

Village of Baldwin
620 Washington
Baldwin, MI 49304

REGULAR MEETING,
for December 6, 2025

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 Harold Nichols, Tim Jannereth, Curtis Miller, Kelly Zoellner, Pamela Anderson
Theresa Lamb, Clerk

Absent: 0

Guests: Attorney Cindy Wotila, Matt Biolette from Fleise & Vandenbrink , Commissioner Welford.

Agenda:

- K. Zoellner moved to accept the agenda, with a corrections, (next meeting date) supported by T. Jannereth, All Ayes. 0 Nays Motion Carried.

Minutes:

- The minutes from November 10, 2025 regular meeting were approved with a motion from T. Jannereth, and support from K. Zoellner, brought an all Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent vote. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

- Financial reports were accepted for the month of November, 2025. P. Anderson moved with support from C. Miller . All Ayes. 0 Nays, 0 absent. Motion Carried.

Payment of Bills:

- The Village Council were presented with the bills to be paid for the month of November 2025. A motion from P. Anderson, with support from T. Jannereth, brought a roll call vote to pay the bills.
President Nichols, Aye, T. Jannereth, Aye, K. Zoellner, Aye, P. Anderson, Aye and C. Miller, Aye.
All Ayes, 0 Nays 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Matt Biolette presented the council with information about the engineering firm.
- The Baldwin Historical Society has asked the council for a resolution of nonprofit status to continue efforts of permitting through the state for a future quilt raffle.

A motion from T. Jannereth, with support from P. Anderson, brought a unanimous vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Absent. Motion Carried.

Sheriff Report:

- Sheriff Martin was not in attendance

Commissioner's Report:

- Mr. Welford discussed the possible reopening of the railway system East and West of Baldwin, as new railway shipping is being developed, no word on displacement of the Rails to Trails
- Mr. Welford was made aware of the traffic calming efforts coming this September, as an alternative to Safe Routes to School.
- Mr. Welford complimented the Village for the placement of School zone signage marking the School Zones.

Fire Chief/LCRC Rep Report:

- J. Anderson was not in attendance

Attorney Report:

- Attorney Wotila presented the council with **Ordinance Amendment #120825-1, An Ordinance to AMEND Title V, Chapter 1 Nuisances To add Blight Prevention, Enforcement, and Penalties. A motion from K. Zoellner, and support from P. Anderson brought a unanimous vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 absent vote. Motion carried.**
- Please see written report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Building and Grounds, Airport:

- SPARK GRANT- President Nichols announced the Notice of Award to GM Contracting, and authorization for the Clerk to sign various documents relating to the project. Approval from the council with a motion from T. Jannereth and support from P. Anderson. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

DDA/ Pure Markette:

- Nothing new to report at this time.

WWTP/Water:

- WWTP Projects have been added to the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan).
- **Project- Wastewater Treatment Plant - Sludge Pump Replacement**
Year- 2030

Estimated Cost- \$175,000

Project Type- Sewer Sludge Pump Upgrades

Description - This project consists of replacement of outdated sewage sludge pumps.

Justification - Current pumps life expectancy will be nearing. **Operational Impacts** - Eliminate catastrophic pump failures. **FUNDING SOURCES-**

Infrastructure Grants	\$150,000.00
Repair/Replacement Fund	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
	\$ 175,000.00

PROJECT NAME- WWTP Holding Tank Expansion

YEAR- 2030

ESTIMATED COST- \$2,000,000.00

PROJECT TYPE- WWTP Improvements

Description- The tank expansion will alleviate possibility of overflow as flows increase.

Justification- The enlargement will increase capacities, and eliminate excessive use of transfer pumps.

Operational Impacts- Increase capacity, decrease transfers.

Funding Sources -

Repair/Replacement Fund - Grant (Infrastructure)

\$50,000.00
\$1,950,000.00
\$2,000,000.00

PROJECT NAME: NEW WELL@ WWTP

YEAR: 2 0 3 0

ESTIMATED COST: \$425,000.00

Description - Construction of a new well for the WWTP.

Justification - These improvements provide an additional potable water source and provide resources for processing waste.

Operational Impacts - Provide alternative source of potable water.

FUNDING SOURCES-

Sewer Fund Grants \$400,000.00
Sewer Fund Rev. \$25,000.00
\$425,000.00

- Please see IAI written report.

Streets and Equipment:

- The Street Admin. announced the winter street maintenance budget could be an issue with the early onset of heavy snow to the Village. She will be keeping the council updated as winter plowing, and street treatment continues daily
- President Nichols presented the council with a proposal from Fishbeck Engineering to perform GIS mapping Services, (please see attached scope). The Council voted to approve the spending for the services, NOT to exceed \$3,000.00. A motion from K. Zoellner and support from P. Anderson brought 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent Roll call Vote. President Nichols, Aye, P. Anderson, Aye, K. Zoellner, Aye, C. Miller, Aye, and T. Jannereth Aye. Motion carried.

Budget and Finance:

- Budget Amendments coming in January.

Clerk/Office Mgr:

- Issues continue this winter with the north side of the office leaking, President Nichols is working on a affordable solution.

Planning/Zoning:

- The next Planning commission meeting will be January 19,2026 at 7pm.
The council was presented with a request to join the Zoning Board of Appeals, a 4 yr term, expiring in 2029. Jeremy Anderson has submitted his request, being a resident of the Village, and former active member of the Planning Commission. A motion from T. Jannereth and support from P. Anderson, brought an all Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent vote from the council. Motion carried.

Ordinance Enforcement:

- See written report.

New Business:

- The Village President has appointed members of the council and the office Manager to form a Personnel Committee. The committee will begin reviews of salaries and wages of the board members, commissions and employees, then make recommendations to the President.

Old Business: None

Adjournment:

T. Jannereth moved to adjourn the council meeting at 8:03 pm, with support from C. Miller. All Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

Next Meeting : **JANUARY 12, 2026 @ 6:00pm**

Minutes taken and typed by
Theresa Lamb, Clerk

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