

Village of Baldwin
620 Washington
Baldwin, MI 49304

Regular Council Meeting for February 10, 2020
Location of meeting: Village of Baldwin Hall

Roll call:

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

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:

- C. Vicent moves to accept the agenda, supported by C. Miller, All Ayes. 0 Nays Motion Carried.

Minutes:

- The minutes from the January 13, 2020 meeting were unapproved and tabled, pending research of a trustee voting on a motion before being sworn in to office. C. Miller had been appointed to K. Bennett's vacant seat, at the beginning of the January meeting, and voted on meeting movements, however, was not sworn in until the end of the meeting. January's meeting minutes will be put to approval at next month's meeting.

Financial Report:

- Financial reports were accepted for the month January, 2020. M. Truxton moved with support from C. Vicent, All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- President Truxton asked the council to consider purchasing a CD from the Local and Major Street Funds, to guarantee the 10% Local Match for the 8th Street Bridge Replacement in 2022, if funding remains stable for the remainder of winter.
- President Truxton pointed out to the council the new CD that appears on the financial statement labeled "GEO CD", explaining the fund will be held for future WWTP renovations.

Public Comment:

- Sheriff Martin attended the meeting, and reported on several topics. He is asking the Board of Commissioners for changes in the accounting perspectives for the department. He would like to see changes to the language of the "spendable" funds earmarked for the department, rather than waiting for Board approval for trivial expenses.

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- Sheriff Martin also announces changes within the department as Detective Harold Nichols retires. Brad Nixon, will move into the Detective Lieutenant position, while Shawn Arnes moves into the Road Patrol Sargent position.
- Sheriff Martin also asks the council for topics to be printed in the Lake County Star, as the sheriff is writing a weekly article for the paper.
- He also reported that as of the last Community Out reach meeting, the Northlake Correctional Facility has a census of 754 prisoners.

Payment of Bills:

- P. Anderson moved to pay the current bills due, with support from M. Truxton. A roll call vote was taken, C. Vicent, Aye. M. Truxton, Aye. C. Miller, Aye. P. Anderson, Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion Carried.

County Commissioner:

- Commissioner Walls Absent

Attorney Report:

Attorney Wotila reported that the Village of Baldwin appeal over the court hearing of former Clerk Terra Dickson-Philipp, proving the Village did not receive notice of hearing, has been heard and accepted by Administrative law Judge, Alexander Cartwright. A telephone hearing date is set for February 25th, 2020.

Please see written report in the minutes book for further legal on goings.

Building and Grounds Committee:

- President Truxton reports to the council that he would like to have plans in place to hire lightbulb replacement on the basketball courts, preferably LED and replace nets on the hoops.
- Council members discuss replacing damaged picnic tables with steel tables, to avoid the constant destruction, and replacement.
- He also questioned council member P. Anderson about the Steve Smith memorial plaque, that is to be placed at the flag pole base at the Village offices. She has contacted a different company.

Personnel:

- Chairperson P. Anderson announces there will be a Personnel Meeting on Monday, February 17th, 2019 for the purpose of hiring a deputy clerk, to cover sick days, vacations etc., along with duties, hours and compensation.
And the discussion of the newly revised employee handbook.
- President Truxton and the Village Council would like to have notices posted in the Lake County Star and on the Village Website, announcing the vacancies on the Village Council, Downtown Development Authority, and the Planning Commission.

DDA:

- So and so from the County Community Development Block Grant, through the State of Michigan, was in attendance and gave a brief explanation of how the Village of Baldwin could benefit from becoming a Redevelopment Ready Community, and the steps to engage in the process. The council put the process to a roll call vote, with movement by P. Anderson, and support from C. Vicent to adopt a resolution of intent. President Truxton, Yea, P. Anderson, Yea, C. Vicent, Yea, and M. Truxton Yea. All Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Airport:

- Nothing to report at this time.

WWTP/Water:

- The wastewater treatment plant is handling the excess flow rates coming from the Northlake Prison extremely well, and there are no issues at this time.
- The IAI water report is included in the monthly reported documentation in the Minutes book. Please see for more information.

Streets and Equipment:

- Former Fire Chief Jeremy Anderson was asked about the Ford Pickup in storage, and was informed that the wiring system needs replacement. It was discussed, to have it estimated by a garage technician and then present the findings to council.
- Discussions continue of the best solution for the fire equipment that is stored. No decisions have been made at this time.
- President Truxton reports that in spite of the 8th st bridge expenses, he feels there will be funding enough to chip and fog seal some streets within the Village. He will tour the local streets, and report to council his findings of those in dire need of repair.

Street Admin:

T. Lamb, street Admin, explained to the council that 150' feet of 6th st., west of Cherry, has been identified by MDOT to be a decertification on the MDOT Act 51 Map. The council was asked to accept and vote on the resolution to decertify the area, so as to keep within MDOT guidelines.

P. Anderson moved to approve the resolution, with support from C. Miller, all ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

Budget and Finance:

- P. Anderson, chairperson for Budget and finance, reports there will be a budget meeting on January 16th, 2020, time to be announced at a later date.

Clerk/Office :

T. Lamb asks the council to approve facility use permits that have been turned in by the Troutarama Committee, and the Para a Dice motorcycle club.

Planning Commission:

- OPRA ZONING- Obsolete Property District (please see OPRA documentation). The Planning Commission recommends the council vote to approve the “Intent to hold a public hearing” on the matter of becoming an Obsolete Property District. Moved by C. Vicent,, with support from M. Truxton. All Yeas, 0 Nays, Motion carried.

Ordinance Enforcement:

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

Adjournment:

M. Truxton moved to adjourn the council meeting at 8:05pm, with support from P. Anderson. All Yeas, 0 Nays, motion carried.

Next Meeting : March 9, 2020 @ 6:00pm

Minutes taken and typed by Theresa Lamb,

Village Clerk