

**MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
November 9, 2023
Town Hall
2399-90TH AVE., BALDWIN, WI**

Chairman Douglas Veenendall opened the monthly board meeting at 7:20 PM following the Budget Hearing and Special Voters meeting.

Roll call: Douglas Veenendall, Joseph Kusilek, Don L. Johnson, Tammie Curtis and Jim Harer.

Others: Kay Harer, Chris Veenendall, Joe Gerhardt, Roxanne Gerhardt, Dave Mentink, Dave Niccum, Brian L. Zimmerman, Kevin G. Zimmerman, Heather Zinda, Tom Olson, Lila Hambleton, Scott Green and Jon Sonnentag, Surveyor.

Joseph Kusilek moved to approve the agenda as printed. Seconded by Don L. Johnson. Carried.

Clerk stated that the meeting was properly noticed.

The minutes of the October 2023 board meeting were read. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve. Seconded and carried.

Vendor run and account balances were reviewed. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve check number 11799-11826 and holding check number 11827 until November 20th when municipal aid payment is received. Total amount with withholding tax: \$32,540.45. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

Scott Green along with Jon Sonnentag, Surveyor presented a proposed rezoning request and a CSM for 22 acres in Section 5, Town of Baldwin. Parcel #002-1010-80-000. They explained the purpose was to sell off the old house on Lot #1 and in the future build a new house on Lot #2.

Planning Commission Chairman Joseph Kusilek stated that these two requests were presented at their meeting and voted to recommend board approval.

With no further questions a motion was made by Joseph Kusilek to approve the rezoning of this stated parcel from AG-I to AG-II and approve the presented CSM outlining LOTS 1 & 2. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

Forms were signed and St. Croix County Community Development will be informed of our decision.

Annual benefit review of the collection and hall attendant positions were reviewed. The board thanked both employees for doing a great job. Motion by Douglas Veenendall to give a \$.50/hour increase effective November 1st. This brings their hourly rate to \$15.50 per hour. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried.

2023 roadwork review: The culver on 110th Ave. east of 250th St. has been replaced and if weather holds 1 of the 2 county aid culverts should be done this year. Town patrolman stated the truck plow needed welding is just about completed.

Year-end bank balance projections were reviewed. Depending on winter weather and how many culverts will get replaced this year our cash year end balance should be in the \$18,000.00 range. That includes investment pool funds.

The United Fire report was given by chair. The Hammond truck should be delivered in 2024.

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Building permits for October were reviewed.

Road setbacks were discussed. Recent changes in state law make enforcement of our 100-foot setback hard to enforce. Motion by Don L. Johnson to continue to recommend a 100-foot setback from road R/W. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

Unpermitted house. A motion by Joseph Kusilek to approve sending a letter to David and Levi Miller in regard to their construction of a home without a building permit. If the permit is not secured within a 2-week period, a daily fine of \$25.00 will be imposed which would increase to \$50.00 per day after another 2-week period. Seconded by Don. L. Johnson, carried.

Possible additional action concerning **non-permitted buildings** in the town will be discussed at the December Planning Commission meeting and Board meeting.

Public comments: Dave Niccum stated that he thinks the board is doing a good job managing town funds. There was general discussion about solar panel farms.

No correspondence this month.

Future agenda items: Poll worker nominations, approval of 2024 operations budget equipment request.

Town chair stated that there will be a notice on the town website about the prohibition of plowing snow across or storing snow from driveways on town roads.

Due to a scheduling conflict by one of the board members Joseph Kusilek moved to hold the December board meeting on Monday, December 4 at 7 PM after the Planning Commission meeting. Seconded and carried.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8:05 PM.

(Minutes were approved and signed below at the December 4, 2023 board meeting.)

Douglas Veenendall, Chairman

James Harer, Clerk