

Village of Baldwin
620 Washington
Baldwin, MI 49304

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

Roll call:

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

Absent: None

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Also, in attendance were Village Attorney Cindy Wotila, Commissioner C. Welford, Jodi Nichols, from The Right Place guests, Arie Bink, Doni Simon, Jason Shoemaker, Debbie Mead, Andy Gremmel and Ally Shoemaker. Various residents and nonresidents who made no comments.

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

- The minutes from the March 11, 2024 regular meeting were approved, the motion was made by T. Jannereth, and Supported by C. Miller, all Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

- Financial reports were accepted for the month of March, 2024. P. Anderson moved with support from T. Jannereth, to accept the financial report with corrections to the Major and Local funds, where a typing error was made. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comment:

- Arie Bink, from the Am Vets Club, commented on the Sidewalk Café permits, rules, regulations and outdoor space. In particular, the space for Shoey's Log Bar Sidewalk Cafe, expressing extreme protest over the DDA sidewalk flower box, and the fact that Shoey's loses seating space due to MDOT's mandatory 5ft clearance for pedestrian traffic.

- Doni Simon, a supporter for Shoey's, made similar comments, along with Jason Shoemaker's relative Ally Shoemaker.
- Commissioner Welford stood and addressed the crowd with a humorous story.
- Business owner Andy Gremmel also addressed the Council and guests, he would like to see the bar businesses have the opportunity to have open container events (Social District) along the MDOT right of way sidewalks, Mr. Gremmel referenced the City of Lake City, and Rockford as examples, and spoke favorably of the revenue increase for local businesses in those cities.

President Truxton closed the Public Comment section of the meeting and took a 5-minute intermission before continuing the meeting.

- **Payment of Bills:**
The Village Council were presented with the bills to be paid for the month of March, 2024. Discussions and or questions were fielded by the Village Clerk.
A motion from P. Anderson, with support from C. Vicent, brought a roll call vote to pay the bills. President Truxton, Aye, P. Anderson, Aye, T. Jannereth, Aye and C. Miller, Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion carried.

Sheriff Report:

- Sheriff Martin was not in attendance.

Attorney Report:

- Attorney Wotila addressed the council on:
 1. The vacation of Kahlil Drive.
 2. Site Condominium update.
 3. Social District liabilities for the Village.
 4. Point Broadband franchise fees, tower lease.

County Commissioner:

- Commissioner Welford, moving forward with the Safe Ways to School Grant.
- Commissioner Welford update on trip to Washington DC.

Building and Grounds:

- President Truxton praised Jodi Nichols for the guidance in obtaining the SPARK grant for the improvements to Hollister Park.

Airport:

- Airport Manager Mac McClellan was not in attendance.

WWTP/Water:

- See written O & M report for monthly flow totals.
- IAI reported an incident at well 2. Power outage caused the comms to malfunction. All power has been restored, and a back up generator has been installed to prevent future communication issues.

Streets and Equipment:

- Bids have been opened and announced for the Fournier/Courthouse Road watermain replacement. Lowest bidder was Dan's Excavating from Grant MI.

Budget and Finance:

- Nothing at this time.

Clerk/Office Mgr:

- Nothing to report for this meeting.

Personnel:

- No new business to report.

Planning Commission:

- Next meeting is set for April 15, 2024 @ 7:00pm

Ordinance Enforcement:

- Please see written report.

New Business:

- Resolutions were presented for 3 nonprofit organizations.
 1. The Chamber of Commerce- Raffle
 2. The Troutarama Committee- Vegas Night Gaming
 3. Tall Oaks Odd Fellow and Rebekah Camp- Raffle

Council was asked to vote on the approval of the resolutions. A motion from P. Anderson, and support from T. Jannereth, brought 5 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 absent vote. Motion carried.

- The council was also asked to approve the Clerk to sign 3 Sidewalk Café Permits, providing all fees are paid, and proper documentation is submitted to the Village offices.
 1. 876 Restaurant. A motion from P. Anderson, and support from T. Jannereth brought a 5 Yeas, 0 Nays, and 0 absent vote. Motion carried.

2. Shoey's Ventures. A motion from T. Jannereth, and support from C. Miller also brought a 5 Yeas, 0 Nays and 0 absent vote. Motion carried.
3. Debbie's Sportsman's Lounge- A motion from T. Jannereth, support from P. Anderson produced a vote of 5 Yeas, 0 Nays, and 0 absent vote. Motion carried.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:45pm, with a motion from T. Jannereth, and support from C. Miller. All Ayes 0 Nays, motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: MAY 13, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Minutes taken and typed by Theresa Lamb,

Village Clerk

