

Village of Baldwin
620 Washington
Baldwin, MI 49304

Regular Council Meeting for January 8, 2024
Location of meeting: Village of Baldwin Hall
620 Washington St., Baldwin MI 49304

Roll call:

present: President J. Truxton, C. Vicent, P. Anderson, T. Jannereth, C. Miller

Absent: Theresa Lamb, Clerk

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Also, in attendance was Village Attorney: Cindy Wotila and County Commissioner Clyde Welford

Agenda:

- C. Miller moves to accept the agenda, supported by T. Jannereth, All Ayes. 0 Nays Motion Carried.

Minutes:

- The minutes from the December 11, 2023 meeting were approved with one correction (Next Meeting ~~Jan. 11~~, Jan. 8, 2024) the motion was made by T. Jannereth, and Supported by C. Vicent, all Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

- Financial reports were accepted for the month December, 2023. T. Jannereth moved with support from P. Anderson. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
*ACT 51 funding is down due to the increase in battery powered vehicles not contributing to the gasoline tax fund, which results in less funding for road repairs and maintenance within the Village.
- The US 10 - M37 bypass will be funded by Rural Task Force Funds, along with the E. Eighth St. renovations.

Public Comment:

- Commissioner Welford lodged complaints against residents who continue to ignore the trash/junk Ordinance.

Payment of Bills:

- The Village Council were presented with the bills to be paid for the month of December. A motion from T. Jannereth, with support from C. Vicent, brought a roll call vote to pay the bills. President Truxton, Aye, P. Anderson, Aye, T. Jannereth, Aye, C. Vicent, Aye, and C. Miller, Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.

Sheriff Report:

- Sheriff Martin was not in attendance.

Attorney Report:

- Attorney Wotila apologized to Ordinance Enforcement Officer Tim Jannereth, for not moving forward with Ordinance issues.
- Webber Lift Station. Attorney Wotila reports the Webber Twp. Attorney sent a video and email proving the lift station is secure. Atty Wotila has not responded pending discussion with council.
- Attorney Jim White was contacted by Ms. Wotila, concerning the refusal of Mr. Langworthy, 1266 Guthrie St., refusing to pay monthly Ready to Serve Fees. Mr. White has not responded.
- St. Anns Needle Exchange Program. Attorney Wotila to send notices regarding parking on Village Streets, and blocking intersections.

County Commissioner:

- Commissioner Welford apologized for missing last month's meeting.
- Economic Group met at 876 Michigan. Meeting went well
- Mr. Welford would like the crosswalks at 7th St and Michigan Avenue painted. President Truxton informed Mr. Welford the crosswalks were painted in August, as they are every year.

Building and Grounds:

- President Truxton was pleased to inform the council that the SPARK grant application is near completion. Jodi Nichols, and President Truxton spoke their displeasure with the assigned company to write the Grant.

Personnel:

- Nothing to report at this time.

DDA:

- 902 Michigan demolition has been completed. New sidewalks have also been completed.
- The visioning project on January 18, 2024 was reviewed by the DDA.
- **The Village Council voted to appoint Josh Johnson to the DDA board, to the unexpired Term ending June 1, 2027.** A motion from C. Miller, and support from T. Jannereth brought a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Airport:

- Airport Manager Mac McClellan was not in attendance.

WWTP/Water:

- See written O & M report for monthly flow totals.

Streets and Equipment:

- Surveys have been completed for the US10 – M37 bypass.
- The grounds in and around 902 Michigan sidewalks, will be filled with top soil and hydro seeded in the spring.

Budget and Finance:

- There will be a Public Hearing on February 26, 2024 for the purpose of presenting/adopting the proposed 2024-25 Budget proposal. A motion from T. Jannereth with support from C. Miller, All ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

Clerk/Office Mgr:

- Nothing to report at this time.

Planning Commission:

- **The Village Council appointed Anna Chernoby to the Planning Commission to fill the vacant term expiring June 1, 2027.** A motion from P. Anderson, and support from C. Miller brought an all Ayes, 0 Nays 0 absent vote. Motion carried.
- The Planning Commission held a public hearing and discussion over rezoning 2 parcels of property for Richard Harvey, who admittedly built a storage shed on “non-conforming” commercial property within the Village limits. The planning commission recommended against rezoning the commercial property. President Truxton made a motion to affirm the Planning Commission’s recommendation to deny the rezoning. THE motion was withdrawn, and tabled until there is clarification from the Planning Commission’s “reasoning”, Attorney Wotila to follow up with Zoning Administrator Robert Toland.

Ordinance Enforcement:

- Sheriff Martin called OE Officer Tim Jannereth reporting trash on corner of Seventh and Cherry (Baptist Church Property). Officer Jannereth removed the trash, resident owning the trash was away.
- Officer Jannereth also reported seeing a vehicle at the condemned residence of Ponola Hill, 765 Tenth Street, two days in a row. Officer Jannereth to attempt certified notice to bring the property into compliance.
- M37 & Center St. vacant home vandalized several times. Need court order to force owner into Ordinance compliance.
- Please see written report.

Adjournment:

P. Anderson moved to adjourn the council meeting at 7:52pm, with support from T. Jannereth. All Yeas, 0 Nays, motion carried.

Next Meeting : February 12, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Minutes taken and typed by Theresa Lamb,

Village Clerk

