

Village of Baldwin
620 Washington
Baldwin, MI 49304

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

Roll call:

present: President J. Truxton, C. Vicent, P. Anderson, Valerie McKay (Treasurer), C. Miller, M. Truxton

Absent: T. Lamb- Medical Leave

A dedication of the Plaque in memory of Steven Smith, for his years of service on the Baldwin Village Council took place at 5:45pm prior to the Regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Also, in attendance was Village Attorney: Dave Porteous, for C. Wotila

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

- C. Vicent moved to accept the minutes from the July, meeting, supported by C. Miller, all Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

Financial Report:

- Financial Reports for the month of July were accepted with noted corrections of the July Fund Balances. a roll call vote from the council. Moved by M. Truxton, and supported by C. Miller, all Ayes, 0 Nays motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Greg Mick, Independent, running for the Lake County Prosecutor in the November 2020 elections, gave the council a briefing of his background, stating he worked as an intern out of law school, in the state of New York, with a Federal Criminal Prosecutor. He is a 12-year Army Veteran, and a disabled veteran, and worked with the Veterans Affairs. And invites members and public to visit his Facebook page.
- Village Resident Denise Smith asked the council about a comment made at the Pleasant Plains Twp. Meeting about a "temporary bridge" being placed over the Baldwin River, where the bridge had washed out, and closed after violent storms and flooding rains in July of 2019.

President Truxton adamantly expressed that there will not be a temporary bridge placed at the sight of the closed 8th street river crossing.

Payment of Bills:

- The bills to be paid were presented to the council, and accepted by the council with a movement from P. Anderson, with support from C. Miller, a roll call vote was taken, President Truxton, Aye, C. Miller, Aye, P. Anderson, Aye and M. Truxton Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent. Motion Carried.
- * (From July Meeting) President Truxton discusses the Invoice from Richards & McDougall accounting firm. Explaining to the Council that the work the firm did for the Village pre audit was very inadequate, causing the Independent Firm of Baird, Cotter and Bishop to make extensive corrections on the pre audit work.
As he forewarned at the July meeting, the Invoice from Richards/McDougall was presented to the Council, and was then turned over to Village Attorney, Dave Porteous for further action by his office.
- The invoice from the IAI sub contracted services for curb stop repairs by Dollar General Store were in question, as those repairs appeared to be on the Village portion of the Curb stop. The invoice was discussed with supervisors from the IAI Office, deeming the repairs were made on the street side of the curb stop, therefore, the invoice is considered a "special project". And the invoice will be paid by the Village of Baldwin or it's DDA.
- The Baldwin Hardware Invoice reflected a purchase of 3 cases of drinking water signed by the WWTP subcontractors, which was also brought before the council, and the Village Council refused to accept the charges, deeming there is tap water available to the workers, and if IAI wishes to purchase bottled water now, and in the future, they must purchase it .

Attorney Report:

- Please see written report.

County Commissioner:

- Commissioner: Absent

Building and Grounds:

- The new dusk/dawn security lights at the Wenger Pavilion are working great, there has been no vandalism of the pavilion since the installation of the lights and security cameras.
- The Council was asked to appoint and authorize Pamela Anderson as President Pro Tem, in the event the Village Clerk is unavailable to carry out an authorized signature for the Village of Baldwin, when the President is abstaining from a vote. A roll call vote was taken, M. Truxton,

Aye, P. Anderson, Aye, C. Miller, Aye, C. Vicent Aye. 1 abstain- President Truxton. 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain, 0 absent, motion carried.

- The Village Council was also asked to vote on the purchase of 2 new picnic tables for the park and playground area, M. Truxton moved with support from C. Vicent to have Baldwin Lumber build the tables. A roll call vote was taken, President Truxton, Aye, P. Anderson, Aye, M. Truxton, Aye, C. Miller, Aye, and C. Vicent, Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.

Parks & Rec.

- The Wenger Pavilion Committee would like to inform the Village Council and Public in attendance that the Summer Concert Series is now being live streamed and can be heard on FM Station 99.3
- The Council also would like the DPW Dept. to locate and place the bicycle racks back at the skate park, and be sure to add that item to the list of spring installs for the park.

Personnel:

- P. Anderson, chairperson reports, Village Clerk T. Lamb is recovering after a major surgery, and is more than anxious to return to her position at the Village Offices.

DDA:

- The Village of Baldwin DDA reported that they are working towards getting a new survey done on the Stevenson property, and old fish pond sites to possibly acquire that and other nearby property with the intentions of creating an RV Park on the grounds.
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Airport:

- Airport Manager Mac McClellan announced the "Boondoggle" was another great success, with the exception of mother nature cut the fun short Saturday afternoon with t-Storms. He was pleased with the 30+ jet pilots, and the enthusiastic crowd they draw.

WWTP/Water:

- PLEASE SEE WRITTEN REPORT FROM IAI

Streets and Equipment:

- Nothing to report at this time.

Clerk/Office Mgr:

- Out of Medical leave.

Planning Commission:

- Nothing at this time.

Ordinance Enforcement:

- Please see written report.

New Business:

- Nothing at this time.

Old Business:

- Recommendations from McCurdy, Wotilla & Porteous, on the Richards-McDougal Invoice.
- Submit a letter requesting a drastic reduction in the invoice, bring any correspondence to September meeting.

Adjournment:

- P. Anderson moved to adjourn the council meeting at 8:03pm, with support from M. Truxton. All Yeas, 0 Nays, motion carried.

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

Minutes taken by V. McKay, typed by T. Lamb

Village Clerk