

**TOWN OF BALDWIN  
Board Meeting  
November 7, 2024  
Town Hall, 2399-90<sup>th</sup> Ave., Baldwin**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Douglas Veenendall at 7:30 PM immediately following the Budget Hearing and Special Voters meeting. Roll call: Douglas Veenendall, Supervisors Don L. Johnson & Joseph Kusilek & Clerk James Harer. Treasurer Tammie Curtis was absent.

Others: Kay Harer, Chris Veenendall, Dave Mentink, Tom & Sandra Olson, Brian L. Zimmerman, David E. Niccum, Heather Zinda, Joe Gerhardt & Roxanne Gerhardt.

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

The clerk declared the meeting was properly noticed on the website, posting on hall and collection center with courtesy notifications to the Baldwin Bulletin.

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

The bank balance and town accounts were reviewed and at present we have \$38,069.16 funds available.

Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve vendor check number 12167-12198 for \$24,358.25. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

The annual review of collection and hall attendants' wages and benefits was reviewed. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve a \$.50/hour raise to both positions effective November 1<sup>st</sup>. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

Highway items were discussed, the patrolman said the pressure washer motor was not working and will try a fix it otherwise a new one may be needed.

The county still has AMZ work on 250<sup>th</sup> St. & 80<sup>th</sup> Ave. Beavers have been plugging a culvert on 230<sup>th</sup> St. and will be monitored.

The projection at this time is that we will have about \$86,000 cash balance at the end of the year which is about \$10,000 below budget projections. That is dependent on receiving our LRIP payment.

Town chair updated the board on United Fire and Rescue activities.

Budget Resolution #2024-11-1 was presented to the board which would transfer the LRIP monies back into the Public Works Fund (\$25,042.05) and \$10,000 from the Contingency Fund into the Public Works Fund for the purpose of covering 2024 road work expenses. Motion by Douglas Veenendall to approve this resolution seconded by Joseph Kusilek. The vote was 3-yes and 0-no, carried.

Motion by Douglas Veenendall to write a letter to the one room school owners giving notice to them about possible action to be taken if the driveway and horse barn permits are not obtained. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

Information was handed out concerning various zoning languages from area communities covering horse droppings left on roadways.

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Joseph Kusilek moved to authorize the town board to hire board members for temporary/emergency situations per town elector approved hourly rates. Seconded by Don L. Johnson. Carried by voice vote.

Public comments were made about the Botany Bells cost for hall use. Sandra Olson wanted to thank the election workers for their hard work and dedication during the General Election. Heather Zinda was interested in an upcoming zoning meeting in Hudson per board policy any board or Planning Committee member wanting to attend would be paid mileage.

Future agenda items: Zoning issues, manure left on roadway, board approval of the 2025 Operations Budget & set date for 2025 town caucus.

Motion by Joseph Kusilek to set Thursday, December 5, 2024, for the next board meeting starting at 7 PM. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

The town chair declared the board meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

*(Minutes were approved and signed below at the December 2024 board meeting)*

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Douglas Veenendall, Chairman

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James Harer, Clerk