

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

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

Others: Wendy Sanders of Cedar Corp., Chris Veenendall, Kay Harer, Terry Helgeson, Gary and Missy Schillinger, David Niccum, Peggy Smith, Larry Gilbertson, Karla Gilbertson, Brian Zimmerman, Dave Mentink, Henry J. Borntreger, Harvey L. Mast, Dennis Nengo, Tom Olson, Levi Borntreger, Willie Schrorck, and Ervin Miller.

Motion made and seconded to approve the agenda as printed. Seconded and carried.

The September board minutes were read. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve. Seconded and carried.

The October bank reconciliation and vendor checks were reviewed by the board. Don L. Johnson moved to approve vendor checks number 10248-10282 for a total of \$76,628.05. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

Wendy Sanders representing Cedar Corp. spoke to the board about a new state funding option named Multimodal Local Supplement Program or (MLS). The program will be very competitive with \$28 million available to towns on a 90% state and 10% local charge. The state will look favorably to a 80-20 split project. Projects will be awarded by reviewing written grant applications with Connectivity, Safety and Economic Impact as key goals. The grant will be awarded in February of 2020 and the town will have 6 years to complete to project. Wendy thought that Rose Lane mill/pave project would be a desirable road that would meet all three criteria. The town would have to act soon to meet the December 6, 2019 deadline for grant applications. The cost for writing the grant would be about \$1,000.00.

The board agreed that Rose Lane is a high priority project and that the town would appreciate any available funding. Supervisor Joseph Kusilek moved to have Cedar Corp. proceed with field work and submit the MLS grant application for the Rose Lane/70th avenue mill/pave project on the Town of Baldwin's behalf. Seconded by Don L. Johnson. Carried by voice vote.

Karla Gilbertson presented a rezoning request for 2 parcels in Section 28. The first is a 3 acre plus 30-foot strip change from Ag Res to Ag II owned by herself and a second parcel owned by Larry Gilbertson change from Ag I to Ag II. Neither of these changes would impact the towns Ag Preservation Plan. The Plan Committee reported that they support the request and voted to recommend board approval.

Don L. Johnson moved to support the above parcel zoning changes and incorporate them in the new Comprehensive Zoning Revision map. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek. Carried by voice vote.

Amish Milk Producers Group were present to discuss access to their milk station during weight road posting season. The history was discussed on how we have come to this point and details of a three-year agreement to not post the milk route. Since they are just starting out, they did not think they could afford the town's terms for the three year period and wondered if it would be possible to agree to only one year.

Don L. Johnson moved to approve a term of one year on a trial basis and that the terms of the one year be signed off by all parties including the milk station owner. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek. Carried by voice vote.

Peggy Smith informed the board of plans to turn a 20'x 50' area of an existing pole shed on her homestead into living quarters and asked for their advice. Issues brought up by County Zoning staff were: 1) creation of another lot, 2) connecting to existing driveway, water and sewer. 3) Set back from the barn was not an issue since it is no longer used for livestock. The board advised Peggy to contact a surveyor concerning the lot and that the Plan Committee and board would have to review and approve a lot if required, All Croix inspection concerning a building permit and the septic question would have to be answered by the county.

The St. Croix County unit of the WTA will hold their quarterly meeting at our hall on October 24th at 6:30 PM. Don L. Johnson moved to approve the purchase of lunch supplies for the meeting as determined by Chris Veenendall and Kay Harer. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek. Carried.

Due to extra Plan Commission meeting this year that budget item is short of funds. Don L. Johnson moved to approve Resolution 2019-10-8 approving a transfer of \$600.00 from General Government to the Development/Planning budget item. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried. Resolution was signed.

County Comprehensive Zoning revision was discussed. The last timeline is the County board of adjustments would vote on the new ordinance in October and the entire County Board in November. After that the towns will have three months to send in zoning maps with any changes and up to one year to approve. At present time there are 3 property owners requesting land zoning changes under these revisions.

Due to lack of funds this budget year the exterior collection wall painting or covering will be tabled until next spring.

The 2019 paving has been completed by the county and gravel shoulders being installed. LRIP projects will be selected after hearing from the Highway Dept. at the WTA meeting on the 24th. The three-year road plan was handed out with the board bringing proposed 2022 projects to the November meeting.

The 2020 proposed budget and 2019 actual budget were reviewed. The 2020 proposed budget would have a 4% increase in revenues. A motion by Doug Veenendall to have the Budget Hearing, Special Voters meeting and regular board meeting on November 7, 2019. Seconded and carried.

Since last year the County Treasurer will not issue tax bills until the towns have a Tax Collection bond in force or passed a resolution declaring that the board cover the county tax amount if any conditions would prevent the treasurer from doing so. Don L. Johnson moved to approve the tax collection bond from either Surety or Horton companies dependent on best rate. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

The United Fire Department reported that equipment repair cost in 2019 has been over \$30,000 requiring them to propose a \$3,440.60 increase of our assessment in 2020, also on fire calls any additional hours after the first hour will increase from \$500 to \$800 per hour. Joseph Kusilek moved to authorize our Fire Department board representative Douglas Veenendall to vote approval of the assessment increase. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried.

Board members were notified that at the November meeting town employees compensation packages will be reviewed and sample percentages handed out.

Attendees at the Eau Claire, District #2 WTA conference in September gave up-dates on subjects covered.

The clerk gave information on an Election Security Subgrant being offered by the Wisconsin Elections Commission. The amount of \$1,200 will be available to towns submitting a Memorandum of Understanding so by election time in 2020 everyone will have at least a Window 10 system that would protect all election documents from hackers.

Joseph Kusilek moved to approve the MOU application and purchase of new town laptop. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried.

Under public comment Gary and Missy Schillinger were present and stated that they would not have the mobile home removed from their property by the October 15th deadline set by the board. Lack of time and money would prevent the completion of home repairs until the end of December and stated that the mobile home will be removed next spring when weather conditions allow. The board consented to this request.

Future board agenda items: Ron & Jan Nelson CSM, Peggy Smith, Cedar Corp. grant application.

The next board meeting has been set to convene after the Budget Hearing and Special Voters meeting on November 7, 2019.

Chairman Douglas Veenendall declared the meeting closed at 9:00 PM.

Minutes approved and signed at November 7, 2019 meeting.

Douglas Veenendall, Chairman

James Harer, Clerk