

**TOWNSHIP OF BALDWIN
BOARD MEETING
2399-90TH AVE., BALDWIN, WISCONSIN**

October 7, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Douglas Veenendall at 7 PM. Other board members present: Supervisors-Don L. Johnson and Joseph Kusilek, Treasurer, Ronda Helgeson and Clerk, James Harer.

Others in attendance: Kevin Oium from Cedar Corp., Kay Harer, Chris Veenendall, Brian Zimmerman, Tom Olson & Tim Simmons.

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

The September 2021 board minutes were read. Motion by Joseph Kusilek to approve, seconded and carried.

Bank balances and vendor amounts were reviewed. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve vendor checks #11005 & 11035-11061 for \$158,826.27. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

Kevin Oium of Cedar Corp was present to up-date the board on Rose Lane/70th Ave. TRI-D project. The walk through was completed with only a couple items for Mattison Contractors to address by next week. Reimbursement request was completed last week and sent onto the St. Croix County Highway Commissioner who will review then forward to Wisconsin DOT. Total amount was \$941,247.16 with wetlands cost included.

With the United States census numbers, the county must equalize the amount of people in each County Supervisory District. County Clerk, Cindy Campbell forwarded the Town of Baldwin Ward Plan for County Supervisor Districts #18 & 19. The town again was split, this time everyone west of 250th Street will be in District #18 which is included with the Village of Baldwin. Those east of 250th St. will be in District #19.

Supervisor Joseph Kusilek moved to adopt Resolution 2021-10-7 "Town Ward Plan for County Supervisor Districts #18 & 19. Seconded by Don L. Johnson. Carried by voice vote. All signed the resolution.

Included in our 2021 budget was a loan for the Rose Lane/70th Ave. TRID project, at that time the plans were to do that work over two (2) years. Due to funding and good bid prices it was decided it was in the town's best interest to complete the project in only one (1) year. Because of that decision our loan from the First Bank of Baldwin was increased up to \$995,000 instead of the original \$700,000 amount for 2021.

Supervisor Joseph Kusilek moved to adopt Budget Resolution #2021-10-7-B transferring the additional loan amount of \$295,000 to the Public Works (Highway) Operations Fund for the Rose Lane/70th Ave. project. Seconded by Supervisor Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

Chairman Douglas Veenendall gave the board an up-date on United Fire & Rescue plan of purchasing a new fire truck and items they plan on assessing member units of government utilizing ARPA funds.

2021 road up-date: road work projects assigned to St. Croix County Highway Department are nearing completion. Two culverts installed this fall need to be patched along with billing for ditch cleaning.

Motion by Supervisor Don L. Johnson to select 90th Ave. between 250th & 260th St. for our 2022-2023 LRIP project application. Work would include a box culvert replacement in early 2022, adding base, milling and a three (3) inch hot mix surface with gravel shoulders. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

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Preliminary budget documents were handed out and reviewed. The changes and amounts were explained. All items will be verified for the November Budget Hearing and meetings.

The town is still trying to understand allowable uses for the ARPA funds. New information will be coming from Wisconsin Towns Association to help clarify and United Fire Department has plans also.

To help obtain this information Doug Veenendall moved that the town pay the clerk's gas/registration and meals for attending the WTA Annual Convention in Wisconsin Dells. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried. (WTA will reimburse the town one-half that amount)

Public Comments: The need for a new maintenance truck in the next several years were discussed and the need to start setting funds aside for that. It was felt that the contingency fund adopted in January would be the place to start.

Future agenda items: Employee performance and compensation review, mill rate adoption, review 2021 building permits and ARPA up-date.

Motion by Joseph Kusilek to set the date of Thursday, November 4, 2021, for the Budget Hearing starting at 7 PM, followed by the Special Meeting of Town Electors and concluding with the Monthly board meeting. All held at the Baldwin Town Hall located at 2399-90th Ave., Baldwin, WI.

Chairman Douglas Veenendall closed the meeting at 7:50 PM.

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(Minutes approved and signed at November 4, 2021 Board Meeting)

Douglas Veenendall, Chairman

James Harer, Clerk