

Village of Baldwin  
620 Washington  
Baldwin, MI 49304

Regular Council Meeting for September 14, 2020  
Location of meeting: Village of Baldwin Hall

Roll call:

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

Absent: 0

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Also, in attendance was Village Attorney: Dave Porteous.

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

- P. Anderson moved to accept the minutes with a minor date correction, from the August 10, meeting, supported by M. Truxton, all Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

Financial Report:

- Financial Reports for the month of August were accepted with a roll call vote from the council. Moved by P. Anderson, and supported by C. Vicent. motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Tim Generous, of 739 Oak, commented on the Village Ordinance of having no fowl in the Village of Baldwin. President Truxton explained he would have to approach the Planning Commission, and ask for a variance to the Village Ordinance, and that in turn, would be voted on by the Council.
- Ordinance Officer Terry Bramer commented that there have been several complaints of residents having chickens, and roosters crowing, and he has verbally warned those offenders, to eliminate those violations.

Sheriff Report:

- 2 serious ATV accidents this month, AreoMed had to be dispatched.

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There have been many complaints of ATV use on the Rails to Trails, which is closed to motorized traffic.

- There have been 6 arrests in 2 weeks for herion and meth in the county.
- Arson to a property within the county.
- The Green door Marijuana Provisioning Center on U.S 10 was broken into.
- The road patrol budget is up for renewal.
- Drowning at Sauble Lake 1.
- The Sheriff department is looking to hire 4 people for their marine patrol for the 2021.
- Missions Recreation Hall located South of town, is going to be a place for teens, and will be monitored by deputies on a volunteer basis.
- There have been issues at the North Lake Correctional Facility with people throwing cell phones and other contraband over the fences, yet the trespassing laws do not allow the County Sheriff to enforce them. However, the department is working closely with the prison to stop the offenses.
- The department will begin selling E- cigarettes to the inmates, which is projected to gain some \$30-\$40,000 profit.

#### 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 and M. Truxton Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent. Motion Carried.
- M. Truxton left the meeting for a fire call @6:47.

#### Attorney Report:

- Resolving the matter of Accounting Firm Richards & McDougall, charging for incompetent pre-audit. The council voted to accept a 50% reduction in the original price, of \$13,500.00, reduced to \$6,750.00, and to add the invoice to the bills to be paid for the month of August. A roll call vote was taken, President Truxton, Aye. C. Vicent, Aye. C. Miller Aye, P. Anderson, Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent. M. Truxton. Motion carried.
- Mr. Porteous will draw up a quit claim deed for the alleyway portion of the 8<sup>th</sup> St. property, so the Village of Baldwin will maintain ownership of the alley.
- The council has asked attorney Porteous to draft an Ordinance for the use of fireworks in the Village, before the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.
- Atty Porteous gave his opinion on the Village of Clinton's appeal to the state over the new lead and copper rules. Mr. Porteous recommended that the council agree to join in this initiative.

County Commissioner:

- Commissioner: Absent

Building and Grounds:

- The Village has purchased 6 new picnic tables for the pavilions and parks.

Parks & Rec.:

- Nothing at this time.

Personnel:

- The Village Clerk, Theresa Lamb, has returned to her full-time position as Clerk for the Village, after being on medical leave for 3 weeks.

DDA:

- Nothing at this time.

Airport:

- Airport Manager was not in attendance.

WWTP/Water:

- It was reported that a check valve failed on well #2, that caused a flooding from the valve, that damaged the drywall within the wellhouse. IAI to repair, and set up reg. well maintenance with Suez, causing the well to be off line for approximately 2 months.
- IAI informed President Truxton that the Telemetry System for the Village water system is badly outdated and needs to be replaced. The cost for this will be approximately \$80,000.00.
- This replacement will need to be absorbed by the village residents, and will cause a 10% increase in water rates, ready to serve fee's and cost per 1000 gal. usage.
- The council discussed, and ultimately voted by roll call to make the increase, with the notice being included in the October billing, and the increase to start with the November billing. P. Anderson moved with support from C. Vicent . A roll call vote was taken. President Truxton, Aye. P. Anderson, Aye, C. Miller, Aye. And C. Vicent Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.
- Summer rates: It has been brought to the attention of the council by the Water Dept. that many customers are receiving summer watering rates with many having past due water charges. The department would like the council to consider a vote to deny those customers summer water rates if their accounts are more than 60 days in arrears. The council voted to table the issue, until further input from the department can be obtained. Moved by P. Anderson, with support from C. Miller. All Ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

- PLEASE SEE WRITTEN REPORT FROM IAI

#### Streets and Equipment:

- It has been brought to the attention of the Village office, that sidewalks at intersections are in need of sloping ramps and crosswalks for our residents that are wheelchair and motorized wheelchair bound. The crossings being discussed, are at Washington and Courthouse drive.
- It has also been recommended to remind IAI that the sidewalks on the North side of Hollister Park will need to be kept plowed, for the wheelchair bound residents.
- President Truxton recommended that the council that the Village needs to place an ad in the various municipal auction sites for truck #151, a 20+ yr. old truck, worth approx. \$ 20-\$25,000.00. This recommendation is part of the original vote put before the council on selling the Village owned fire equipment.

#### Clerk/Office Mgr:

- T. Lamb presented a facility use permit from the airport manager, for a jet rally at the Municipal Airport. The use permit was approved by the council, moved by P. Anderson, with support from C. Miller, all Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- M. Truxton returned to the meeting @ 8:15pm, from a fire call.

#### Planning Commission:

- The planning Commission has signed the Joint Memorandum, and is now a Redevelopment Ready Community.  
Please see Joint Memorandum.
- The planning commission has discussed its interest in the 40-acre parcel owned by CSX Railroad, (Fish Hatchery) to possibly change into an RV park.

#### Ordinance Enforcement:

- Please see written report.

#### New Business:

- Schedule a lg item pick up with Republic Waste, for May of 2021, preferably before the Blessing of the Bikes.
- Council would like an ad in the Lake County Star, announcing that Halloween Trick or Treating will take place in the Village of Baldwin from 5:00pm to 8:00 pm, on Saturday October 31, 2020.

Old Business:

- Nothing at this time.

Adjournment:

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

Next Meeting: October 12, 2020 @ 6:00pm

Minutes taken and typed by T. Lamb

Village Clerk