO detectors for a home addition permit. Nathan Alvermann has requested plumbing inspection so is proceeding. Several past questions were: By state law all buildings permits are good for 2 years. Some home additions are exempt from permits if work is below a \$25,000 threshold and do not change entrance/exits.

Chairman Douglas Veenendall directed the clerk to investigate options to enable the town to double permit fees for structures started without permit.

**Fire Department.** Chairman updated the board on United Fire Department finances and equipment purchases. The new fire hall, EMS and police building maybe financed by the Village of Baldwin.

**2022 highway projects.** St. Croix County Highway Department has requested a preliminary request from the town for work request for 2022. Mill/paving on 90<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 3 miles of seal coat with fog seal are main items. Deer contract and an estimate of 4-5 culvert replacements were also added.

**Lawn mowing.** Green Touch Lawn presented a contract for hall mowing and fertilizer/weed control spraying. Mowing was offered at \$60/mowing (a \$2 increase). In the past 3 rounds of lawn application of fertilizer/weed control were offered at no extra cost. However due to the drastic increase in prices a first round (Spring application) was offered for \$180. A summer and fall application at \$165.00/time. Comment was made that the lawn has looked good. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve the mowing and only the spring application. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

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**ARPA.** The federal government has stated that the final ruling which will take effect on April 1, 2022, now includes a lost revenue option of \$10 million. That means the town will then be able to use our funds on general operations (roads). This will help the town keep up with much needed road work.

**Zoning update.** County Development has asked if the town would be interested in updating the 2006 Heartland Comprehensive Plan that included the towns of: Baldwin, Cylon, Hammond, Pleasant Valley and Stanton. Estimated cost would be \$5,000 spread out over several years. Discussion centered on if the other towns were interested and what benefit this update would offer. Tabled until March.

**Funding opportunities.** Wisconsin DOT has issued a notice that they will be offering some 80/20 road project programs. The board was interested and since private engineering would be required consensus was to have Cedar Corporation come to the March meeting and offer more details.

**Shop heater.** AM Heating was asked to look at cost and options to replace the north heater in maintenance building. Cold weather has prevented them from completing that quote. Tim Simmons stated that he has been able to "limp" the present heater along. Tabled until March.

No correspondence or public comments.

Future agenda items? Permits, furnace, Cedar Corp., Comprehensive Plan, financial report & Impound contract.

Joseph Kusilek moved to hold the next meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 7 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8 PM by chair.

*(Minutes approved and signed below at March 3, 2022 board meeting)*

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Chairman, Douglas Veenendall

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Clerk, James Harer