

Village of Baldwin  
620 Washington  
Baldwin, MI 49304

Regular Council Meeting for April 11,2022  
Location of meeting: Village of Baldwin Hall

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

Absent: none

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Also in attendance: Village Attorney, David Porteous,

Agenda:

- C. Vicent moved to approve the agenda. Supported by T. Jannereth. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Minutes:

- Minutes from the March 14, 2022 meeting were approved with a motion from P. Anderson, and supported by T.Jannereth. All Ayes, motion carried.

Financial Report:

- Financial reports were accepted for the month of March, 2022. P. Anderson moved, with support from T. Jannereth. A roll call vote was taken. President Truxton, Aye., T. Jannereth, Aye., C. Miller, Aye., C. Vicent, Aye, and P. Anderson, Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent. Motion Carried.

Public Comments:

- Jan McMaster a Village resident, expressed her concern over the growing issues of blight within the Village Limits. President Truxton explained the Village's dilemma over hiring an Ordinance Enforcement Office, and assured Ms. McMaster the Village Council are in talks with the Lake County Sheriff's Department in hopes of hiring an officer for part time enforcement help.

Sheriff Report:

- Sheriff Martin was not in attendance.

Attorney Report:

- Nothing new to report.

#### Payment of Bills:

- The bills were presented to the Village Council for payment for the month of March 2022, a motion was made by P. Anderson, and supported by T. Jannereth. A roll call vote was taken. President Truxton, Aye., C. Miller, Aye, P. Anderson, Aye and T. Jannereth, Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent, Motion carried.

#### Commissioners Report:

- Nothing new to report.

#### Building and Grounds:

- President Truxton asked the council for authorization to solicit bids for roof repair to the storage building located at Courthouse Dr  
Authority was granted with a motion from P. Anderson, and support from T. Jannereth. The vote was all Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent, and the motion was carried.

#### Airport:

- Airport Mgr. Mac McClellan will be writing a grant and applying for ARPA funding to construct a pilot Quarters, A requirement of the FAA, and a small step in returning the Baldwin Municipal Airport to the "Basic" Airport status.
- Mgr. McClellan also reported to the council he had been approached by a local resident asking permission to cut and haul the remnants from a clearing site at the south west end of the airport property.  
Council discussed, and ultimately decided to table the matter until liability questions could be investigated.

#### DDA:

- A resolution to **Amend the Tax Increment Finance and Development Plan** was presented to the council. There was a motion from C. Vicent, with support from T. Jannereth, and a vote of All Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent to carry the motion.

#### Water & Wastewater:

- The State Mandated lead/copper service line replacement project is moving forward, with hydro excavation beginning around the 18<sup>th</sup> of April.
- Please refer to the IAI written report.

#### Planning and Zoning:

- The Village Council was presented with 2 Ordinances for consideration. **#041122-4 AMENDMENT OF THE ZONING MAP, TO REZONE 8 PARCLES. N OF 9<sup>TH</sup> ST, EAST OF CEDAR STREET, AND SOUTH OF 10<sup>TH</sup> ST.** was discussed. A motion from P. Anderson, seconded by T. Jannereth prompted a vote of All ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.  
**#041122-5- AMENDMENT OF THE ZONING MAP TO REZONE 9 PARCELS, FROM WEST OF Astor Rd, North of 56<sup>th</sup> st.** A motion from C. Miller, and support from C. Vicent, was voted all Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.
- The Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>, has been cancelled.
- Next regular meeting will be June 20,2022.

#### Equipment & Streets:

- Council discussed the street repair/maintenance budget for the spring/summer. With costs for chip seal, crack seal, dura patch and overlay nearing \$30,000.00/mile, the Village will repair only the very worst areas.

#### Personnel:

- Village resident Crystal Williams applied for the Ordinance Enforcer position. President Truxton proposed an interview should take place, and recommendations will follow.

#### Budget & Finance:

- The Village council entered into discussion over the costs, and maintenance of the State mandated lead/copper testing of the service lines and resident's homes, along with maintaining the current standards of the water system.
- The excess financial burden left the council with no choice but to impose an immediate **5% increase in the current base rates and usage rates, along with a 5% increase each year on March 1<sup>st</sup>, until roughly the year 2026.** A motion from President Truxton and support from C. Vicent prompted a roll call vote. President Truxton, Aye., P. Anderson, Aye. C. Vicent, Aye. C. Miller, Aye. And T. Jannereth Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.

#### Clerk:

- Nothing to report.

#### Ordinance Enforcement Report:

No report at this time.

#### Old Business:

- Nothing at this time.

#### New Business:

- Housing Commissioner Michelle Kellog is seeking a new term. Village Council member C. Vicent moved to renew her term, with support from T. Jannereth. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried. The New term will expire in August 2027.

#### Council Comments:

- Council members discussed the pros and cons of moving to a Property Tax Assessment for Trash pick-up vs the current franchise individual charge/payment plan.

#### Adjournment:

- At 8:10pm, a motion to adjourn was made by P. Anderson, with support from T. Jannereth. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, Motion carried.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

- **SPECIAL MEETING- MAY 16, 2022 PUBLIC HEARING @ 6:00pm, COUNCIL MEET AT 6:30.**
- REGULAR MEETING JUNE 13, 2022 @ 6:00pm

Meeting Minutes taken and typed by

Village Clerk, Theresa Lamb

