

Village of Baldwin
620 Washington
Baldwin, MI 49304

Regular Council Meeting for October 14, 2019
Location of meeting: Village of Baldwin Hall

Roll call present: J. Truxton, C. Vicent, P. Anderson, K. Bennett, T. Lamb

Absent: M. Truxton

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Also, in attendance was Village Attorney: David Porteous, in for Cindy Wotila

Agenda:

- P. Anderson moves to accept the agenda, supported by K. Bennett. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Minutes:

- The minutes from the September 9, 2019 meeting were approved, the motion was moved by K. Bennett and Supported by C. Vicent, all Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

- Financial reports were accepted for the month September, 2019. C. Vicent moved with support from K. Bennett. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Payment of Bills:

- K. Bennett moved, with support from P. Anderson, to pay the current bills for the month of September. A roll call vote was taken. P. Anderson, Aye. K. Bennett, Aye. C. Vicent, Aye., And President Truxton, Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

County Commissioner:

- Commissioner Walls Absent
- President Truxton commented on the state of the TRV, stating the County Commissioners have made a decision to close the Center, citing lack of inmates, and financial distress as the main causes. Although the County has reached out to the State Representative, and Senator, it appears there was little they could do to prevent the facility from closing.

- Although there is a \$ 3.6 million Bond to be re-paid, the county now is depending solely on tax revenues.

Building and Grounds Committee:

- Chairperson K. Bennett announces the tennis court resurfacing may be delayed until spring, however, if the weather warms for a few days, the project may still be done this fall.
- A break in was discovered at the Well #1 Building, the door had been broken, along with the door jam and handle. No equipment appeared to be missing, and the DPW made repairs.
- The Council members voted on, and passed the repair of the outside building lights at the Village Hall, K. Bennett moved to accept the proposal, and P. Anderson supported the move, a Roll Call vote was taken, K. Bennett, Aye, P. Anderson, Aye C. Vicent, Aye and President Truxton Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Personnel:

- Nothing at this time.

DDA:

- Jane Allison, chairperson, reported that the DDA has mailed letters to Village businesses, offering Garland orders for the up coming holidays.
- Ms. Allison also reported that the DDA has completed payment on a Bond, which will give the DDA a better financial future to continue the betterment of the Village Downtown Area.

Airport:

- Airport Mgr. Mac , reported that the LCMA has added another 150 feet of paved set up area to the existing one, siting many more pilots have joined in the summer air shows, and more space was badly needed. He also reported that the LCMA have made approximately \$55-\$65,000.00 in improvements to the airport.

WWTP/Water:

- Sierra Brown, IAI Operations Mgr, reported that the water testing are in, no PFA's were noted on the results.
- Mr. Brown also reported the DPW is still flushing wells, and hydrants to help resolve any sulfer issues.
- President Truxton reported to the council in light of the Water Reliability Study, and exceeding costs of maintenance to the water system, the Village Council is asked to consider a raise in water rates and usage due to the Village being deficient in revenues, according to the State AMP. The 5 year budget must be maintained, in order to keep the system in good repair.
- A 30% increase to the current water rate and usage, will be implemented in the December billing, which will come due January 20, 2020. A roll call vote was taken, K. Bennett, Aye, P.

Anderson, Aye. C. Vicent Aye, and President Truxton Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.

- Mr. Brown also reported the U.S. 10 lift station is passing 900 gallons of flow per minute to the WWTP, however, the presence of grit in the headworks is still very much a problem.

Streets and Equipment:

- The Webber Fire Chief attended the council meeting, and discussed the ongoing talks over the possible exchange of the Freightliner Fire Truck to the Webber Twp Fire Dept., attorney Wotila is currently negotiating some possibilities.
- President Truxton has asked the council to approve a purchase of a 10 foot off set brush mower, he believes will be a great asset to the DPW for ditches and road edges. C. Vicent moved to approve the purchase, up to \$5,000.00, with support from P. Anderson. A roll call vote was taken, C. Vicent, Aye. P. Anderson, Aye., K. Bennett Aye, and President Truxton Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, motion carried.
- The LCRC has worked hard this summer for the Village, the diseased oak trees on Village properties and streets, have mostly been removed, stumps ground, holes filled.

Budget and Finance:

- Chairperson P. Anderson reports on the Budget meeting which took place September 17, 2019, the 6 month review revealed some changes to the Budget Forecast. See report.
- Due to financial issues in the Water Fund, it is requested to the Council to forward \$50,000 to the Water Fund from the property tax account, to cover tower and well maintenance bills. Moved by P. Anderson with support from K. Bennett, A roll call vote was taken, C. Vicent, Aye. P. Anderson, Aye, K. Bennett, Aye and President Truxton Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, motion carried.

Clerk/Office Mgr:

- Nothing at this time

Planning Commission:

- It has been recommended that the Planning Commission host an open house for the public to educate and inform of the importance of this program, the matter has been tabled at this time.
- The Planning Commission asked the council to approve a contract with FTCH to update mapping in the Village of Baldwin, at a cost of up to \$4000.00. Moved by K Bennett, with support from C. Vicent, a roll call vote was taken, C. Vicent Aye, P. Anderson Aye, K. Bennett Aye, and President Truxton Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.

Ordinance Enforcement:

- Officer Terry Bramer reported he continues to move forward with property owners who are not in compliance. See Report.

- Officer Bramer poses the question of winter ordinances within the Village, and a possible resolution to amend the Ordinances for clarification. The Resolution has been tabled for further research on the matter.
- A motion was made by P. Anderson with support from C. Vicent to authorize President Pro Tem K. Bennett to sign the transfer of property affidavit for the property sold to the James and Heidi Truxton Living Will , at 745 8th St, Baldwin MI. All Ayes, 0 Nays, with President Truxton abstaining from the vote.

Village Administrator:

- Admin Bob Toland was on hand at the meeting, to explain and hand out information on the Obsolete Property Protection Act. He wanted the council to be aware of the Act, as there are property purchasing interests, and the property tax Act has entered into the talks.

8:45pm P. Anderson moved with support from C. Vicent to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

Next Meeting : November 11, 2019 @ 6pm

Minutes taken and typed by Theresa Lamb

Village Clerk