

TOWN OF BALDWIN
Monthly Board Meeting
March 6, 2025
Town Hall 2399-90th Ave., Baldwin, WI.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Douglas Veenendall at 7 PM with Supervisors Don L. Johnson & Joseph Kusilek, Treasurer Tammie Curtis and Clerk James Harer in attendance.

Others: Chris Veenendall, Sandy & Tom Olson, Joe Gerhardt, Ryan Sempf, Roxanne Gerhardt, Vickie Lathe, David Niccum, David Miller and Scott Miller.

Joseph Kusilek moved to approve the agenda as printed. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried.

The clerk confirmed that the meeting was properly posted.

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

Vendor run and bank statements were reconciled. Motion was made by Don L. Johnson to approve check numbers 12304-12332 for \$24,298.26. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

A joint meeting of the town board and town planning commission was held prior to this meeting for the purpose of discussing what the town's goals should be concerning solar energy.

In that regard Douglas Veenendall moved to have any future questions, information or presentations related to solar energy go before the Planning Commission prior to town board consideration. Second, by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

No other action will be taken until more information is obtained, reviewed and action recommended by the planning commission.

Darrell's Septic Services requested written authorization from the board to travel on posted roads with seasonal weight restrictions. The board recommended they follow exemption 349.16 b) which spells out the exemption for sanitary trucks. Douglas Veenendall moved to ask Darrell's Septic Services to notify the town prior to pickups, if possible, otherwise the 72 hours after as spelled out in the exemption would be required. Second by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

A motion by Joseph Kusilek to invite both Rural Mutual Insurance and The Horton Group to our next meeting to discuss town property, liability and Workers Compensation insurance which would be due for renewal in May. Second by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

Building Permits: There were no new permits issued in February. After the fact building permits were picked up for the Miller property on CTH E and no new developments on the schoolhouse on 240th St.

The clerk handed out a draft annual financial report. There are still some changes that may be needed but the outline is there for review, the finished product will be available for the April 1st election, April board meeting and April annual meeting.

Public Works: There was no new purchase request for road supplies. The county has not sent out construction cost estimates yet for 2025 work. The hauling contract will be up for renewal in June.

The Town of Eau Galle and the Town of Baldwin have finalized approval of a joint crack fill/seal coat/fog seal project for 60th Ave., from CTH B-270th St. for 2025.

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Cleanup day: Murtha sanitation has not gotten back with their recommendations for punch amounts but will have that information for April.

Chair Douglas Veenendall updated the board on United Fire & Rescue activities. There were several fires in the town. Due to stormy weather the last meeting was short with basic bill paying the main item.

Xcel Energy is proposing the Emerald Substation Project in the Town of Baldwin in Section 4 with some right-of-way purchase along CTH DD to the next substation to the west. This is project AIS 4623 on the Public Services Commission docket, and we will monitor the procedure for town input.

Under public comment section of the agenda resident Scott Miller thanked the board for getting involvement in the solar energy issue but did express doubts about the estimated cost to mount opposition to solar farms.

Future agenda items: Solar panels, permits, highway issues, town insurance, punch list & financial report.

Due to scheduling conflicts with the normal meeting dates Joseph Kusilek moved to hold the next meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 7 PM. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

Being no further business Chairman Douglas Veenendall ordered the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

(Minutes were approved and signed below at the April board meeting)

Douglas Veenendall, Chairman

James Harer, Clerk