

Village of Baldwin
620 Washington
Baldwin, MI 49304

Regular Council Meeting October 9, 2023
Location of meeting: Village of Baldwin Hall
620 Washington St., Baldwin, MI 49309

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

Absent: None

Meeting was called to order at 6:03pm PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Also in attendance: Village Attorney, Cindy Wotila, Sheriff Rich Martin, Gary Truxton-LCRC and Cheri Davison- Hollister Senior Center.

Agenda:

- A motion was made by P. Anderson and supported by T. Jannereth to approve the Agenda, all Ayes, 0 Nays 0 absent

Minutes:

- Minutes from the September 11, 2023 regular meeting was approved with a motion from P. Anderson, and supported by T. Jannereth. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent, motion carried.

Financial Report:

- Financial reports were accepted for the month of September 2023. P. Anderson moved, with support from C. Miller. A roll call vote was taken. President Truxton, Aye, C. Miller, Aye., C. Vicent, Aye, P. Anderson, Aye and T. Jannereth, Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent. Motion Carried.

Public Comments:

- Gary Truxton reported to the council, that board members of the LCRC will be asked to vote on making S. Sheridan Ave to Ninth St, to Michigan Ave., a bypass road to alleviate traffic at the U.S. 10 - M37 intersection. He further explained property owners along the route, will loose approximately 16 ft of road frontage for the bypass. Council members discussed, asked questions and agreed the bypass would greatly improve traffic flow, especially on holiday weekends, and summer travel.
- Cheri Davison asked the council to consider the Hollister Senior Center Gardening Plans to extend their raised bed boxes to the South side of the Center, allowing the group space to plant "creeper" vegetable varieties. She further explained, the new boxes would be "sponsored" by various Village Business entities and residents, to help with costs of box construction. Each sponsored box will bear a plaque of its sponsor.

The Council discussed the idea, agreed to the plan, and advised Ms. Davison to fill out a facilities use application for the use of Village property.

Sheriff Report:

- Sheriff Martin reported on the continuation of the Little Manistee Water Shed Program, and his work on the committee.
- The update on the Luther Bank Robbery court action, is another postponement.
- Fatal car crash US 10, M-37.
- Irons couple fell victim of IRS fraud ring, involving \$400k loss.
- Recycle Program coming to Lake County.
- County has purchased 2 more speed trailers, equipped with radar guns, and driver photo.

Attorney Report:

- Attorney Wotila reported her findings on the issue of abandonment of a driveway/parking lot area known as Kahlil Loop, in the Majestic Pines apartment complex. The road is not a platted road, the Village has never maintained the street, it has been plowed, and maintained by the complex since its opening.
Ms. Wotila recommends a Resolution to vacate the street.

Commissioner Welford:

- Commissioner Welford was not in attendance.

Payment of Bills:

- The bills were presented to the Village Council for payment for the month of September 2023, 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 P. Anderson, Aye, and C. Vicent Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent, Motion carried.

Building and Grounds:

- President Truxton informed the council, the SPARK grant application is moving forward, the application is due next year, with construction to begin within 1 year of grant award.
- President Truxton presented the council with a rough draft of the vision for the DNR property, that will include the old fish hatchery, rearing ponds, and hatchery property.
- He also spoke to the council on future visioning plans for the 1435 Project. (Former fish hatchery and recent acquisition of 17 Acres of DNR property.) Ultimately, this will become an RV Park, owned and operated by the Village of Baldwin. Processes have begun on environmental studies, engineering, etc. President Truxton asked the Council (and Downtown Development Authority) to help defray costs for these necessary preliminary studies. President Truxton handed the meeting over to President pro tem, P. Anderson, who opened the floor for discussion.

Council unanimously agreed to contribute one third of the costs of the Phase I and II which include testing, studies, design and engineering costs. A motion from T. Jannereth and support from C. Miller brought a roll call vote. P. Anderson, Aye. C. Miller, Aye. T. Jannereth, Aye, C. Vicent, Aye and President Truxton, Abstain. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain. Motion Carried.

Airport

- Airport manager Mac McClellan has requested a new message board for the airport. Village Clerk Theresa Lamb, presented the council with cost expectations for the board. A motion from C. Vicent, and support from C. Miller, brought a unanimous vote from Council members. A roll call vote was taken. President Truxton, Aye., C. Miller, Aye., T. Jannereth Aye, C. Vicent, Aye. And P. Anderson, Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion Carried.

DDA:

- Project 902 Michigan is progressing, with tentative building demolition sometime in December.

Water & Wastewater:

- Please see written report.

Planning and Zoning:

- The Council was presented with **Ordinance Amendment #100923-1**. Wood fired boilers. After discussion, the council agreed to amend the Ordinance to allow this type of heat system in Light **Industrial** and **Residential** properties, providing the property is at least 2 Acres. A motion from T. Jannereth and support from P. Anderson, brought an All Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Absent vote.
- Next Meeting October 16, 2023

Equipment & Streets:

- The new sidewalk snowblower has arrived.

Personnel:

- Nothing at this time.

Budget & Finance:

- The Village Clerk updated the council with Audit issues, and the need for on site monthly help and training in an effort to cut costs of Annual Audits.

Ordinance Enforcement Report:

- Please see the written report.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Research and report on Escrow Policy for the Village of Baldwin.
- Planning Commission to re- evaluate the Ordinances involving farm animals.

Council Comments:

None at this time.

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: NOVEMBER 13, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Meeting minutes taken and typed by
T. Lamb Village Clerk

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Village Clerk, Theresa Lamb