

**Village of Baldwin  
620 Washington St.  
Baldwin, MI 49304**

**SPECIAL VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING AND PUBLIC  
HEARING**

**For the purpose of presenting and adopting the 2026-27 Budget  
And other business that should come before the board.**

**February 25, 2026**

The Special Council meeting was called to order at 5:15pm

Roll Call: President Nichols, C. Miller, T. Jannereth, Clerk, Theresa Lamb

Absent: P. Anderson, K. Zoellner

Public Attendance- Gary Truxton

Public Comments: Mr. Truxton voiced his concerns over the proposed potash project, siting semi traffic at the rate of 60 trucks a day, to haul and off load potash on railroad property between Michigan Ave. and Astor Road.

A motion was made by T. Jannereth to adjourn the Special meeting and open the Public Hearing. C. Miller supported. All ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING THE 2026-27 BUDGET.**

President Nichols presented the 2026-27 proposed budget for the council's comments and discussions. The following fund budgets were discussed.

General Fund, Including Wage changes. Sewer Fund, Water Fund, Local Street Fund, Major Street Fund, and Equipment Fund.

Board Discussion included:

- Splitting the president's salary between Water, Sewer and General funds, due to President Nichols involvement in all three areas.
- Cost of living increases for employees and setting a 3 year schedule of percentage increases.

(See the committee Wage recommendations included in minutes)

- Adding a Legal line item and budgets to the Local and Major Funds.

Public Comments: No public commented on the proposed budget.

T. Jannereth made a motion to close the Public Hearing and reopen the Special Meeting with support from C. Miller. All ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion carried.

President Nichols asked the board to vote on adopting the 2026-27 proposed Budget.

T. Jannereth made a motion to adopt the 2026-27 Budget as presented, and revisiting adding the line items to Major and Local funds at a later date. Support was given by C. Miller. A roll call vote was taken. President Nicols, Aye., T. Jannereth, Aye. C. Miller, Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent.

Motion passes to adopt the 2026-27 Budget.

Adjournment: T. Jannereth made the motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 5:41 pm. C. Miller second the motion. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 absent. Motion carried.

#### MINUTES:

- The meeting minutes from the January 9, 2023 meeting were approved with a motion from P. Anderson, and support from T. Jannereth. All ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT:

- The financial reports were reviewed and approved with a motion from P. Anderson, supported by T. Jannereth. All ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public were in attendance.

#### PAYMENT OF BILLS:

- The Village Council discussed and ultimately approved payment for the bills due from the month of January, with a motion from P. Anderson, and support from T. Jannereth. A roll call vote was taken. President Truxton, Aye., P. Anderson, Aye., T. Jannereth, Aye., C. Vicent, Aye., and C. Miller, Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.

#### ATTORNEY REPORT:

- Attorney Wotila continues to recodify the Village Ordinances.
- Ms. Wotila also gave comment on the Village's request to abandon dead end streets on the West side of Cherry Street, and East of the railroad tracks.

#### COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:

- Commissioner Welford reported that the Commission is still at work on the ORV Ordinance for Lake County, stating the proposed routes would allow ORV travel on Sheridan Street and cross US10, to the north.

#### DEPARTMENTS/ COMMITTEES:

#### BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

- Nothing to report at this time.

#### DDA:

- The Downtown Development Authority is working on a recreation grant, to make improvements to Hollister Park and other areas of the Village.

#### WATER-WASTEWATER:

- Please see written report.

#### STREETS-EQUIPMENT:

- President Truxton replied to the council he would like to plan for work on the Village streets.

- That work will include chip and fog seal several streets, along with a complete milling and laying new asphalt base and top material along a stretch from Cherry Street to Astor Road.
- The Village Council was asked to approve a resolution for the Annual Permit for MDOT.
- The construction on the Eighth Street Bridge continues, Consumers Power Company has moved the high voltage power pole, and Hardman Construction has resumed bridge construction.

CLERK:

- Nothing to report at this time.

PLANNING-ZONING:

- The Planning Commission continues to work on a Ordinance that would include terminology for condominium facilities. They expect to have documentation for the Village Council by the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

BUDGET-FINANCE:

- The Village Council voted approve the 2023-2024 proposed Budget as presented. A motion was made by T. Jannereth, and supported by C. Miller. A roll call vote was taken. President Truxton, Aye., P. Anderson, Aye., t Jannereth, Aye., C. Miller, Aye., and C. Vicent. Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent, motion carried.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT:

- Please see written report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- The Village Council discussed the spring Large Item pick up dates. The preferred date is April 24th, but the other dates could be May 1st, or June 5<sup>th</sup>. The Clerk will contact Republic Waste, and report to the council at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT; P. Anderson motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:45pm, with support from C. Miller. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent. Motion Carried.

Next Council Meeting: March, 13,2023 @ 6:00pm