

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

July 6, 2023

Chairman Douglas Veenendall called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call: Douglas Veenendall, Don L. Johnson, Joseph Kusilek, Treasurer, Tammie Curtis and Clerk, James Harer.

Others: Chris Veenendall, Kay Harer, Joe Gerhardt, Roxy Gerhardt, Tom Olson, Barbara Zimmerman & Brian Zimmerman.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as printed. Carried.

The clerk verified agenda posting.

The June special board meeting and regular meeting minutes were read. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve minutes as read. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek. Carried by voice vote.

Vendor checks, bank balances and account reconciliation were reviewed. There will be a tight bank balance with completed road projects being billed and the majority of state aid coming later in the fall. Motion by Joseph Kusilek to approve check number 11683-11715 for \$143,100.47. Seconded by Don L. Johnson. Carried by voice vote.

Gary and Patty Fern re-zone will be tabled until August.

Nick Newgard 2221-County Road DD has requested permission to live in his camper/mobile home until construction of his new house is complete. Motion by Joseph Kusilek to grant permission for up to two (2) years or until home construction is completed as per town mobile home ordinance allowances. Seconded by Don L. Johnson. Carried by voice vote.

Speed limit reduction. The board has received several concerns about traffic not stopping for 250th street at the intersection of 80th avenue. Discussion centered on reducing the speed limit on 80th avenue, 250th street or both and/or making the intersection a four (4) way stop.

Don L. Johnson moved to exercise the town board's authority to reduce the speed limit on town roads and promote public safety by reducing the speed limit to 45 MPH on 80th avenue from 220th St. to CTH "D". (USH 63-220th St. has a reduces speed limit.) Seconded by Joseph Kusilek. Carried by voice vote.

DAHL CORNER to preserve historical awareness of the 240th St. and 90th Ave. as the original site of a small community with roots to the town hall a sign has been requested. Several options are available, either a standalone or street sign would have a brown background.

Don L. Johnson moved to purchase and install "Dahl Corner" historical street signs at the intersection. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek. Carried by voice vote.

2023 Town Comprehensive Plan has been adopted however the county has furnished some annexation language that should be incorporated into the plan at a future date.

The Chair gave a brief update on United Fire and Rescue activities.

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ARPA: A motion was made by Joseph Kusilek to use ARPA funds to cover \$2,437.87 worth of material cost (road oil & chips) for invoice number 4657 from the St. Croix County Highway Department contained in check number 11714.

This expenditure is covered by the ARPA lost revenue funds. In our experience they meet accounting standards of actual cost and/or material prices that reflect competitive bids. Furthermore, these expenses cover public safety and road maintenance use for the town.

At a town voters meeting residents requested that the ARPA funds be used for public safety and road maintenance. Seconded by Don L. Johnson. Vote: 3-yes & 0-No. Carried.

The YTD list of building permits issued by the town and All-Croix was handed out.

Don L. Johnson reported on the preparation for the town 150th Anniversary celebration. Motion by Joseph Kusilek to increase the anniversary budget from \$500-\$1,200.00. Seconded by Don L. Johnson. Carried by voice vote.

Patrolman Joseph Gerhardt marked his one-year of employment by the town having started on July 1, 2022. After performance review, Don L. Johnson moved to increase his hourly wage rate by \$.50/hour effective July 1st. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek. Carried by voice vote.

Darren Lee CSM was tabled until the August meeting.

Future agenda items: Lee & Fern zoning, LP price quotes, review of 150th anniversary & WTA meeting attendance.

Due to several scheduling issues Joseph Kusilek announced the Plan Committee will meet prior to the August board meeting at 6:30 for the Darren Lee review and moved to hold the August board meeting on Monday, August 7th at 7 PM. Seconded by Don L. Johnson. Carried.

Being no further business, the chair closed the meeting at 7:50 PM.

(Minutes were approved and signed below at August board meeting)

Douglas Veenendall, Chairman

James Harer, Clerk