

**TOWNSHIP OF BALDWIN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2019**

Chairman Douglas Veenendall called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Supervisors Don L. Johnson and Joseph Kusilek along with Treasurer Ronda Helgeson and Clerk Jim Harer were present. Others: Chris Veenendall, Terry Helgeson, Kay Harer, Tim Strieber, Marvin & Angie Luckwaldt, Brian Zimmerman, Barb Zimmerman, David E. Niccum, Evin Miller, Harvey Miller, Levi Borntreger and Paul Hueg.

Don L. Johnson moved to approve the agenda as printed. Seconded and carried.

The July board meeting minutes were read. Don L. Johnson moved to approve without changes. Seconded and carried.

The monthly bank statement and vendor checks were reviewed. Don L. Johnson moved to approve check number 10179-10212. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

Town of Hammond Chairman Paul Hueg came to the board with several up-dates: The United Fire and Rescue District has had problems collecting expenses from several major insurance companies for responses to car accidents and fires. In view of that they are reviewing by-laws and ordinances to insure collection. There is no action now but expect some form of changes by October. The Christian School on USH 63 is proceeding with the installation of solar powered flashing warning lights and push button control at the school crossing just south of 90th avenue. Since USH 63 is between the towns of Hammond and Baldwin the Wisconsin DOT requires both towns to sign off and maintain the lights and buttons. Paul stated that they are not set-up or have the expertise to do the light maintenance and has suggested to the school that they enter into a contract with B&B Electric from Eau Claire to do the installation and maintenance. No action is needed now but we can expect the school to approach us soon. The board thanked Paul for his information.

Tim Strieber, Resource Management Administrator for St. Croix County was present to give the board and residents an up-date on how his department will monitor and document ground water quality through testing and a well monitoring network in which samples will be drawn every year from the same wells to see if contaminates like nitrates are getting worse/better or are migrating. There have also been and will continue to be free water sampling locations throughout the county, residents can bring in samples and have nitrate levels measured right there. A question was asked about what level nitrates are and what level is safe, some wells are at 70 parts/million and safe is <10 PPM. These efforts are needed before laws and ordinances are passed to the true root of nitrate problems can be addressed. The board thanked Tim for his report.

Tom Kanten CSM request was tabled since Tom was unable to attend the meeting.

Year around access for milk pickup on 230th street was discussed. Ervin & Harvey Miller and Levi Borntreger were present to request the access, recommend solutions and answer board questions. Some thoughts were a perishable food exemption or a seasonal exemption letter. Milk haulers however have not used an exemption letter in 15 years. The actual route was also discussed but the 230th street to 70th avenue to USH 63 was favored. An agreement between the parties with funds in a bank account used to pay for any maintenance seemed the best action but the actual amount of money and for what repairs remain a point of discussion.

A motion by Don L. Johnson to investigate the fund procedure, grant applications for road improvements and the route within the Village of Baldwin. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek. Carried.

We will need to start building a 2020 town operations budget by the September meeting. Board members are asked to have any projects or needs in to be included with that budget given to the clerk at next meeting.

The pre-buy contract with Lakes Gas was presented for the 2019-20 heating season. 2017-\$1.199, 2018-\$1.399 and for this year \$1.299. The cost to buy LP tanks so bids could be open to more suppliers was cost prohibitive. Joseph Kusilek moved to approve the pre-buy contract from Lakes Gas. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried.

The list of 2019 road projects have not changed, it is becoming increasingly important for the county to complete the paving and seal coat projects so actual cost are known and year end balances can be determined.

Joseph Kusilek moved to table playground equipment until next year. Seconded and carried.

Two quotes were received for painting the exterior of the collection center, Jerry Wells for \$3,800 and Robert Joles for \$3,600. Members considered both quotes high and wondered if steel would be an option. Motion by Don L. Johnson to table and explore other avenues. Joseph Kusilek seconded and carried.

Dog license fees charged by the town were reviewed. Currently there is a problem with late applications and non-licensed dogs. Don L. Johnson moved to double the charge for late or unreported dogs. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

Currently there are two properties in violation of the county junk ordinances, two trailer homes in question and one non-permitted house. The chairman gave an update of ongoing actions with these properties.

Correspondences: REA rebate amount. Public comments: None.

Future agenda items: Larry Pasch drainage, Schillinger mobile home, Eau Claire WTA, Tom Kanten CSM and milk house.

Joseph Kusilek moved to set the next meeting for September 5, 2019 at 7:00 PM. Motion was seconded and carried. The chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

APPROVED AT SEPTEMBER 5, 2019 MEETING

Chairman, Douglas Veenendall

Clerk, James Harer