

Village of Baldwin
620 Washington
Baldwin, MI 49304

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

Roll call:

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

Absent: M. Truxton

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 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 C. Miller, All Ayes. 0 Nays Motion Carried.

Minutes:

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

Financial Report:

- Financial Reports for the month of June were accepted with a roll call vote from the council. Moved by P. Anderson, and supported by C. Miller, all Ayes, 0 Nays motion carried.

Public Comment: No Public were in attendance.

Sheriff Report:

- Sheriff Martin reports that a clerk in the Treasurer's office of the County passed away suddenly.
- He also reported the Sheriff's Dept. is very low on funding for the Marine Patrol, and many lakes are being patrolled as they should. The department is without personnel to do the patrolling, and that department has a budget of only \$7-8,000 which has made it impossible to hire deputies for that position.
- Sheriff Martin also reports that with so many ORV complaints this time of year his department is handling the complaints on a case by case basis.
- The Sheriff also reports the department of road patrol has a full staff, and the County is better covered.

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- Sheriff Martin also commented on the Missing person case, which led his department to a home near Idlewild, where they excavated the remains of the missing person, and charges have been filed in the homicide.
- The Sheriff also reported, the department is working closely with area committees to develop a CARE project, that will be a recreation center for kids and teens to recreate.

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. Vicent, a roll call vote was taken, President Truxton, Aye, C. Miller, Aye, P. Anderson, Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent. Motion Carried.
- 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.

He asks the Council to prepare for a discussion and determination of payment at the next meeting.

Attorney Report:

- Attorney Porteous reports that their office still has not received an executable agreement from Webber Township, concerning the Sewer Agreement.
- He also reported that the letters have been sent out to the property owners in regards to the airport overlay, survey, and tree removal/trimming.
- Attorney Porteous also reported the reverter issues with the 8th St. property have been resolved, and a deed issued for that property. Now the sale can move forward.

County Commissioner:

- Commissioner: Absent

Building and Grounds:

- Due to recent and on-going issues at Hollister Park, particularly the basketball courts, President Truxton has informed the council he will have "PARK CLOSED" signs made, and ready to be put in place due to electrical box vandalism, trash and other destructive behaviors.
- He also informs the council the surveillance camera's have been installed at the Wenger Pavilion, and Mr. Brooks is working on a system for the Hollister Park, to further protect and prosecute individuals that are vandalizing Village Properties.

Personnel:

- Nothing at this time.

DDA:

- The DDA announced plans to attend the Webber and Yates Township meetings in the near future, stating it plans to inform the townships of its intention to extend the life of the DDA and work closely with the Village of Baldwin on future projects.
- The DDA is researching the idea of possibly purchasing the Stevenson property and learning what grants may be available to revitalize the property.
- The discussions for possibilities are an RV park, that could possibly be open year-round, and the possibility of an indoor swimming pool, that could be used by the Baldwin Public Schools.

Airport:

- Airport Manager Mac McClellan has nothing at this time.

WWTP/Water:

- PLEASE SEE WRITTEN REPORT FROM IAI

Streets and Equipment:

- President Truxton reports there will be no sidewalk installations this fiscal year, citing budget cuts, and contractor availability as biggest issues.
- He reported that 1 mile of badly damaged streets within the Village will be repaired yet this year, those being Denmark, Prospect to Macadamia Nut and 7th St. to Astor Road.
- Also, repairs to the east alleyway, that is badly damaged.

Clerk/Office Mgr:

The Village Clerk asked the Council to approve a facility use permit for the, Natural Rivers Zoning Review Board Meeting, on July 28, and Aug 25, of 2020. Moved by C. Miller, with support from P. Anderson. All Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion carried.

Planning Commission:

- President Truxton discusses with the Council the need for a 425 Agreement to rezone the 19 Acres that is now residential, back to a "Light Industrial" zone, due to a renewed interest in the property for Industrial use.
- The "Stump Dump" is now closed due to the area being too full to safely maneuver around the property. President Truxton conveys to the council he has contacted a logging firm that has an interest in chipping and hauling the stumpage away, so the dump can be reopened.

Ordinance Enforcement:

- Officer Terry Bramer reported he continues to move forward with property owners who are not in compliance. Also reports to the council that he is working closely with Attorney Cindy Wotila on Village Ordinance changes.
- The Village Council opened a discussion about adopting a Fireworks Ordinance, that will be in compliance with the State Law. Moved by P. Anderson, with support from C. Miller. All Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion carried.
- See Report for individual Ordinance citations/violations.

New Business:

- There will be a dedication ceremony preceding the August 10th meeting for the plaque in memory of Steven Smith.
- The Independent Firm of Baird, Cotter and Bishop will be conducting training classes for the Village Clerk in Governmental Accounting, so the Village of Baldwin can eliminate the need for a pre audit accounting firm.

Adjournment:

- P. Anderson moved to adjourn the council meeting at 8:45pm, with support from C. Miller. All Yeas, 0 Nays, motion carried.

Next Meeting: August 10,2020 @ 6:00pm

Minutes taken and typed by Theresa Lamb,

Village Clerk