

Village of Baldwin
620 Washington
Baldwin, MI 49304

Regular Council Meeting for SEPTEMBER 9, 2019
Location of meeting: Village of Baldwin Hall

Roll call present: President Truxton, K. Bennett, C. Vicent, P. Anderson,
Absent: M. Truxton

Also, in attendance was Village Attorney: Cindy Wotila

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: Vicent moved to approve the Agenda as presented, supported by K. Bennett. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Minutes:

- The August 12, 2019 regular meeting minutes accepted and approved with minor corrections. K. Bennett moved, with support from P. Anderson. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Financial Report:

- Financial reports were accepted for the month of August 2019. Anderson moves with support from Vicent. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Payment of Bills:

- K. Bennett moved to approve current bills for payment, 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 member absent.

Public Comment:

- Village Resident Denise Smith expressed gratitude for the stump removal on Oak St. and also thanked the DPW for mowing the edges of the streets within the Village.
- Ms. Smith also commented on the traffic backups over the Labor Day Weekend at the intersection of M-37 and U.S. 10. She posed the question of possibly making a bypass road between U.S.10 around by the "old box plant". President Truxton explained that was private property, and not a Village Street.
- Ms. Smith also made suggestions on deterring the recent vandalism at Hollister Park, where the wooden picnic tables were destroyed. She suggested the council research the cost of metal or sturdy recycled materials to replace the damaged tables.

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- A question was posed from council member P. Anderson as to the clarification of large item pick up tags. It was explained that the contract for these tags are for 1-4 unit dwellings. They are not intended for Apartment Complexes.
- It was also reported that the Pleasant Plains Transfer station is NOT for use by Village Residents.

County Commissioner:

- Doug Walls: Not Present.

County Sheriff Office:

- Sheriff Richard Martin addressed the council and audience on the abundance of ORV crashes and fatalities in the county this summer. Siting this being the busiest ORV usage on area trails. Adding the department has hired 4 new officers to keep up with patrols.
- He also reported this being one of the busiest boating summers for Lake County. He explained the budget for marine patrol is between \$7,000.00-\$8000.00 per year. The need for new County watercraft to patrol the waters, is not in the budget. The dept. has been able to purchase a new watercraft for the marine patrol without the help of tax dollars.
- The Department is currently researching different ways to approach river emergencies, siting many canoe and kayak boaters have had emergencies, yet the patrol boat response is slow due to river location issues. The suggestion of mile markers was heard.
- Sheriff Martin also introduced a young man from the Lake County Explorer program, which allows young candidates ages 16-20 to enter, train and be a part of the Lake County Sheriff's Department, and be utilized during festivals, and events.
- Sheriff Martin also gave a report on the bleak outlook of the RRP, aka TRV Facility. The facility is experiencing very low inmate admissions, and ultimately has caused layoffs. He also stated, some employee's have taken positions at the GEO North Lake Prison Facility. He stated the trend throughout the United States is phasing out Re-entry programs.
- Sheriff Martin also announced there is now a resource officer on duty at the Baldwin Community Schools.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

- Attorney Wotila reported the FEMA Grant on the 2013 Freightliner Pumper/Tanker is still being researched, as the wording of the FEMA Grant is unclear as to gifting or selling the out of commission fire truck.
- Attorney Wotila also reported the AT & T Lease agreement has been signed by the Village of Baldwin Clerk and President, and will be executed by the Legal Team at At&T.
Attorney Wotila asked for a Verbal Resolution from the council to authorize the Village of Baldwin Clerk to sign the finalized documents. Moved by K. Bennett with support from P. Anderson. All Ayes, 0 Nays motion carried.
- It was also put to the council to authorize the Village of Baldwin Clerk to sign the Reverter Option Documents for the property on 8th Street, presented by the Attorney Wotila, moved by K. Bennett, with support from P. Anderson. A roll call vote was taken, with President Truxton abstaining from the vote. K. Bennett, Aye. C. Vicent, Aye. P. Anderson, Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 abstained, President Truxton. Motion carried.

PERSONELL:

- The Revised Employee Handbook draft was presented to council and the Village Attorney, by committee head K. Bennett, with colored indicators of the proposed changes, and Attorney changes. The acceptance of the revision has been tabled until the October meeting.

- It was also proposed that Terry Bramer, Ordinance enforcement Officer for the Village of Baldwin be given a salary raise of \$200.00 per month, \$8400.00 per year), effective 9/1/2019.
A roll call vote was taken, K. Bennett, Aye. C. Vicent, Aye. P. Anderson, Aye, and President Truxton Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

AIRPORT:

- Airport Mgr. Mac McClellan reported there is a Model Glider Competition at the airport from 9/13/2019 – 9/15/2019, public welcome.
- Mac also reported the on going issues with tree height surrounding the airport on private property, is slowly being resolved.
- He also reported the markers on the airfield are in bad need of repainting, and offered the debate of doing so now, or waiting until spring.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

- Several Facilities Use Permits were presented by the Clerk to the council and Committee Head K. Bennett.
 1. K-9 Decoy Class, Lake Co. Sheriff's Dept.- use of fire barn in case of in climate weather.9/23/2019-9/24/2019
 2. Feed My People 5K/10K walk-run- (Fund Raiser for Seniors) formerly called Salmon Run. 9/21/2019
 3. Baldwin Area Arts and Action Council- Christmas Parade 11-16-2019

Motion to accept the permits made by K. Bennett, supported by C. Vicent, all Ayes, motion

Carried.

DDA:

- President Truxton informs the council that Pie Madina has resigned from the DDA as the Webber Township Representative. Employment hours have caused her resignation. No news on a replacement at this time.

WATER/SEWER:

- Please see the IAI written report in the Minutes Books.

STREETS & EQUIPMENT:

- President Truxton reports negotiations are in the works with IAI, to possibly supply the sub contracted DPW, WWTP employees with work trucks. Research shows the Village of Baldwin could save financially by contracting the work equipment. He will keep the council informed as talks continue.

BUDGET & FINANCE:

- THERE WILL BE A BUDGET MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 17th, @ 5:15pm.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT:

- Please see the written report from officer Terry Bramer.

PLANNING & ZONING:

- Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Council Members discuss the constant absenteeism of member Mandy Truxton. Members express concern of not having a quorum if another member becomes absent for a meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Council once again discusses the issues of vandalism at Hollister Park, and Wenger Pavilion. Although a curfew remains in effect for persons 16 years of age and under, to be off Village Streets by 10pm, council members are considering imposing Park Hours ordinance.

8:45pm- K. Bennett excuses herself from the remainder of the meeting.

8:55pm- Motion to adjourn meeting by P. Anderson, supported by C. Vicent, all ayes. Motion Carried.

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 14, 2019 @ 6:00PM

Meeting Minutes taken and typed by:

Theresa Lamb, Village Clerk