

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

April 7, 2022

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

Others: Kevin Oium, of Cedar Corp., James Lund, Eau Galle Town Chair, Terry Helgeson, Kay Harer, Chris Veenendall, Brian Zimmerman, Mike Curtis, Heather Zinda and Tom Olson.

Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve agenda as printed, seconded and carried.

Minutes of the March 3, 2022, board minutes were read. Motion by Joseph Kusilek to approve the minutes. Seconded and carried.

Vendor checks and account balances were reviewed. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve vendor checks number 11200 & 11225-11255 for the amount of \$18,287.86. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

Kevin Oium of Cedar Corp. was present to share information the Bilateral Infrastructure Law (BIL) and how it could apply to town fundings for road improvements. James Lund, Chairman of neighboring Eau Galle Township was also present for the purpose of a joint project.

BIL: Kevin covered some law background, of the \$1.29 billion over a 5-year period about 15% has been set aside for local roads on a 80-20 split. There are two applications periods one has passed for projects ready for this year and one other application period ending on June 3rd to cover the next four years. The program is state let with Federal bid requirements.

Locals can submit the project application, but a consultant has templates and research documents. With the complexity of the application a project generally would have to be >\$500,000. A joint road like 60th Ave. would not be practical since the estimate would be only \$125,00 per town.

The board thanked Kevin for the information presented.

Plan Appointment: Chairman Douglas Veenendall announced the appointment of Mike Curtis to the Town Plan Committee for a three-year term starting April 30, 2022. Don L. Johnson moved to approve and confirm this appointment. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

Permits: Current building permit list was handed out; one shed was permitted in March. Doug Veenendall moved to send a letter to All-Croix Inspection clarifying the towns position that any home addition would need to be permitted. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried.

Road Work: A town map showing the road work performed in 2021 and proposed work for 2022 including estimated cost were distributed.

No new information from United Fire & Rescue.

ARPA: Annual report to the Treasury is due April 30th. Interest so far is \$58.10.

Software: The Treasurer and Clerk have requested updating our accounting system to "TownHall" from Hayward Wisconsin. We have not received information yet.

Township of Baldwin
April 7, 2022
Board Minutes
(continued)

Patrolman: Town Patrolman Tim Simmons has submitted his resignation effective April 15, 2022. Discussion was held on procedure for hiring a replacement or have county do road maintenance work. Motion was made by Don L. Johnson to place a help wanted ad in the Woodville Leader and Baldwin Bulletin. Seconded and carried.

A draft ad, job description, benefit package and application form were handed out for review. Town chair may call a special meeting to review procedure and forms.

Reports: Don L. Johnson moved to approve the 2021 Financial Report, 2022 Budget Report and town history report for distribution at the annual meeting. Seconded and carried.

.gov: State agencies have pushed for towns to sign up for a .gov account for their emails. Tabled.

Heartland: The towns 2006 Heartland Comprehensive Plan is due for an update. Originally six towns had been granted funding to develop this document. The six towns are planning different actions to accomplish their changes. Some are hiring consultants' others having the county or doing it themselves. The counties proposal would cost about \$5,000 billed over several years and would produce a separate document for Baldwin.

Plan Committee Chairman Joseph Kusilek stated that a vote was taken at their April meeting to recommend the town enlist the county services.

Supervisor Don L. Johnson moved to have the County Community Development proceed with the Heartland Comprehensive Plan update. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

Chairman updated board on truck box repairs by Baldwin Machine. It will take about 12 hours and can do in about six weeks. Joseph Kusilek moved to have work done, seconded and carried.

No public comments or correspondences.

Future agenda: BIL, .gov, ARPA, Rural Mutual, Heartland, permits, patrolman, accounting program.

Joseph Kusilek moved to have the next regular meeting on Thursday, May 5, 2022, at 7 PM. Seconded and carried.

Chairman ordered the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

(Minutes approved and signed at the May board meeting)

Douglas Veenendall, Chairman

James Harer, Clerk