

Village of Baldwin
620 Washington
Baldwin, MI 49304

Regular Council Meeting for November 8, 2021
Location of meeting: Village of Baldwin Hall

Roll call: J. Truxton, T. Jannereth, C. Vicent, C. Miller, P. Anderson and T. Lamb-Clerk

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Also in attendance: Village Attorney, David Porteous, Sheriff Richard Martin and Commissioner Len Todd.

Agenda:

- P. Anderson moved to approve the agenda. Supported by T. Jannereth. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Minutes:

- Minutes from the October 11, 2021 meeting were approved with a motion from P. Anderson, and supported by C. Miller. All Ayes, motion carried.

Financial Report:

- Financial reports were accepted for the month of October 2021. C. Vicent moved, with support from T. Jannereth. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comments:

- Mr. Ken Varner, a Village Resident, brought in a bottle of water, from his filtered water, asking if the Village Council could do something about all the sediment in his water. He also furnished a "white" washcloth, that had been iron stained to dull tan color. He explained to the council that he is on the end of the water main, and his water had been fine until the last 2 years. President Truxton assured Mr. Varnem he would contact Infrastructure Alternatives, and get some recommendations.

Sheriff Report:

- Sheriff Martin began his report with the changes to the ORV laws. He announced there will be a workshop, on December 10, 2021 @ 1:00pm to be held in the Commissioners Meeting Room, at

the County Courthouse. The workshop will primarily be to work out details on opening M-37 to ORV and snowmobile traffic, from the Motels south of town, to allow riders access to the downtown area, and trails west of the Village.

- Other changes to the ORV regulations are the allowance of “non plated” vehicles on some State Forest Service Roads, as of 10/01/2021. Riders are encouraged to download the Application “AVENZA”, that has maps of which service roads are open for ORV riding.

County Commissioner:

- Commissioner Len Todd reported that the district boundaries for the Village section of the Commission have changed, due to the drop in Census in Lake County, particularly the Village, with approximately 600 less residents.

Attorney Report:

- Attorney David Porteous reported to the council that his office has researched the Code of Ordinance for the Village of Baldwin, pertaining to continued issues with vagrants inhabiting the Wenger Pavilion. Issues include, loitering, trash, public intoxication, urinating and defecating around the building. Mr. Porteous, Sheriff Martin, President Truxton and the Council discussed at length, the fact that, the vagrants refuse to be moved to shelters, which leaves the council, and the authorities no choice but to enforce the ordinances.
- Mr. Porteous also reported to the Council that he is in the process of obtaining a written agreement from the Suez Corporation, terminating the Water Well Maintenance Agreement, that has been non-compliant on the part of the Suez Corporation.
- Please see written report.

Payment of Bills:

- The bills were presented to the Village Council for payment for the month of October, a motion was made by P. Anderson, and supported by T. Jannereth. A roll call vote was taken. President Truxton, Aye. P. Anderson, Aye. C. Miller, Aye, and T. Jannereth, Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, all present, Motion carried.

Building and Grounds:

- Airport Manager Mac McClellan gave an update on the Airport Use Application, explaining that he has been in contact with the Fresh Water Cannabis Co., particularly Annette Compo, the President of the company. Mr. McClellan obtained the answers to these questions.

Q. Approximately How many vehicles do you expect?

A. 3,000 – 4,000

Q. Do you have staff to park, and control entry and egress of the vehicles?

A. Yes. Including security, the entire time from first car to last car.

Q. Your request is for the Saturday (21st) after the traditional "Blessing of the Bikes", which is the 3rd Sunday in May, is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Where will the concert be held?

A. Just south of the airport, less than .5-mile, same side, 8330 M-37.

Q. How will you transport people to and from the venue?

A. Shuttles.

- Sheriff Martin advised the council, his experience with concert events, should include a mandatory contract with the local law enforcement agency. Explaining, in the event of any kind of emergency, having law enforcement circulating, situations and emergencies can be handled much faster than just having "Staff".
- He also suggested having an ambulance present during the event. Medical emergencies can be handled much quicker, which could mean the difference between life or death should serious medical emergencies occur.
- President Truxton would like a meeting scheduled with Annette Compo, President of Fresh Water Cannabis, who is sponsoring the event. Sheriff Martin, Airport Mgr, and spokesperson for the LCMFA, Mac McClellan, council members who are able to attend, and himself to iron out details for the event.

DDA:

- Westside Alley Project is underway, most construction will take place in the spring; however, electric poles could be moved as soon as December. The project includes water wastewater infrastructure to be replaced, storm drains, grading leveling and paving parking areas, and general aesthetics to the alleyway.

Water & Wastewater:

- Please see written report.

Planning and Zoning:

- The council was presented with an appointment to a vacancy on the Planning Commission. Mr. Guy Wolgamott, new resident to the Village. Mr. Wolgamott is employed in the Ludington area, and resides on 8th St. A motion was made by P. Anderson to appoint Mr. Wolgamott to the vacancy, which is set to expire in June, 2023. Support was offered by T. Jannereth. The unanimous vote from the council carried the motion. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent.

Equipment & Streets:

- 8th St. Bridge Update. Environmental Advisors performed inspections from the 100' boring samples for placement of the bridge. The committee was very satisfied with the environmental engineering. Permit is expected within 30 days.

- President Truxton is working closely with Burnips Equipment on the purchase of a new tractor for the Village, once size and implements are determined, the Village may advertise for bids.

Personnel:

- Nothing at this time.

Budget & Finance:

- Village Clerk, T. Lamb presented President Truxton and the council with the current budget, and amendments. She pointed out each amendment, including new line items, and additions such as the DWSRF/DWAM projects, in the Water Fund, and the Fiber Optic installations within the General and Sewer Funds. President Truxton opened the floor to any questions or comments. A motion was made by C. Vicent to accept the budget amendments, and support was offered by C. Miller. A roll call vote was taken. President Truxton, Aye., P. Anderson, Aye., C. Vicent, Aye., C. Miller, Aye. And T. Jannereth, Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.

Ordinance Enforcement Report:

No report at this time.

Old Business:

- Nothing at this time.

New Business:

- Nothing at this time.

Council Comments:

- Trustee C. Miller asked the council how to report street lights out to the electric company. President Truxton replied by instructing Mr. Miller on how to reach the electric company with those issues, or he could simply give a list of streets and cross streets to the Village Clerk, who would then submit them for him.

Adjournment:

- At 8:45pm, a motion to adjourn was made by P. Anderson, with support from T. Jannereth, All Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion carried.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: DECEMBER 13,2021 @ 6:00pm

Meeting Minutes taken and typed by

Village Clerk, Theresa Lamb

