

**TOWN OF BALDWIN
Monthly Board Meeting
December 5, 2024
Town Hall, 2399-90th Ave., Baldwin**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Douglas Veenendall at 7 PM. Supervisors Don L. Johnson & Joseph Kusilek, Treasurer Tammie Curtis and Clerk James Harer were also present.

Others: Chris Veenendall, Dave Mentink, Heather Zinda, Pete Gartmann, Tom Olson, Roxanne Gerhardt and Joe Gerhardt.

Don L. Johnson moved to approve the agenda as printed. Motion seconded and approved.

The clerk verified the posting of the agenda.

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

Bank statements and town books were reconciled. December vendor payments were reviewed. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve vendor checks number 12201-12230 for \$40,917.42. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

Pete Gartmann with Real Land Surveying LLC appeared before the board to explain and answer questions concerning the request by Stephen O'Keefe for CSM-2024-081 creating a 5.56-acre LOT 1 parcel. This is located off Rose Lane Section 33, Town of Baldwin leaving a 65.75-acre LOT 2 parcel.

The stated purpose of this division is to construct a single-story home for the O'Keefe's.

Planning Commission Chair Joseph Kusilek stated that they had met and voted to recommend approval to the board.

Supervisor Don L. Johnson moved to approve the presented CSM-2024-081. Seconded by Supervisor Joseph Kusilek. Carried by voice vote, all in favor. A copy of the CSM was given to Mr. Gartmann.

Following a phone call from Levi Bournreger, a brief conversation with Harvey Miller and email/phone call exchange with Surveyor Joel Brandt the Town of Baldwin Planning Commission and Town Board were asked to place a preliminary rezoning concept on their respective agendas for December 5, 2024, at the Town Hall.

Armed only with a concept map showing three (3) parcels owned by Ervin Mill, 2341 Cty Rd E, Baldwin, WI. the commission and board met on December 5, 2024, to consider and act on the following: The three parcels identified as #002-1035-40-000 (40 acres), #002-1035-10-000 (25 acres) and #002-1035-95-100 (9.47 acres) are requested by Ervin Miller to be rezoned from AG-I to AG-II for the purpose of creating a Lot I with 3-acres and Lot 2 containing the remaining acres. The result of this rezone would correct the situation that now exists of being 2-residents on one parcel by providing a parcel for each.

Planning Commission Chair Joseph Kusilek informed the board that his commission considered the request and voted to approve the concept rezone request if all rezoning procedures were followed.

A motion was made by Don L. Johnson to approve the rezoning concept request but only if all rezoning steps are completed by the land owners, the rezoning results in correcting the 2-residents on one parcel violation and corrects the building permit and building inspection violations for the "residence" at 2339 CTH E and the lack of a building permit and building inspection for the home addition located on 2341-CTH E. Seconded by Supervisor Joseph Kusilek. The vote was 3-yes and 0-no, carried.

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The final 2025 Operations Budget was presented to the board. Motion by Joseph Kusilek to approve the 2025 Town of Baldwin Operations Budget as presented. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote. (Copy is included with these minutes.)

Building Permit review: 1) Copies of letters sent by the county addressing concerns about the schoolhouse located on 240th St. and slaughter operations being conducted on 90th Ave. were handed out and reviewed. 2) YTD building permits were handed out. 3) An email from our town attorney was reviewed. The basis was correspondence has been received from an Attorney Green representing the Amish community expressing some interest in settling building permit violations outstanding in the town.

The chair updated the board on United Fire & Rescue activities. One concern is the increasing use of electric vehicles and construction of solar panel farms. They have had no training in fighting fires in these areas nor have they had any information on any special equipment that may be needed or required.

Road work has been completed on town roads, town patrolman asked permission to have several loads of lime rock stockpiled for later use. The clerk stated that our LRIP reimbursement may not arrive this year.

Year-end cash balance projections were reviewed. Right now, it looks like all funds will equal about \$50,000 our budget projects had been about \$90,000.

Budget Resolution 2024-12 to transfer \$10,000 from the town Contingency Fund to the Public Works Fund. Douglas Veenendall moved to approve this resolution. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek. Carried by a vote of 3-yes & 0-no. Document was signed by the board and will be posted.

The town Fee Schedule was handed out for board members to review and make suggested changes for adoption at the January meeting.

Douglas Veenendall moved to hold the town caucus on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at the town hall beginning at 6:30 PM. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

Correspondence was handed out: 1) Christmas card from All-Croix Inspection. 2) Results of tap water test for nitrates at the hall kitchen sink. 3) Botany Bells meeting dates for 2025. 4) Huebsch cleaners have sold to Cintas. 5) Xcel Energy would like to come to the February board meeting to discuss a solar panel project. 6) All-Croix 2-year contract will be due for renewal at the end of January.

Public comments: Tammie Curtis brought up information found on Facebook about the solar farm project in Erin Prairie.

Joseph Kusilek moved to hold the January board meeting on Thursday the 9th following the town caucus.

No further business the chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

(Minutes were approved and signed below at the January 9, 2025 board meeting)

Douglas Veenendall, Chairman

James Harer, Clerk

