

Village of Baldwin
620 Washington
Baldwin, MI 49304

Regular Council Meeting for October 14, 2024
Location of meeting: Village of Baldwin Hall
620 Washington St., Baldwin MI 49304

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call: President J. Truxton, P. Anderson, T. Jannereth, C. Miller, C. Smith-Treasurer

Absent: C. Vicent, T. Lamb (BSA Conference)

Also, in attendance was: Village Attorney, Cindy Wotila, Commissioner Welford, Robert Toland- Planning Commission Advisor, Shana Avery-Lake County Star, Josh & Anna Johnson-Pompeii's, Jane Allison- Planning Commission Chair, Andy & Meredith Gremel- Pure Markette, Jodi Nichols-The Right Place, Julia Turnbull-MEDC, and Heidi Gamble, running for Pleasant Plains Twp. Supervisor.

- A brief presentation of a plaque from Julia Turnbull, MEDC, for achieving Essentials status in the Redevelopment Ready Communities Program (RRC) program – an initiative for communities to develop best practices in planning, zoning and economic development with the goal of supporting community driven development.

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

- The minutes from the September 9,2024 regular meeting were approved with a 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 September, 2024. P. Anderson moved with support from T. Jannereth. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comment:

- Commissioner Welford congratulated the Village for achieving Essentials status in the RRC Program.
- Heidi Gamble made introductions and campaigned her plans should she become the Supervisor for Pleasant Plains Township Supervisor.

Payment of Bills:

- The Village Council were presented with the bills to be paid for the month of September, 2024. A motion from P. Anderson, with support from C. Miller, 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, 1 absent. Motion carried.

Sheriff Report:

- Sheriff Martin was not in attendance.

Attorney Report:

- The final version of the addition to the Village Code, **Poultry and Livestock Ordinance #101424-1** was presented to the council for inspection and approval. **A motion from P. Anderson and support from T. Jannereth brought a unanimous vote from the council. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.**
- Ms. Wotila also presented a proposal from AT&T in the form of a new lease, she gave comments on the proposal, ultimately, President Truxton urged the council to table the proposal until comparisons could be done to ensure the best outcome for the Village.
- Attorney Wotila gave opinions to the council on pros and cons of the Village and it's DDA involvement with the Pure Market Farmer/Makers Market. A meeting will take place on October 24, 2024 @ 3pm to discuss the matter further.

Building and Grounds:

- President Truxton was pleased to inform the council that the SPARK grant program is moving forward. Mr. Truxton is currently working on the RFP/RFQ for a primary professional.

DDA:

- Nothing to report at this time.

Airport:

- Airport Manager Mac McClellan was not in attendance.

WWTP/Water:

- President Truxton presents PSA's from **Bendzinski & Co. for Rate Studies for Water and Sewer Funds**. Mr. Truxton explained the previous company basically never finished the Water Rate Study, stopped communications and explanations. Therefore, if council approves the PSA's, a letter of termination of services will be sent to Utility Financial, Dawn Lund. **A motion from C. Miller and support from T. Jannereth brought 4 Ayes, 0 Nays 1 Absent vote. The motion was carried.**
- See written O & M report for monthly flow totals.

Streets and Equipment:

- There will be a Local Task Force Meeting on Monday, October 28, 2024 @ 10:00a.m. The Village of Baldwin will host the meeting. Discussions for future road improvements will be on the agenda.
- TRICK OR TREATING date and hours have been established. October 31, 2024 from 6pm-8pm.

Budget and Finance:

- Nothing to report this month.

Clerk/Office Mgr:

- The Village office has received and reviewed a proposal from **Maner Costerisan** accounting firm, for CPA services, BS&A setup, training, audit prep. The council voted to accept the professional service agreement with a **motion from P. Anderson, and support from T. Jannereth. A roll call vote was taken. President Truxton, Aye., P. Anderson, Aye., C. Miller, Aye., and T. Jannereth, Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.**

Planning/Zoning:

- Nothing at this time.

Ordinance Enforcement:

- See written report.

New Business:

Old Business:

Adjournment:

P. Anderson moved to adjourn the council meeting at 7:55pm, with support from T. Jannereth. All Yeas, 0 Nays, motion carried.

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