

Village of Baldwin
620 Washington
Baldwin, MI 49304

Regular Council Meeting for January 9, 2023
Location of meeting: Village of Baldwin Hall

Roll call: President Truxton, T. Jannereth, C. Vicent, C. Miller, P. Anderson, K. Rich

Absent: T. Lamb

Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Also in attendance: Sheriff R. Martin and Commissioner C. Welford

Agenda:

- P. Anderson moved to approve the agenda. Supported by T. Jannereth, All Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

Minutes:

- Minutes from the December 12, 2022 meeting were approved with a motion from P. Anderson, and support from T. Jannereth. All Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

Financial Report:

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

Public Comment:

*OLD BUSINESS:

- There were no public comments.

Sheriff Report:

- Sheriff R. Martin posed a question to the Village Council on annexation. "If the Village wanted to annex in any Township do they have to get input from the Township to annex it? President Truxton," legally no". Long discussion on annexation.

Attorney Report:

- Nothing new to report at this time.

Payment of Bills:

- The December bills were presented for payment. A Motion to pay the bills made by P. Anderson, C. Miller supports. A roll call vote was taken, P. Truxton, Aye., P. Anderson, Aye., C. Miller, Aye., T. Jannereth Aye, and Clarence Vicent, Aye. All Ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent, Motion carried.

Commissioners Report:

- Commissioner C. Welford tells the Council he is getting acclimated to his new position, attending plenty of meetings. He also reported to the Council he is open for suggestions and information on financial funding to help support existing businesses, properties and people in the Village of Baldwin.
- Commissioner Welford also asked about properties in the Village for the purpose of building affordable housing. He asked the Council if there were properties for example; Marquette Railway vacant property, and others.
- President Truxton informed Commissioner Welford about annexation and the process. He also added he would give the Commissioner contact information, in which to continue with that adventure.
- Commissioner Welford also asked about Majestic Pines Apartments. President Truxton stated that the complex had been purchased by an investment group and they are in the early stages (discussions) of turning the units into condos. P. Anderson mentioned some property that Habitat for Humanity had acquired but has not developed. The "box plant" was brought up for housing and Ferrellgas property was also mentioned.

Building and Grounds:

- Nothing new to report at this time.

Airport:

- Nothing new to report at this time.

Parks/Rec

- Nothing new to report at this time.

DDA:

- The DDA is negotiating for a purchase agreement on a dilapidated building within the downtown development area on M-37.

The West Side Ally Project came in about \$56,000.00 under budget, that money can only be put into the bond payment fund to pay a round of bonds. This will free up that much money from their general fund to acquire this property.

Water & Wastewater:

- J. Truxton will be speaking with T. Lamb regarding sewer budget and the numbers.

Planning and Zoning:

- Nothing new to report at this time.

Equipment & Streets:

- President Truxton updates the council on the bridge project, explaining work has ceased at this time due to a pole needing to be moved and Consumers Power not co-operating.
- He also informs the council the bonding for “soft costs” for the bridge are underway.
- It was recommended that we come up with a Seal Coating Plan on Village streets.
- C. Miller would like to allocate money for the seal coat out of general fund. There is an area on Carrs Rd that is in desperate need of seal coating.
- The question was asked, why are we not getting ACT 51 money like we were?

Personnel:

- President Truxton discusses and asks for a motion to appoint K. Rich as Deputy Treasurer. The Deputy Clerk Wage will start at \$15.00/Hr, for training hours worked, and \$16.00/per Hr when the appointment is approved. C. Vicent moved, with support from T. Jannereth. All Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

Budget & Finance:

- Budget Amendments were presented to the council for approval. President J. Truxton explained we need to amend the sewer budget. We will be approximately \$200,000.00 short of the \$850,000.00 due to GEO closing. We have the funds to adjust our income down to \$650,000.00 which should cover our forecasted expense and get us clear for the fiscal year.
- President Truxton answered questions from the council, also stated he will be speaking with T. Lamb regarding sewer budget and the numbers. J. Truxton has been over the fund balances and states “we aren’t in bad shape”.
- C. Miller, had a question about another account MSC-90 regarding \$44,500.00, J. Truxton explained that is money that has come back due to applicants who received the funding, moved or sold the enhanced property before the end of 10 yrs., which was a requirement of the funding.
- P. Anderson offered information that Lonnie Troutwine is now the person in charge of Habitat, and she will make contact, and gather information concerning the MSC-90 Funding per Council

Approval. Motion was made by J. Truxton to receive the financial report, C. Miller moved, and supported by T. Jannereth.

A roll call vote was taken. President Truxton, Aye., T. Jannereth, Aye., C. Miller, Aye., C. Vicent, Aye. All ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent Motion carried.

Clerk:

- Nothing at this time.

Ordinance Enforcement Report:

- Please see written report. T. Jannereth will be meeting with T. Bramer to be trained on writing his own citations.

New Business:

- P. Anderson suggested hiring a Deputy Clerk, maybe putting an ad in the paper. She also suggested next fiscal year to elect new members. President J. Truxton agreed.

Council Comments:

- Council had no additional comments.

Adjournment:

- At 7:50 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by P. Anderson, with support from T. Jannereth. All Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion carried.

- NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: FEBRUARY 13, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

Meeting Minutes taken by D. Treasurer, K. Rich,
and typed by Village Clerk, Theresa Lamb

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