

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

October 4, 2022

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: Heather Zinda, Terry Helgeson, Joe Gerhardt, Kay Harer & Chris Veenendall.

All motions approved by voice vote unless indicated otherwise.

Don L. Johnson moved to approve the agenda as printed. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, Voice vote, all yes.

The clerk read the September board meeting minutes. Motion by Joseph Kusilek to approve as read. Seconded by Don L. Johnson. Carried-all yes.

Bills and bank statements were reviewed. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve checks number 11387-11420 for \$42,685.52. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek. Carried-all yes.

Motion by Joseph Kusilek to approve Budget Resolution #2022-10-4 to transfer \$120,000 from the Contingency Fund to the Public Works Fund to pay for completion of the 90th Ave. paving project. Seconded by Don L. Johnson. Carried-all yes.

Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve Resolution #2022-10-4-A approving the town to exceed their levy limit by the increase in charges assessed by United Fire & Rescue District by an amount that is less than or equal to the Consumer Price Index ending August 31, 2022, plus 2%. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek. Carried-all yes.

The majority of 2022 road projects have been completed, only patching of culverts on 60th Ave. remaining. Bills for paving have not arrived yet.

After some discussion on road conditions and money that will be available Joseph Kusilek moved to adopt the Town of Baldwin three (3) year road plan (attached). Seconded by Don L. Johnson. Carried-all yes.

September building permits were reviewed.

Don L. Johnson moved to use ARPA lost revenue money to cover check number 11412 to United Fire & Rescue District for \$7,866.55 relating to public safety quarterly assessment and check number 11415 to St. Croix County Highway Department for \$3,312.34 related to material and labor to maintain town roads. Both in our experience meet the 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 Joseph Kusilek. Carried-all yes.

The public is encouraged to fill out online comprehensive planning survey. Public planning session will be held at the hall on October 17th starting at 6:00 PM.

Joseph Kusilek moved to set November 3rd for the budget hearing and special voters meeting prior to the regular meeting. Seconded by Don L. Johnson. Carried-all yes.

Motion by Joseph Kusilek to recommend voter adoption of a levy for 2022 to be collected in 2023 of \$313,801. Seconded by Don L. Johnson. Carried-all yes.

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Motion by Joseph Kusilek to approve the Special Town Meeting Agenda Item 2) "To establish the compensation for elected officers". Seconded by Don L. Johnson. Carried-all yes.

Review of compensation for Recycling and Hall Attendant will be in November.

Preliminary plans for next years 150th Town Anniversary were discussed. Don L. Johnson and Heather Zinda agreed to serve on a committee to plan the celebration. They will look for one more citizen member.

The board instructed the clerk to budget \$500 for anniversary expenses.

Due to raising cost of postage and office supplies a motion was made by Don L. Johnson to approve Resolution #2022-10-4-B stating that overpayments of \$5.00 or less will not be automatically refunded and proceeds entered into the Miscellaneous Income account. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek. Carried-all yes.

Under public comment Joe Gerhardt proposed an exchange of his equipment use for the town be converted to compensation hours. Subject to be on the November agenda.

Joseph Kusilek moved to hold the November meeting immediately after the budget meeting and voters meeting on November 3, 2022. Seconded by Don L. Johnson. Carried-all yes.

Future agenda items: equipment exchange, wage review, budget items.

Meeting was declared adjourned at 7:55 PM by Chairman Douglas Veenendall.

(These minutes were read, approved and signed at the November 3, 2022 board meeting)

Douglas Veenendall, Chairman

James Harer, Clerk