

Village of Baldwin
620 Washington
Baldwin, MI 49304

Council Meeting for November 9, 2020
Location of meeting: Village of Baldwin Hall

Roll call:

Present: President J. Truxton, C. Vicent, P. Anderson, T. Lamb, C. Miller, M. Truxton, T. Bramer, M. McClellan.

Also present was Attorney Cindy Wotila.

Meeting was called to order at 6:02PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF SWEARING IN OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2020, AT 6:00PM, And any other business that should come before the Council, at that time.

Agenda:

- P. Anderson moved to accept the Agenda, supported by C. Vicent, all Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

Minutes:

- P. Anderson moved to accept the Minutes from the October meeting with a correction, the Clerk/Office Mgr. report showed a typo in the year (2020, should be 2021) of the Lg Item Pick Up. Supported by M. Truxton. All Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

Financial Report:

- Financial reports were accepted for the month of October, 2020. Moved by P. Anderson, with support from C. Vicent. All Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

Public Comments:

- Sheriff Martin gave a report as the new re-elected Sheriff.
- His goal is to attend every other meeting, and appear at numerous township meetings in the county.

Approved
12/28/20
[Signature]

- President Truxton asked Sheriff Martin to comment on the developing Ordinance for Golf Carts, ATV's, Snowmobiles and "slow moving vehicles" as the council develops the new Ordinance.
- Sheriff Martin discussed the legal differences and requirements for operating Golf Carts, ATV's, and snowmobiles, opposed to other "slow moving vehicles" in the Village limits. The Sheriff also added if there is no specific ordinance, those vehicles would fall under the blanket law of ORVs.
- The sheriff was pleased to announce the contract the County has with ICE, to transport prisoners. He also reported that a contract is in the works, to house "under 72 immigrant prisoners."
- The Department is also starting a "Deer Killed" policy. They are taking names of individuals and families that could use the meat from road killed deer. And welcomes residents to sign up.
- Sheriff Martin also reminds the council and visitors to let "snowbirds" be aware that the department will do property checks for residents who are wintering elsewhere.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

- Attorney Wotila reported that there has been progress on clearing the airport overlay. There have been 2 quotes for the tree's impeding the overlay. Pacola Tree Service gave 2 quotes: the first, \$12,000.00, to cut and remove all debris. The second to cut and leave the trees in the flight path, of \$7,500.00. A quote was also submitted by High Tower Fire and Forestry, (Chuck Baron) to cut the trees and leave the debris, for \$2,500.00.

The Council voted by roll call vote to accept the bid from Hightower Fire and Forestry. The motion was made by P. Anderson, with support from C. Vicent. President Truxton, Aye. P. Anderson, Aye. C. Vicent, Aye, C. Miller, Aye and M. Truxton Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.

- Attorney Wotila also presented the Fireworks/ Noise Ordinance for the council's approval, a motion was made by P. Anderson to accept the ordinance, with support from M. Truxton, all Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

Council voted to table the drafted ordinance for slow moving vehicles, ATV's, Snowmobiles, and Golf Carts within the Village Limits, until the December Council Meeting, citing too many issues with the current draft.

- The Village Council posed the question of the Governors Executive COVID-19 orders that were rescinded by the Supreme Court on September 13, 2020, if all orders were rescinded, is it now legal to apply shut off notices to the customers that have not paid water/sewer billings in months.
- The council also asked that a letter be drafted for those customers who are still experiencing a hardship due to COVID-19. The council will grant payment plans on a case by case basis.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

AIRPORT MGR.:

Mac McClellan reports we are on track to remove trees impeding the airport glideslope.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

- President Truxton once again addresses the question of the Fire Siren/noon whistle in the Village of Baldwin. He reported that the motor that operates the siren has expired. The siren has not been used for emergency services for a number of years, and is not compliant for use if it were working. Therefore, it will not be replaced.
President Truxton did suggest the public could choose a committee and raise funding, for its repairs for nostalgic reasons.

PERSONNEL:

- Nothing at this time

DDA:

- DDA member President Truxton reported the DDA is continuing plans to make improvements to the West side alleyway, which would include moving the 3-phase service, reworking the parking areas, and improve drainage behind the businesses along the alley.

WWTP/WATER:

- PLEASE SEE WRITTEN REPORT FROM IAI

STREETS AND EQUIPMENT:

- President Truxton reports to the council that the Lake County Road Commission is finishing any road repairs before the winter plow season sets in.

CLERK:

- Village Clerk Theresa Lamb asks the Council to approve facilities use permits for the following entities:
Lake Co. Sportsman's Club-request the use of the Village Hall for meetings the 3rd Tuesday of each month, through April.
Lake Co. Modelers / Flyers Association request the use of the Village Hall for 1 meeting on November 11th, 2020 from 7pm to 9pm.
Moved by M. Truxton with support from P. Anderson, all Ayes, motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

- President Truxton reports renovations have begun on the Santoro property, he expects a request for Ordinance variance due to lack of on-site parking, for 3, one-bedroom apartments being constructed above the business.
- The Commission is expecting to be approached by the owners of “the old pallet factory” asking for a Zoning Ordinance change, from light industrial to commercial.

BUDGET/FINANCE:

- There will be a budget meeting December 10, 2020, at 3:00pm.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT:

- Officer Terry Bramer reported he continues to move forward with property owners who are not in compliance.
- Officer Bramer also reports he has constructed a “Utilities Check List” for Demolition Permits.
- See Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Village Council appoints Village resident Timothy Jannereth to a vacant 2 year position as Trustee . Moved by P. Anderson, with Support from C. Miller, all Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried. He will be sworn in November 23, 2020 at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

- M. Truxton moved to adjourn the council meeting at 8:15pm, with support from P. Anderson All Yeas, 0 Nays, motion carried.

Next Regular Meeting December 14, 2020 @ 6pm.

Minutes taken and typed by Theresa Lamb,

Village Clerk