

Village of Baldwin
620 Washington
Baldwin, MI 49304

Regular Council Meeting for May 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 6:02 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Also, in attendance were Village Attorney Cindy Wotila, Commissioner C. Welford, Jodi Nichols, from The Right Place, Sheriff Martin.

Guests in attendance: Freddie Lewellyn, resident and Kelly Zoellner, resident. Diane Longoria, local attorney.

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. Vicent, all Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

- Financial reports were accepted for the month of April, 2024. P. Anderson moved with support from T. Jannereth, to accept the financial report. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comment:

- Fred Lewellyn III stood and addressed the Village Council about a persistent nuisance in his neighborhood of dogs barking non- stop night and day.
The pet owners have continued to ignore complaints, and calls from the LCSD, LCAC, and the Ordinance Enforcement Officer. Council discusses the next step to abate the nuisance.
- Clyde Welford addressed the Council on the DPW Dept. mowing the right of way on Village Streets, claiming he wants the grass long so he can see the weeds better and pull them.

- Diane Longoria, local Attorney, also addressed the council and guests introducing herself, and her intent to run for Circuit Court Judge.

Sheriff Report:

- The Cannabash/Concert scheduled for Blessing Weekend has been rescheduled for June, there are apparent issues with the Marijuana Sales portion of the event, due to alcohol being served at the same location. As of this meeting, there will be no Marijuana sales, however beer and wine will still be served to bash attendees.
- Officer shot in Manistee County, suspect fled to Lake County, where the LCSD apprehended the suspect.
- The ORV deputy training has now been completed; certificates were issued to the graduates. Sheriff Martin gave a shout out to all those who attended, and the training officers that made the intense 3 week training a success.

Payment of Bills:

The Village Council were presented with the bills to be paid for the month of April, 2024.

Discussions and or questions were fielded by the Village Clerk.

A motion from C. Vicent, with support from T. Jannereth, 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 presented draft of the Village Code Recodification And the next stage of updating.
- Please see written report for details.

County Commissioner:

- Commissioner Welford, nothing to offer as far as the Village and the Commissioner's Meetings.

Building and Grounds:

- President Truxton announced yet another setback of the acceptance letter from the SPARK grant.
- Council discussed the possibility of a dog park within the SPARK grant improvements to Hollister Park.

Airport:

- Airport Manager Mac McClellan stood and pleaded with the council for help and/or ideas to raise funding to pave the runway. With construction costs for such a project, the Village is unable to budget for this expense.

DDA:

- The “Pure Markette” Project is moving forward and plans it’s first farmer’s and makers market for June 19, 2024.

WWTP/Water:

- See written O & M report for monthly flow totals.
- Fournier/ Courthouse Dr. water main replacement and distribution construction should start within the next few weeks, and will continue for several weeks.
- **The new proposal from Fishbeck Engineering for GIS Assistance has been approved by the Village Council, with a roll call vote. The proposed cost is \$14,500.00. The motion was made by C. Vicent, and supported by T. Jannereth. President Truxton, Aye., P. Anderson, Aye., C. Vicent, Aye., C. Miller, Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.**

Streets and Equipment:

- Plans are ongoing for chip sealing the Village Streets.
- The Hill family has expressed to the County they are not interested in selling the “box plant” property at this time.
Plans for the Sheridan Bypass project will now continue with the previous layout presented by engineers.

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 May 20, 2024 @ 7:00pm

Ordinance Enforcement:

- Please see written report.

New Business:

- **The Village Council discussed and approved the transfer of 2 Village owned lots in the C1 Zoning District, to the County, giving the property a better sale opportunity. A motion from P. Anderson, with support from C. Miller, brought a roll call vote. President Truxton, Aye., P. Anderson, Aye., C. Miller, Aye., and T. Jannereth, Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.**

Old Business:

- The Village Council was asked to read over the draft handouts to move forward with the Redevelopment Ready Community status we are striving for. The Council accepted the drafts, with a motion from P. Anderson, and support from T. Jannereth. All ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.
- The council approved Mr. Martin Johnson to another term on the Baldwin Housing Commission Board with a motion from P. Anderson, and support from C. Miller. All ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:25pm, with a motion from T. Jannereth, and support from C. Miller. All Ayes 0 Nays, motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: June 10, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Minutes taken and typed by Theresa Lamb,

Village Clerk