

**TOWNSHIP OF BALDWIN
MONTHLY MEETING
TOWNHALL AT 2399-90TH AVE., BALDWIN**

July 7, 2022

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

Others: Chris Veenendall, Kay Harer, Brian Zimmerman, Gary Fern, Jane Loux, Jenny Curtis, Karen & Dave Niccum, Pat & Dave Gerber, Jennifer Rickard, Diana Rickard, Heather Zinda, Cathie Simmons, Dave Mentink, Tim & Jody Simmons, Tom Olson and Dan Luckwaldt.

Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve the printed agenda with the change of moving item I) to A).
Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

Minutes of the June 2022 board meeting were read. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve the June board minutes as read and the special board meeting of June 16th as printed. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

Bills and bank statements were reviewed. Motion by Joseph Kusilek to approve vendor checks number 11307-11333 for a total of \$41,874.95. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried.

Conditional Use Application: Jennifer & Diana Rickard of Fantasy Corral were present to explain their application and answer questions. They stated that they presently have a Drive Thru Animal Park in Boyceville, Wisconsin but would like to move onto land leased from Charles & Cathie Simmons. Parcel #002-1033-40-000 Town of Baldwin.

This would be both an educational and family recreational event. Visitors would have to remain in their cars as they drive past a variety of different animals. Food cups would be offered for sale and the only time they could leave their vehicles would be at the end where a small parking lot would offer a chance to wash hands, use porta-potties and purchase items at a gift shop. The area will have security lights, cleaning and animal care daily, eight-foot privacy fence enclosing the area and staff to enforce the rules during operational times. All animals would be removed during off season. This would be open from June 1 through Labor Day, Wednesday-Sunday. Based on their current operation they would expect an average of 50 vehicles per day.

An adjoining landowner expressed strong objections to the plan, sighting dust, noise, lack of privacy and decreased property value for her and her neighbors. Others expressed strong support for and countered her evaluation of the operation while others expressed support for the educational and family entertainment value of the proposed park but understood her concerns.

Chairman of the Town Plan Committee Joseph Kusilek stated that they had met and unanimously voted to recommend board approval with the belief that the town be furnished proof of insurance annually.

Information gathering was ended. The following board action was taken.

A motion was made by Supervisor Don L. Johnson to approve the concept of the proposed Conditional Use Permit but with recommended access coming off 250th St. and the provision that proof of insurance is furnished to the town annually. Seconded by Supervisor Joseph Kusilek. Voice vote was taken: 3-Yes and 0-No.

New Employee Benefit included enrollment in the Wisconsin Retirement System which requires the town to enroll for inclusion. Joseph Kusilek moved to approve the "Resolution of Inclusion in the Wisconsin Retirement System". Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried. (Copy of document will be included with minutes)

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ARPA: The second payment was received in June. All required reports and identification numbers have been obtained. Chairman Douglas Veenendall moved to pay Checks #11330-United Fire & Rescue for \$7,866.55 and check #11333 to St. Croix County Highway Department for \$7,376.00 from ARPA lost revenue funds. In our experience they both meet accounting standards of actual cost and/or material prices that reflect competitive bids. These expenses cover public safety and road maintenance use for the town. Seconded by Supervisor Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

New Employee: Joseph Gerhardt was introduced to the meeting attendees as the new town patrolman. Joe started on July 1, 2022.

Building Permits for the month were reviewed.

BIL: No new developments, application was sent in and received by Wisconsin DOT.

Roadwork: Mowing operations are now underway. The highway department will be paving 90th Ave. soon, seal coating 2-miles and AMZ patch 3-miles. Project completion and cost should be available for review by end of August.

United Fire: New fire truck for Woodville is built but has no engine, maybe three months before delivery. Budget projections indicate a possible 12% increase in assessment to the towns.

.gov email account has been set up for the clerk to satisfy Wisconsin Elections and DOR requirements.

Correspondences: Annual recycling report card was handed out.

Joseph Kusilek moved to hold the August board meeting on Thursday, August 4th. Seconded and carried.

Being no further business, the chairman ordered the meeting closed at 8:15 PM.

(Minutes approved and signed below at August 2, 2022 board meeting)

Chairman, Douglas Veenendall

Clerk, James Harer