

Village of Baldwin  
620 Washington  
Baldwin, MI 49304

Regular Council Meeting for May 11, 2020  
Location of meeting: Village of Baldwin Hall

Roll call:

present: President J. Truxton, C. Vicent, P. Anderson, (video conference) T. Lamb, M. Truxton, C. Miller

Absent: 0

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Also, in attendance was Village Attorney: Cindy Wotila (via video conference)

Agenda:

- C. Vicent, moved to accept the agenda, supported by P. Anderson, All Ayes. 0 Nays Motion Carried.

Minutes:

- The April Council Meeting was cancelled due to the Governor's Executive Order to "Shelter in place" and Quarantine due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- The March Minutes Approval was postponed until the June Meeting, due to time constraints of this month's meeting, and the continued pandemic safety measures.

Financial Report:

- Financial Reports for the month of March will also be put for approval before the council at the June 8, 2020 meeting.
- Financial reports were accepted for the month of April, 2020. Moved by M. Truxton, with support from C. Miller. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- President Truxton explains to the council that due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, and the halting of state's economy, we can expect a 25% reduction in ACT 51 and other state revenues, which will force the budget committee to reevaluate the Village of Baldwin budget.

Public Comment: No Public were in attendance.

Approved  
6/8/2020  
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#### Payment of Bills:

- An Executive Order from President Truxton to “pay the bills” for March 2020 was issued, with the understanding there would be no extra ordinary expenses allowed without council approval, and that council would be given a written report of those bills to be approved when the quarantine orders are lifted.
- Unpaid bills for the month of April were approved, with a motion from P. Anderson, and support from M. Truxton. A roll call vote was taken. C. Vicent Yea, P. Anderson, Yea, M. Truxton Yea, C. Miller Yea, and President Truxton, Yea. All Yeas, 0 Nays, motion carried.

#### Attorney Report:

- Attorney Wotila reported, she has yet to receive a reply to the Webber Sewer Treatment Agreement despite numerous emails, phone calls, and letters. Webber Twp. Now has Sewage flows in excess of the agreed upon capacities, and is now subject to a 10% surcharge for any flows over and above the agreed upon limit.
- Attorney Wotila also explained she has reached out to various entities over the FEMA Fire Truck Grant, in an effort to get better understanding of the contract language. The Village of Baldwin would like to Lease or Donate the truck to another Fire entity.
- Attorney Wotila is working with Ordinance Enforcement Officer Terry Bramer, on the Village of Baldwin Ordinances.

#### County Commissioner:

- Commissioner: Absent

#### Building and Grounds Committee:

- Nothing at this time.

#### Personnel:

- Committee Chairperson, P. Anderson presented the Council with wage increase recommendations, for the fiscal year, 2020-2021, from the Personnel Committee Meeting held February 17, 2020. The recommended increase for the Clerk is a \$3.00 per hour increase, along with a \$50.00 monthly stipend, to offset medical insurance costs, due to the Village of Baldwin no longer offering employee medical insurance.

- It was also recommended to increase the Treasurer's hourly wage to \$18.75 per hour, and a \$20.00 phone stipend.
- The committee has also recommended the hiring of a part time deputy clerk, to cover in the absence of the Clerk. The deputy Clerk is to be bonded.

This matter was tabled until the June meeting, so the Budget Committee can re-evaluate the budget.

DDA: Nothing at this time.

Fire Equipment:

President Truxton relayed a request from the Lake Osceola State Bank, to possibly outfit a firefighter from the Walkerville Department. Explaining to the council, this volunteer put himself in harms way at a fatal traffic accident, to protect survivors, which burned and severely damaged his turnout gear.

He asked the council to approve the sale or donation of gear for the young man.

A rollcall vote was taken. Moved by P. Anderson with support from M. Truxton. C. Vicent, Yea. P. Anderson, Yea. C. Miller, Yea. M. Truxton, Yea. President Truxton, Yea. All Yeas, 0 Nays, motion carried.

Airport: Nothing at this time.

- Airport Manager Mac McClellan has nothing at this time.

WWTP/Water:

- PLEASE SEE WRITTEN REPORT FROM IAI

Streets and Equipment:

- President Truxton reports to the council that the Village of Baldwin intends to have sidewalks repaired/replaced starting with the area of 7<sup>th</sup> street, and to have streets repaired with Denmark and 7<sup>th</sup> streets being top priority.
- He respectfully asked councilman C. Miller to oversee the sidewalk repairs.

Clerk/Office Mgr:

The Baldwin Housing Commission has asked the Council to approve the fulfillment of the vacant Board seat of Lois Perry, to Michelle Kellogg, effective immediately, with the term expiring on 08/22/2022.

The motion was made by C. Vicent, and supported by M. Truxton, all Yea's. motion carried.

Planning Commission: Nothing at this time.

Ordinance Enforcement:

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

New Business:

- Council heard a question from member M. Truxton, asking if the Village of Baldwin has a noise ordinance, and if there is ample complaint to enforce this ordinance due to a generator running in the Village. Enforcement Officer Bramer explained there is not a Noise Ordinance for constant motor noise, however, he is working with Attorney Wotila on the process of restructuring the Village Ordinances.

Adjournment:

- M. Truxton moved to adjourn the council meeting at 7:33pm, with support from C. Miller. All Yeas, 0 Nays, motion carried.

Next Meeting: June 8,2020 @ 6:00pm

Minutes taken and typed by Theresa Lamb,

Village Clerk