

Village of Baldwin
620 Washington
Baldwin, MI 49304

REGULAR MEETING,
for March 9, 2026

Location of meeting: Village of Baldwin Hall 620
Washington St., Baldwin MI 49304

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 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, Norm Hutchins, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Largin, Gary Truxton, Clyde Welford.

. Agenda:

- P. Anderson moves to accept the agenda, with additions to Planning/Zoning. supported by K. Zoellner, All Ayes. 0 Nays Motion Carried.

Minutes:

- The minutes from February 9th and Special meeting on February 25, 2026 were approved with a motion from T. Jannereth, and support from P. Anderson, brought an all Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent vote. Motion carried.
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Financial Report:

- Financial reports and minor adjustment to the 2026-27 Budget Funds General and Sewer (Excel Sum function) were approved . P. Anderson moved with support from C. Miller. All Ayes. 0 Nays, 0 absent. Motion Carried.

Payment of Bills:

- The bills for the month of February 2026 were presented to the council for payment approval. A motion from P. Anderson, and support from K. Zoellner brought a roll call vote : President Nichols, Aye., P. Anderson, Aye., K. Zoellner, Aye., C. Miller, Aye. and T. Jannereth, Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Gary Truxton relayed his concerns over the potash storage, loading, truck traffic, road damage and general public health risks.

President Nichols explained to Mr. Truxton and guests that the Village is taking steps to research the Villages options as far as Zoning concerns, and the concerns of Mr. Truxton. He reminds everyone, this is a federally mandated potash recovery project. At this time, it appears there may be nothing the Village can actually do to prevent the railroad from loading, and trucks off loading the mineral.

- Northern Treasures owner Norm Hutchins spoke his displeasure of having to pay signage zoning fees for the banner he installed on the side of his building. His claim of “advertising for the Village of Baldwin” with a small inset should omit him from zoning regulations.
 - * The council along with President Nichols, voted to give Mr. Hutchins the option of having his banner (that advertises his campground) in place temporarily through the Blessing of the Bikes as the zoning ordinance allows, “30 days prior to an event”, with the stipulation, he will need to make a decision of keeping his banner permanently and paying signage fees, or remove the banner. A motion from K. Zoellner supported by P. Anderson. All Ayes 0 Nays 0 absent. Motion carried.

Sheriff Report: Sheriff Martin was not in attendance

Commissioner's Report:

- Commissioner Welford asked if the council ever heard of “Super Computers”, and gave his opinion on these computers using up the water supply to run them .

Fire Chief/LCRC Rep Report:

- Not in attendance

Attorney Report:

- Ms. Wotila asked to have the minutes reflect the fact that she researched the Republic Waste contract, the Clerk omitted that in the previous month’s minutes
 - * **The council was asked to vote on the 5 yr contract with Republic Waste. A motion from P. Anderson, supported by T. Jannereth brought an all Ayes, 0 Nays 0 Absent Vote. Motion carried**

Building and Grounds, Airport:

- Airport: The DPW dept. is set for the maintenance of the airport for Blessing of the Bikes.

DDA/ PURE MARKETTE:

- The DDA is making preparations for sidewalk grinding where decorative tree roots have heaved the cement in places.

WWTP/Water:

- Please see IAI written report.

Streets and Equipment:

- Winter snow storms have caused plowing in the Village to continue; stalling spring cleanup efforts.

Clerk/Office Mgr:

- Nothing new to report.

Planning/Zoning:

- The council was given a copy of a letter of engagement for the purpose of retaining a Zoning Attorney to guide the council and commission on zoning concerns. The Potash Project in particular.
- The Planning Commission Chair requested the Village Council hire the DDA transcriptionist to take minutes for the commission. Joni Luce, accepted the offer, the fee is \$120.00 per meeting. ***The council voted unanimously to hire Ms. Luce, with a motion from P. Anderson, and support from K. Zoellner. All Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.**

Ordinance Enforcement:

- See written report.

New Business:

- None

Old Business: Contact LCRC to fill potholes in the Village.

Adjournment:

T. Jannereth moved to adjourn the council meeting at 7:06 pm, with support from P. Anderson. All Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

Next Meeting : April 9, 2026 @ 6:00pm

