

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Monday, March 4, 2024
2399-90TH AVE., BALDWIN, WI

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Douglas Veenendall at 7 PM. Members present Supervisors Don L. Johnson and Joseph Kusilek, Treasurer Tammie Curtis and Clerk James Harer. Others: Kay Harer, Chris Veenendall, Tracy Helgeson, Joe Gerhardt, Brian Zimmerman, Heather Zinda, Fritz Ebinger, Tom Olson and Kris Poston.

Don L. Johnson moved to approve the agenda. Seconded and carried.

Clerk confirmed proper posting.

The February board meeting minutes were read. Motion by Joseph Kusilek to approve, seconded by Don L. Johnson. Carried by voice vote.

Bank statements and town books were reconciled. Vendor checks were reviewed. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve vendor checks number 11936-11958 for the amount of \$22,140.24. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

Kris Poston, Recycling Specialist from St. Croix County gave a slide presentation about the entire process of recycling, what can and cannot be recycled and some of its end uses. She also reviewed our town "report card". Our amounts collected in 2023 were 57.82 tons and cost are about \$9/resident. She also strongly supported the reuse-repurpose look at recycling. She suggested we continue to have an area where usable items brought in can be claimed by someone who could utilize the item.

In closing she said to check the county recycling website for more information and to find dates and locations for collection events.

The board thanked her for the valuable information and in closing she handed out some recycled household items to those in attendance.

Next was Fritz Ebinger JD Project Developer from Nokomis Energy to discuss a proposed distributed generation solar project in the southwest corner of the town.

He was present at the request of St. Croix County Zoning staff to tell the town the plans, process and answer questions. This project is in the early stages of a long process. The site area is approximately 80 acres and will generate 15,000KW. The questions from the board centered on financial bonding, length of project life and process of restoration. The town would retain approximately 1/3rd of the taxes or about \$22,000/year. The county claims 2/3rd of the tax.

There will be future public information meetings held by the county to further explain and answer questions.

The board thanked Mr. Ebinger for the information.

The punch list for cleanup day collection was reviewed containing Murtha Sanitations suggested amounts. Don L. Johnson moved to approve the list. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

Building permits through February were presented.

The 2023 Financial Report was handed out to the board, the current report was in "draft" stage with final figures available after the state report was completed. The final figures will be available for adoption at the April board meeting.

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(continued)**

The county has furnished the estimated road cost for 2024 projects. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve 2.5 inches of pavement on our 2024 110th paving project and adding 2 inches of lime rock along with doing 2 miles of seal coat. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

Motion by Joseph Kusilek to purchase 2 new tires for the town hot box. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

The board reviewed the suggested changes to the permit ordinance. Motion by Joseph Kusilek to approve the amounts listed on the town "Fee Schedule & Citation" amounts for building permit violations" seconded by Don L. Johnson. Carried.

No update on fire department activities.

Immanuel Lutheran Church presented a request seeking to reshape the ditch of 80th Ave. in front of church property. Joseph Kusilek moved to give approval at no cost to the town. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried.

Motion by Joseph Kusilek to allow the clerk to seek cost and do repairs correcting the uneven sidewalk in front of the town hall. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried.

Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve entering into a retainer agreement with Nelson & Lindquist, SC of Hudson, Wisconsin for as-needed legal services. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

No public comments or correspondence.

The chair reminded everyone of the upcoming Open Book, Board of Review, Annual meeting and cleanup dates.

The meeting was adjourned by the town chairman at 9 PM.

(Minutes were approved and signed at the April 4, 2024 board meeting)

Douglas Veenendall, Chairman

James Harer, Clerk