

**TOWNSHIP OF BALDWIN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2019**

Chairman Douglas Veenendall called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, other board members present were: Supervisors Don L. Johnson and Joseph Kusilek, Treasurer Ronda Helgeson and Clerk James Harer.

Others: Chris Veenendall, Kay Harer, Terry Helgeson, David Niccum, Henry Borntreger, Marvin & Angie Luckwaldt, Brian Zimmerman, John R. Calabrese, Kim Coddington, ?, Tom Olson, Jamie Ramberg, Larry & Bonita Pasch, Jan & Ron Nelson, Harvey Mast and Sue Hanson.

Don L. Johnson moved to approve the agenda with item M moved to A. Seconded and carried.

The August board meeting minutes were read by the clerk. Joseph Kusilek moved to approve as read, seconded and carried.

Bank statement balances were reviewed along with the vendor run. Motion was made by Don L. Johnson to approve vendor checks number 10213-10247 for a total payment of \$39,159.75. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

Sue Hanson representing the Baldwin Christian School located at 896 HWY 63 presented the board with a "FLASHING BEACON INSTALLATION APPLICATION/PERMIT" they are working with the Wisconsin DOT to gain approval for flashing warning lights on US 63. These lights will be activated by push buttons at the school when school members are crossing to give warning to vehicles to slow down, this will not be a cross walk that vehicles have to stop. Part of the DOT permit process is that the Town of Hammond (west side) and the Township of Baldwin (east side) have to sign off as approving the installation.

Don L. Johnson moved to approve the flashing lights on US 63. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote. The chair signed two copies of the agreement, one for the school and one for our records.

Larry & Bonita Pasch addressed the board with concerns of water running through their shed during heavy rains or spring run-off. Bonita stated they are looking for help and advice to correct this problem. They sighted several changes that they thought would help, that being changing the culvert that drains water across 80th avenue to the north on east side of 250th St. and have it cross 250th St. and drain to the east on the south side of 80th avenue and/or installing a cross culvert at their property to take water to south side before their driveway. The board did not see either of these proposals as an option, this would only add water to the south property owner and cause flooding in that field as well as the high cost factor. Pictures of flooding in August 2018 were passed around. The board questioned what steps they had taken to prevent water entering the shed such as a berm on the east end, drain tile or a drainage ditch on north side of buildings. The size of the driveway culvert was questioned and reminded them that area is the property owner's responsibility. Bonita again asked for help and advise on how to correct the problem. Chairman Douglas Veenendall stated that the board would look at the area the next morning and give them any suggestions that would seem reasonable.

Tom Kanten was present to seek approval of his proposed CSM Doug Zahler project #6825-006 Dated: 8/5/19. This was discussed and voted for approval at the August Plan Commission meeting with the understanding that these lots could not be divided again, would be accessed by a private road maintained by the property owners and contains no productive agricultural land.

Joseph Kusilek moved to approve the CSM presented by Tom Kanten. Seconded by Don L. Johnson and carried by voice vote.

Copies were signed and letters of our approval will be sent to the county.

Ron and Jan Nelson have presented a parcel map to the town Plan Commission on September 3, 2019 outlining changes to zoning and road abandonment in Section 36, Town of Baldwin. All but the west .18 miles of this road had been abandoned by the board in 1981 but is not recorded in Hudson. The Plan Commission moved to approve these changes and recommend board approval also.

Don L. Johnson moved to give the boards support of Parcel 2 change from commercial to Rural Residential. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

Don L. Johnson moved to support re-zoning of east parcel #3 from Rural Residential to Ag. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

Don L. Johnson moved proceed with finalizing the road abandonment started in 1981 and any land issues reverting to the present property owners. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

The 2020 budget process is progressing, a tentative budget will be presented in October and the Budget Hearing and Special Meeting dates will be set. The county tire collection date is set for Saturday, September 14 at the Baldwin Town Collection Center, Brian Zimmerman, Don L. Johnson and Douglas Veenendall will be working. The county will do advertising and signing.

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The town website is working well with no issues at this time

The milk house on 230th street was discussed with members of the Amish farm group present. The board presented a 3-year agreement plan that outlined an escrow account, estimated road repairs, truck route, anticipated cost and other conditions that would permit them access to the location during spring road postings. Henry Borntreger questioned the cost amounts, what work would be actually needed and just what would be involved in yearly signing, they also requested involvement in maintenance decisions. No action was taken.

The clerk presented a letter that will be sent to Gary Schillinger, 2417-CTH "BB" reminding them of an October 15, 2019 deadline for removing a non-permitted mobile home.

Chairman Douglas Veenendall stated that the Berkseth property division can be tabled since no action will be needed at the present time.

The clerk presented information on the towns DS 2000 election equipment. Presently election results are transmitted to Hudson on election night and during test by land line modem through Lightstream in Baldwin. County Clerk, Cindy Campbell has informed us that land line will no longer be an option since the DS 2000 must be converted to wireless modem using Verizon cellar service. Speaking with other cities that use this option now it is about a \$60 charge per year. The clerk questioned if we could then drop our land line and internet service with Lightstream which cost about \$60 per month. The board questioned if that service would be needed by the Treasurer during tax collection and the Assessor during Open Book and BOR. The board asked that more information be collected for next month's meeting.

There was no correspondences.

During public comments: Dave Niccum owns the land south of the Pasch property and although he wants to be a good neighbor he would not be in favor of redirecting the water to the south side of 80th avenue due to erosion and flooding in his field. Other property owners stated they have water problems in their fields, will the town correct those problems too?

Future agenda items: Milk house, phone system, road abandonment up-date collection center exterior.

Since Chairman Douglas Veenendall will not be available on Thursday, October 3rd, Joseph Kusilek moved to hold the regular board meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM. Seconded and carried.

The chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Minutes approved at October 8, 2019 Board Meeting

Douglas Veenendall, Chairman

James Harer, Clerk