

Village of Baldwin
620 Washington
Baldwin, MI 49304

Regular Council Meeting for January 13, 2020
Location of meeting: Village of Baldwin Hall

Roll call:

present: President J. Truxton, C. Vicent, P. Anderson, T. Lamb, M. Truxton

Absent: 0

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Also, in attendance was Village Attorney: Cindy Wotila

Agenda:

- P. Anderson moves to accept the agenda, as amended, to include the appointment of Curtis Miller to the Village of Baldwin Council. supported by M. Truxton, All Ayes. 0 Nays Motion Carried.
- C. Vicent moved to appoint Curtis Miller to the Village of Baldwin Council, replacing Kelsey Bennett. Supported by P. Anderson, all Yeas, 0 Nays, motion carried.

Minutes:

- The minutes from the December 9, 2019 meeting were approved, the motion was moved by P. Anderson, and Supported by M. Truxton, all Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

- Financial reports were accepted for the month December, 2019. P. Anderson moved with support from M. Truxton. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comment:

- Airport Manager, Mac McClellan commented on the new FFA proposed law to restrict UAS (unmanned aircraft systems), and impose a law that all UAS, contain a remote ID system. "Remote ID would assist the FAA, law enforcement, and Federal security agencies when a UAS appears to be flying in an unsafe manner or where the drone is not allowed to fly." It is uncertain how this will affect the Lake County Modelers and Flyers Association, as "hobby pilots" fly "line of sight". This could also affect the numerous events that are gaining popularity at Baldwin Municipal Airport. Mr. McClellan states the purchase and installation of these devices are very expensive, and would impact the club, and its pilots.

Approved
2/10/2020
MTE

Payment of Bills:

- Council voted to accept the payment of the December 2019 bills. A roll call vote was taken. President Truxton, Yea, M. Truxton, Yea, P. Anderson, Yea, C. Vicent, Yea, C. Miller, Yea. All Yea's 0 Nay's, 0 absent.

Attorney Report:

- Attorney Wotila handed out a written report covering the month of December's various legal matters. She also added that she has discussed with the Village Clerk on the various ways to communicate with the unemployment commission. Together, they decided usps is best, so the communication can be filed and categorized.
- Ms. Wotila also reported to the council that she has finally received communication from the Department of Natural Resources on the Reverter Release, for the 8th St. Storage Bldg, and that should be finalized soon.
- Please see the Attorney's report for other December items.

County Commissioner:

- Commissioner Walls Absent

Building and Grounds Committee:

- Nothing at this time.

Personnel:

- P. Anderson discussed the hiring of a deputy clerk for the Village Office, stating the position would be 24 hour per week. The Clerk offered a possible candidate would be Ordinance Enforcement Officer Terry Bramer, explaining that a deputy clerk would be needed in the event of sickness, vacation time or unforeseen emergencies.
- The Village Treasurer, a former clerk, is able to cover most of the above-mentioned events.
- The clerk also stated that it would be difficult to find office work enough for a steady 24-hour work week, indefinitely.

DDA:

- President Truxton reports that the DDA encourages council members to rate the hand out "Action Item List". The DDA would like to get as many responses as possible on the topic of projects.
- The DDA is also researching the possibility of purchasing 18- 20 foot pre-lit artificial Christmas trees for next year in the downtown area.

FIRE DEPT EQUIPMENT;

- President Truxton has opened discussion with the council on possibly auctioning the current fire department equipment. The Village of Baldwin needs to make room, and invest in storage modifications. Further discussions on this matter at the next council meeting.
- President Truxton also discussed with the council the possibility of a millage for fire protection in the areas of the Village that are under the Pleasant Plains portion of the Village.

Airport:

- Airport Manager Mac McClellan has nothing further at this time.

WWTP/Water:

- The wastewater treatment plant is charting flows from the Northlake Prison with ever increasing numbers.
- Power outages have caused components to fail at well #2, and research to replace these with updated technology are in progress.
- PLEASE SEE WRITTEN REPORT FROM IAI

Streets and Equipment:

- The 8th St. Critical Bridge project is working through the necessary engineering and environmental tests, constantly moving forward toward construction.

Budget and Finance:

- P. Anderson, chairperson for Budget and finance, reports there will be a budget meeting on January 15, 2020, changed from January 16, 2020, @ 5:30pm, at the Village Hall.

Clerk/Office Mgr:

- Nothing at this time.

Planning Commission:

- OPRA ZONING- President Truxton has announced to the Council he would like to see the OPRA put on hold pending more assessments. He would like more information on CBDG funding, and has questions on the upstairs living quarters on the proposed property, especially where Village Ordinance is a concern.

Ordinance Enforcement:

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

New Business:

- The Village Treasure, has asked the President to present the current situation with the sewer only customers to the council. There seems to be a serious issue with these customers neglecting to remit payment for the service.

The Village Ordinance reads:

Ordinance 2.255: Building Sewer Maintenance

The costs of all repairs, maintenance and replacements of existing building sewers and their connection to public sewers shall be borne by the property owner. Such owner shall make application for permit to perform such work to the Village. Such costs include, but are not limited to, the installation of a shutoff valve on the building sewer if the property owner has a history of three or more consecutive months of nonpayment of its sewer bill. The text of this provision is intended to clarify existing law under the prior version of this Section, as adopted under Village of Baldwin Ordinance No. 9110. Effective date: February 2015.

This ordinance was introduced on February 9th, 2015, by Len Todd, Village President. On the 9th day of February, 2015.

- President Truxton has asked the council to appoint trustee P. Anderson as President Pro Tem, in the event of his absence, or in a case of conflict of interest.

Moved by President Truxton, with support from C. Vicent , All Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Village Attorney Mike Figliomini has reported through Attorney C. Wotila that the Village of Baldwin Personnel Handbook will be ready for council approval by the February Council meeting.

Adjournment:

P. Anderson moved to adjourn the council meeting at 8:48pm, with support from C. Vicent. All Yeas, 0 Nays, motion carried.

Next Meeting: February 13, 2020 @ 6:00pm @ 6pm

Minutes taken and typed by Theresa Lamb,

Village Clerk