

**TOWN OF BALDWIN**  
**Monthly Board Meeting**  
**April 8, 2025**  
**Town Hall, 2399-90<sup>th</sup> Ave., Baldwin, WI.**

Chairman Douglas Veenendall called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Present were Supervisors Don L. Johnson & Joseph Kusilek, Treasurer Tammie Curtis and Clerk James Harer.

Others: Chris Veenendall, Joe Gerhardt, Heather Zinda, Rocky Gerhardt, David Niccum, Brian Zimmerman, Tom Olson, Mike Curtis, Jessica VanDamme (Newly elected treasurer) and Barbi Manter with Rural Mutual Insurance.

Don L. Johnson moved to approve the agenda as printed, seconded and carried.

The Clerk stated that the meeting was properly posted.

March 6, 2025, 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. Don L. Johnson moved to approve check number 12333-12368 for \$28,640.95. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

Barbi Manter Agency Group was present to go over the town's liability, property and workers' compensation policies. A motion by Joseph Kusilek to increase the policy deductible from \$500-\$2,500 with Rural Mutual. Second, by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

Barbi will get the new cost figures for the town.

The Horton Group was not present.

Resolution #2025-04-08 which would put a one-year moratorium on solar, wind and storage battery construction and permitting forwarded from the Planning Commission.

Motion by Joseph Kusilek to approve Resolution #2025-04-08 which states: "The Town of Baldwin shall place a moratorium on the permitting and construction of all Solar Energy Systems, Wind Energy Systems and Battery Energy Storage Systems within the town for a duration of one year from the date of adoption and posting of said resolution" Seconded by Don L. Johnson. Carried by roll call vote all in favor, carried.

The clerk attested to the resolution, which will be posted the next day. A copy will be kept in the minutes book.

The final draft of town cleanup day punch amount was presented with Murtha Sanitation cost reflected. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve, seconded by Joseph Kusilek. Carried by voice vote.

Mike Curtis was appointed by the town chairman for another 3-year term on the Planning Commission. Don L. Johnson moved to confirm the appointment of Mike Curtis to the commission. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote. Mr. Curtis was given the Oath of Office.

**Highways:** The town patrolman requested a grapple bucket for the tractor (\$2,000) injectors (\$2,000) and head gasket (\$6,000) for the one-ton Ford truck. After some discussion, Joseph Kusilek moved to go ahead with the injectors. Second, by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

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The county did get price estimates for 2025, debate centered around which roads to seal coat & AMZ and weeds growing on 260<sup>th</sup> St. north of 110<sup>th</sup> Ave.

The clerk stated he would have a spreadsheet for May to outline the money available.

Considering the non-permitted house constructed at 2208-80<sup>th</sup> Ave. by Sam Miller and lack of willingness to resolve Don L. Johnson moved to impose a forfeiture of \$100/day as called for in the town’s permit ordinances and Fee Schedule starting on 3/22/25, the day a certified letter was rejected. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek. All in favor by voice vote. (a copy will be found in the minutes book)

The chair gave a brief update on United Fire & Rescue activities.

Information was discussed about the handicap entrance slope violation. More information will be gathered this summer.

Don L. Johnson moved to approve Treasurer Jessica N. VanDamme and Clerk James Harer attendance at the Spring WTA workshops in Eau Claire. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

The Planning Commission approved a application form for rezoning and a \$50 filing fee. This was in response to the counties new procedure for towns to approve all rezoning, conditional use and variance request prior to county review.

Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve the application form and to impose a \$50.00 application fee. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

Brian Schmitt 2472-110<sup>th</sup> Ave. requested a permit/variance to place his cattle fence on the shoulder of 110<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 245 St. Don L. Johnson moved to deny that request based on safety concerns with a bull in the pasture and the prohibition of non-road items placed in the right-of-way as spelled out by state statutes. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote. The clerk was instructed to make contact with Brian by mail, phone or in-person and advise him of the board’s decision.

No correspondence or public comment.

Future agenda items: Insurance, honor retirement of election workers, highways, holding tank quotes and zoning.

The next board meeting date was set for Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned by the chairman at 8 PM.

*(The minutes were approved and signed below at the April meeting)*

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Chairman Douglas Veenendall

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Clerk James Harer