

**MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, October 9, 2024**  
**Town Hall located at:**  
**2399-90<sup>TH</sup> AVE., BALDWIN, WI**

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

Others: Kay Harer, Chris Veenendall, Joe Gerhardt, Richard & Jennifer Koenig, Kelly McNamara (All-Croix Inspection), Wendy Kramer, Roxanne Gerhardt, Austin & Jessica VanDamme, Deb Walters, Tom Olson & Brian L. Zimmerman.

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

Clerk confirmed that the meeting agenda was properly posted.

The September 2024 board meeting minutes were read. Motion by Joseph Kusilek to approve, seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried.

Bank and staff accounts were reconciled. Vendor checks were reviewed. Don L. Johnson moved to approve check numbers 12136-12166 for approval but holding check number 12162 until cash flow is sufficient. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote. (Total amount approved: \$100,170.11 with tax withholdings).

Richard & Jennifer Koenig submitted a "Owner's Claim for Damages to Animals" for the death and injuries suffered to their goat and sheep herd in the amount of \$1,050.00 of damages.

The board was sworn in as an Investigating Committee. The original claim and report filed by Darel Hall, Town Humane officer, were handed out and reviewed.

Douglas Veenendall moved to approve the claim and submit to the county for reimbursement based on the two documents indicated damages were caused by at large dogs, although there was no direct observation. Seconded by Don L. Johnson. Carried by roll call vote: 3-yes, 0-no.

Wendy Kramer addressed the board for reconsideration of a \$50/meeting hall rental. She reviewed a long list of activities they have done for the Villages of Baldwin & Woodville. Restated that they are a non-profit organization with several members from the town. With a annual operational budget of \$3,000 they felt a rental fee would be too steep to support.

Joseph Kusilek moved to allow the Botany Bells to meet without a hall rental fee agreement, but a \$100 deposit be required to cover cleaning if the hall is not left in original condition. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

**Highway Items:** Motion was made by Joseph Kusilek to approve purchase of a sander auger for the town truck and tires for mower. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

Motion by Joseph Kusilek to approve the 3-year road plan as presented. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

With the payment to St. Croix County Highway Department for laying of blacktop on 110<sup>th</sup> Ave. our LRIP project reimbursement request can be sent in for payment.

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Board Minutes  
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(continued)**

Kelly McNamara from All-Croix Inspection updated the board on several ongoing violations. Nathan Alvermann is living in a non-permitted structure., Miller property on 80<sup>th</sup> Ave., has be red tagged for construction of a non-permitted or inspected residential building.

The fence on road R/W along 110<sup>th</sup> Ave., has been removed. Town of Cady legal action for non-permitted structures has been postponed until December.

The town chair updated the board on United Fire & Rescue matters. The trailer and fire truck have been sold. The Baldwin Hospital will be reimbursing the department for traffic control during helicopter landings.

It was noted that the office of Senator Ron Johnson will be holding mobile office hour at the town hall on Thursday, October 10 from 9-10 AM.

The board reviewed the 2025 proposed budget. Motion by Don L. Johnson to present the Proposed 2025 Operations budget and request voter approval of a \$334,647 tax levy to be collected in 2025 to electors at the Budget Hearing and Special Voters meeting in November. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

Motion by Joseph Kusilek to hold the Town Budget Hearing, Meeting of Town Electors and monthly board meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2024, starting at 7 PM located at the Baldwin Town Hall. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

Treasurer Tammie Curtis gave the board information regarding county tax collection vs town tax collection.

The town has received complaints about animal manure left on town roads causing health concerns. Several ideas were made but no action taken until further investigation is completed.

**Public Comments:** Concern was expressed from a town residence about animal slaughter, retention pond construction and a dump site created along 110<sup>th</sup> avenue.

Future agenda items: Budget and levy, wage review for hall and recycling attendants, road debris.

There were no other reports and since the next meeting date was set with budget hearing the chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

*(Minutes were approved at the November 22024 board meeting and signed below)*

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Douglas Veenendall, Chairman

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James Harer, Clerk