

## TOWNSHIP OF BALDWIN

### BOARD MEETING

May 7, 2020

Held at the town hall: 2399-90<sup>th</sup> Ave., Baldwin, St. Croix County

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

Others: Kay Harer, Chris Veenendall, Tamie & Randy Ramberg, David Niccum, Trevor Hadley, Terry Helgeson and Elmer Gingerich.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded and carried.

Minutes of the April board meeting were read. Motion by Don L. Johnson to change the driveway request in last paragraph from "residential" to "agricultural". With that change to approve. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

Vendor run and bank balances were reviewed by the supervisors. Don L. Johnson moved to approve vendor checks number 10442-10501 for a total of \$21,899.35. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

Elmer Gingrich was present to explain his request for a variance to the road setback. They are planning to add onto their home located at 886-230<sup>th</sup> St. The town requires a 133' set back from centerline and the existing home is 95 feet from the road centerline. The Town Plan Committee voted to recommend approval of the variance request.

Joseph Kusilek moved to give board approval to the setback request provided that the addition was no closer to the road than the existing home. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried.

Trevor Hadley, 2157 CTH DD was present to explain his CSM and rezoning request. He is interested in purchasing an adjacent lot and rezone both to AG II. The plan committee reported that they approved both items and recommend board approval.

Supervisor Don L. Johnson moved to accept Trevor Hadley's CSM and approve the rezoning to AG II for both parcels. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

Tamie & Randy Ramberg appeared before the board to explain their desire to install a driveway to land in the NE corner of 65<sup>th</sup> Ave., and 220<sup>th</sup> St. It was agreed to meet on site and find a suitable location off 220<sup>th</sup> St.

St. Croix County Engineer Jeff Durkee has recommended the use of base stabilizer instead of adding two inches of base, there seems to be better results and does not raise the roadbed so proper width is maintained and utilities/driveways match better. He has stated the Town of Eau Galle has used this process with good results. A motion by Don L. Johnson to use base stabilizer on 80<sup>th</sup> Ave., from USH 63 to 220<sup>th</sup> St. but grind only on 270<sup>th</sup> St. from USH 12 to 60<sup>th</sup> Ave. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

Chair Douglas Veenendall gave a road update: 80<sup>th</sup> Ave. will be ground this coming week, Berkseth County Aid culvert is installed, 85 Ave. and 235<sup>th</sup> St. pipes are in. In exchange for the state installing and paving culverts in the intersections of USH 12 and Bridge St. & 220<sup>th</sup> St. the town has agreed to clean the west ditch of 240<sup>th</sup> St. from USH 12 north to the bridge.

After discussion of the gopher bounty program of Emerald, Don L. Johnson moved to implement a similar program in the Town of Baldwin, setting the rate of \$3 per tail and adopting the permit and payment schedule presented. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

County Treasurer Denise Anderson had requested the board's input on the Act 185 waiver of interest and penalty on all property taxes due after April 1 until October 1, 2020". The board's response was that we would not be interested in that this year due to the concern of cash flow and being unfair to residents that have paid early. If this were to be available next year the board would be interested in looking at it again.

To discourage dropping appliances off at the collection center after hours there was some thought of installing a camera to identify violators. After review by the board and those in attendance the feeling was that they would only move to dumping in road ditches and more expense would be incurred.

Burning in the town was reviewed. Don L. Johnson moved to do away with paper and verbal permits from the town board and direct residents to only call St. Croix County non-emergency number 715-684-2112 instead. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried. Treasurer Ronda Helgeson will draft instructions and post on the town website to give more detail information and state the land-owner is fully responsible for all burning.

There were no further chair up-dates, correspondences or public comments.

Future agenda items: United Fire ordinances, liquor and operator licenses and David Swanson CSM.

Motion by Joseph Kusilek to hold the June meeting on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Seconded and carried.

Chair ordered the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

*(Approved and signed on June 4, 2020)*

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Douglas Veenendall, Chairman

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James Harer, Clerk