

Village of Baldwin
620 Washington
Baldwin, MI 49304
REGULAR MEETING, PUBLIC HEARING
for May 12 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, T. Jannereth, C. Miller, K. Zoellner T. Lamb

Absent: 1 P. Anderson

Guests: Cindy Wotila, Rich Martin, and 20-30 GEO Prison Oppositionists.

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

- The minutes from the April 14,2024 regular meeting were approved with the addition of Council approval to be the Wenger Pavilion Committee Fiduciary for 1 year. A motion made by K. Zoellner and Supported by C. Miller, all Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

- Financial reports were accepted for the month April, 2025. K. Zoellner moved with support from T. Jannereth. All Ayes. 0 Nays, 1 absent. Motion Carried.

Payment of Bills:

- The Village Council were presented with the bills to be paid for the month of April 2025. A motion from K. Zoellner, with support from T. Jannereth, brought a roll call vote to pay the bills. President Nichols, Aye, T. Jannereth, Aye, K. Zoellner and C. Miller, Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Mrs. Kyles commented to the Council and guests on the need for medical transportation units for residents who need treatment or testing in other cities. President Nichols added that he is on the Family Health Care Board, and the subject of medical transportation is a current topic.

- Numerous people from different parts of Michigan took 2 minutes each to comment their opposition to the GEO Detention Prison, North Lake Correctional Facility.
- Comments of overcrowding, mistreatment of detainees and employees, along with statements of health concerns at the facility.

Commissioner's Report:

- Commissioner Welford was in attendance, however visited with the opponents of the GEO Detention Ctr. And did not give a report.

Sheriff Report:

- Sheriff Martin was also in attendance, however did not give a report.

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PUBLIC HEARING: The Public Hearing was opened, and the regular meeting adjourned @ 6:57pm, with a motion from T, Jannereth, and support from K. Zoellner, all Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, motion carried.

For the purpose of *Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Project Planning Document Amendment*. Meghana Kamath of Fishbeck Engineering, gave a presentation via Zoom about the amendment and purpose for it.

1. Schedule of projects
2. Analysis of Alternatives
3. Environmental Evaluation
4. Construction/Operational Impacts
5. Mitigation Measures
6. Project Financing

Close of Public Hearing: 7:14pm.

The Public Hearing was Adjourned and the regular meeting reopened, a motion from T. Jannereth and support from C. Miller. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

Council voted in favor of the adoption of the resolution to move forward with the DWSRF Amendment. A motion from K. Zoellner, and Support from T, Jannereth brought a roll call vote of all Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Attorney Report:

- Attorney Wotila gave a summary on the defaulted hearing case by the Warners.
- The Village of Baldwin was awarded the fines and court costs totaling \$656.00.
- Ms. Wotila recommends the council amend the penalty procedure provision in the Village of Baldwin Ordinance Code.
*President Nichols advised attorney Wotila that any and all court cases MUST include recovery costs of attorney fees, fines and court costs.

Building and Grounds:

- SPARK GRANT update: Fishbeck engineering has inspected and deemed the previous DPW Building (North end) sound to renovate as a picnic shelter.

DDA:

- The DDA continues to do maintenance work throughout the downtown. Repairs to sprinkler system, light poles and banner poles.
- The Council was asked to vote on reappointments of 2 DDA Members:
 - *Debbie Smith-Olson- 4 yr term. 2025-2029
 - *Seth Wenger – 4 yr term. 2025-2029A motion from T. Jannereth, and support from C. Miller brought an all Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent vote. Motion carried.

Airport:

- Airport Mgr. Mac McClellan was not in attendance.

WWTP/Water:

- Water main replacements continue on Norway St., First St., Fournier and Courthouse Dr.
- Please see IAI written report.

Streets and Equipment:

- Blessing of the Bikes preparations are well underway.

Budget and Finance:

- Nothing new to report.

Clerk/Office Mgr.:

- Nothing new to report at this time.

Planning/Zoning:

- The Planning commission has set a SPECIAL MEETING date on May 15, 2025 @5:15pm for the purpose of reviewing the Site Plan, Mechanical and Health Inspections for the Village Restaurant.
- The Village council officially appointed President Nichols to the Planning Commission with a motion from K. Zoellner and support from T. Jannereth. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Ordinance Enforcement:

- See written report.

New Business: Nothing new to report

Old Business: Nothing at this time.

Adjournment:

T. Jannereth moved to adjourn the council meeting at 8:06pm, with support from K. Zoellner.
All Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

Next Meeting : June 9, 2025 @ 6:00pm

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SPECIAL MEETING- PUBLIC HEARING

*For the purpose of a presentation for 2026-27 Water system Improvements

May 27, 2025 @ 6:00pm

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, P. Anderson, T. Jannereth, K. Zoellner, T. Lamb, Clerk

Absent: 1 Curt Miller

Guests: No guests were in attendance

Close Special Meeting, Open Public Hearing

P. Anderson moves to close the special meeting and open the public hearing, supported by T. Jannereth, All Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent. Motion Carried.

- David Conklin Sr. Engineer with Fishbeck Engineering Inc. gave a presentation and explanation to the Village Council and guests on the next phase of water main replacements, and explained the application for federal grant funding to complete the replacement of aging water mains on 3 streets in the Village of Baldwin. Lake, Oak and Fifth Streets.
- The grant funding being sought would be \$2.5m, and would be 100% forgivable.
- Mr. Conklin explained the streets Lake, Oak and Fifth have 6 inch watermains that date back to 1960. These 6 inch mains will be replaced with 8 inch mains.
- Construction would commence May, 2026.
- Grant funding conclusion will be announced June 20, 2025.
- Mr. Conklin closed his presentation asking for questions and comments.

Close of Public Hearing, Open Special Meeting. P. Anderson made the motion to close the Public Hearing @ 6:41pm, and reopen the Special Meeting with support from T. Jannereth, all Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

President Nichols instructed the council to read over the Resolution passed out to each member, and opened the floor for questions and discussion.

The resolution was put to vote for approval/disapproval. A motion from K. Zoellner to **approve** the resolution, and submit the application for federal grant funding for water main improvements. Support from P. Anderson brought all Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent Vote to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

T. Jannereth moved to adjourn the council meeting at 6:44pm, with support from K. Zoellner.
All Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

Minutes taken and typed by
Theresa Lamb, Clerk