

Village of Baldwin  
620 Washington  
Baldwin, MI 49304

Regular Council Meeting for November 14,2022  
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 5:58pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Also in attendance: Village Attorney, David Porteous,

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

- Minutes from the October 10, 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 November, 2022. C. Vicent, moved, with support from C. Miller. A roll call vote was taken. President Truxton, Aye., T. Jannereth, Aye., C. Miller, Aye., C. Vicent, Aye, P. Anderson, Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent. Motion Carried.

Public Comments:

- Casey Stout, a resident of the Village, brought her case to the council on allowing chickens and ducks in the Village of Baldwin. She made a suggestion to the council to amend the Ordinance to allow at least 6 hens, or ducks, and continue to NOT allow any roosters. The council advised her to bring her suggestions to the Planning Commission, to perhaps allow that committee ample time to discuss, and possibly amend the Ordinance.

Sheriff Report:

- Sheriff Martin shared his reports on the happenings in and around Lake County.

- The blight on 68<sup>th</sup> St. is finally being removed.
- He also commented on the recent homicide within the County, adding the suspect has been charged, on open murder, and is lodged in the Lake County jail.
- Sheriff Martin reminded members of the council that this years Blessing of the Bikes will begin a new chapter, the Am Vets will host the event.
- Sheriff Martin also reported the TRV facility talks are continuing, Lake County has applied for renaissance grants to remodel the building into a juvenile detention facility.

#### Attorney Report:

- Attorney Porteous had nothing new to report at this time.

#### Payment of Bills:

- The bills were presented to the Village Council for payment for the month of October 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 T. Jannereth, Aye, and P. Anderson, aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent, Motion carried.

#### Commissioners Report:

- Commissioner Todd did not attend the meeting.

#### Building and Grounds:

##### Airport:

- Manager Mac McClellan was not in attendance.

##### Parks/Rec

- The State of Michigan will be accepting grant requests for various improvements. The council will research the possibilities of the funds. It was agreed that the playground at Hollister Park could use new equipment, and the Modelers and Flyers Club had suggestions for spectator seating improvements, driveway improvements and possible signage to advertise various events in the area.

##### DDA:

- The Westside Alleyway Project has been completed, with the exception of a few small details.
- A guardrail is needed on the west side of the alley, to prevent parking in non-designated areas.
- No parking signs, tow away zone signs to further impede parking in closed areas.

- The DDA is considering different types of advertising ideas for the overhead banner displays used to announce events in the downtown area. The poles for the overhead banner displays have been severely compromised from winds, and unusable.
- The DDA also reports the sidewalks that have heaved due to tree root growth have now been repaired.

#### Water & Wastewater:

- With the prison closed, personnel have taken measures to down size the flow intake.
- Please see written report.

#### Planning and Zoning:

- The Planning Commission submitted its recommendation to the Village Council on the Wendell Hatten request to rezone a residential property to a commercial property, to build storage units.
  - a. The lot is insufficient for the type of business proposed.
  - b. If the lot were to be rezoned, ANY type of commercial business would have to be allowed.
  - c. The lot is centered in a residential area, deeming a business too close to residences. (The lot is located in a medium density residential area).

After reviewing the application, and all recommendations from the Planning Commission, a motion was made by P. Anderson and supported by T. Jannereth to deny the application for rezoning. The council vote was all Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.

#### Equipment & Streets:

- Lake County Road Commission has advised the Village office of decorative rocks being in the road right of way on Norway and Lake Streets. The Village sent a notice to the property owner, on October 23, 2022 requesting the rocks be removed, due to winter plowing and widening of snow banks will cause damage to the plow truck and the property. The notice came back to the Village a few days later, siting “undeliverable”. The Village Clerk re sent the notice. The property owner was given 10 days to remove the rocks. If on the 11<sup>th</sup> day, the rocks were not removed, the road commission and the Village will take measures to remove the obstructions.

#### Personnel:

- Nothing new at this time.

#### Budget & Finance:

- Budget Amendments will be presented at the December meeting.

#### Clerk:

- The village office is being prepared to enable remote access, this will allow the new accounting firm to access software and monitor bookkeeping.

#### Ordinance Enforcement Report:

- Please see written report.

#### Old Business:

- Nothing at this time.

#### New Business:

- Village Attorney to research the requirements to abandon 2 dead end platted streets. Both are located west of Cherry Street, to the railroad tracks.

#### Council Comments:

- Council had no additional comments.

#### Adjournment:

- At 7:45 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by P. Anderson, with support from C. Vicent. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, Motion carried.
  
- NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: DECEMBER 12, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

Meeting Minutes taken and typed by

Village Clerk, Theresa Lamb