

Village of Baldwin  
620 Washington  
Baldwin, MI 49304

Regular Council Meeting for December 11,2023  
Location of meeting: Village of Baldwin Hall  
620 Washington St., Baldwin MI 49304

Roll call:

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

Absent: 0

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Also, in attendance was Village Attorney: Cindy Wotila

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

- The minutes from the November 11,2023 meeting were approved, the motion was made by T. Jannereth, and Supported by P. Anderson, all Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

- Financial reports were accepted for the month November, 2023. P. Anderson moved with support from C. Miller. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comment:

- Members of Webber Township were in attendance, and commented on the issue of Canacare Marijuana grow facility dumping water waste into the VOB lift station without the village having prior knowledge, or giving consent. The residents went on to inform the council of the discrepancies on the amounts of waste hauled and compensation paid by the hauler to the twp. When FOIA requests were answered. Webber residents also commented on the lack of financial transparency within the administration.

#### Payment of Bills:

- The Village Council were presented with the bills to be paid for the month of November. Discussions and or questions were fielded by the Village Clerk. 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 Rich Martin reports:  
There will be a toy give a way on 12/24/23 in the Village of Luther.  
The highway safety grant provided funding for 4 more traffic trailers, ORV speed limit signs, and a k-9 unit for the jail, school, search and rescue, along with other uses.  
Sheriff also reported he has met with commissioners at the LCRC, and worked out an agreement over the use of barricade equipment for Village events, parades, etc.

#### Attorney Report:

- Attorney Wotila answered questions and commented on the Webber residents' interest in the unauthorized dumping of water waste into the Villages sewer lift station.
- The street vacation of non-platted street known as Kahlil Loop, located within the Majestic Pines Apartment complex, should be completed by the January Meeting.

#### County Commissioner:

- Commissioner Welford was not in attendance.

#### Building and Grounds:

- President Truxton was pleased to inform the council that the SPARK grant application is ahead of schedule for completion and submission.
- Addressing the letter of interest from Dana Randall, concerning a portion of property the Village owns at 741 Michigan Ave. President Truxton got clarification from the Land Bank Authorities, on selling procedures of Land Bank properties, clearing up any confusion as to whether or not a Land bank property can be divided or parceled.

#### Personnel:

- Nothing to report at this time.

#### DDA:

- 902 Michigan is under preparation for demolition. There was confusion on who was to request utility removal from the building, the DDA understood this would be handled by the Grant

Authority, and learned recently, it is the DDA's responsibility. President Truxton handled the situation, the utilities removal are scheduled, and demolition prep continues.

- There will be a "Visioning" meeting on Wednesday at Pompeii's Restaurant, from 5-7pm. The purpose of the meeting is to review renditions of the Downtown Project, as prepared from local residents, business owners and visitor surveys.

Airport:

- Airport Manager Mac McClellan was not in attendance.

WWTP/Water:

- IAI Administration reported that Charles Gardner has been terminated, due to personnel restructuring within the company. Mr. David Belden, will take over as Certified Water Operator for the Village.
- See written O & M report for monthly flow totals.

Streets and Equipment:

- **The council discussed and ultimately decided to make the \$66,000.00 loan from Local Street Fund a transfer of funds, rather than a repayment. The council voted unanimously to rescind the previous motion on 11/13/2023, with a motion from T. Jannereth and support from C. Vicent. A roll call vote was taken. President Truxton, Aye., P. Anderson, Aye., T. Jannereth, Aye., C. Miller, Aye., and C. Vicent, Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.**
- **The council also discussed the previous vote on 11/13/2023 which approved a new message board at the Municipal Airport. The planned use of the new message board was not as presented previously, therefore, council voted to rescind the approval of the purchase. A motion from P. Anderson with support from C. Miller brought a 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent vote. Motion carried.**

Budget and Finance:

- Preparations for the 2024-2025 Budget will begin soon.

Clerk/Office Mgr:

- Nothing to report at this time.

Planning Commission:

- The resolution to deny rezoning of 2 parcels in a commercial district, to residential has been tabled.

Ordinance Enforcement:

- Please see written report.

Adjournment:

P. Anderson moved to adjourn the council meeting at 7:45pm, with support from T. Jannereth.  
All Yeas, 0 Nays, motion carried.

Next Meeting : January 11, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Minutes taken and typed by Theresa Lamb,

Village Clerk

