

TOWN OF BALDWIN
May 8, 2025
Monthly Board Meeting
2399-90th Ave., Baldwin

Chairman Douglas Veenendall opened the meeting at 7 PM with Supervisors Don L. Johnson & Joseph Kusilek, Treasurer Jessica VanDamme and Clerk James Harer present

Others: Chris Veenendall, Joe Gerhardt, Heather Zinda & Roxanne Gerhardt.

Joseph Kusilek moved to approve the agenda as printed. Seconded and carried.

Proper notice of the meeting was verified by posting at the town hall, collection center and town website. Also, curtesy notice to the Baldwin Bulletin.

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

The May vendor checks were reviewed along with bank and town accounts reconciled. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve check numbers 12369-12396 for \$25,063.41. Second, Joseph Kusilek, carried unanimously.

Annual renewal of the town property and workers' compensation policy with Rural Mutal Insurance was reviewed. The new rate reflects an increase of deductible from \$500-\$2,500.00. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve the renewal of 2025 with Rural Mutual for the amount of \$8,153.00. Second, Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

Looking at the 2025 cleanup day the cost from Murtha Sanitation was \$798.00, there was a low turnout which brought suggestions that next year there should be some type of notice using Facebook that would maybe bring more awareness.

Building Permits: I) There has been no progress in regard to settling the “non-permitted” structure at 2208-80th Ave., Baldwin. The \$100/day forfeiture will continue. II) There were 5 permits issued by the town for storage structures and no new permits issued by All-Croix Inspection. III) No new concerns. IV) The “unpermitted” driveway at the schoolhouse on 240th was discussed. The neighbor has signed an agreement for joint use of the driveway, but nothing has been done to record that at the Register of Deeds or to get a permit from the town. The board instructed the clerk to send a letter of driveway removal to David Miller.

Highways: There was no new purchase request. The town patrolman will contact the county highway department to see if they could AMZ 80th Ave. from 220th-230th St. soon.

The town had advertised quotes for pumping the town hall holding tank. Three companies returned a per time quote: Ron’s Sewer Services for \$475, Marko Septic for \$425 and Mitch Weyer for \$150/trip plus \$75/1,000 gallons. (Last pumping that equaled \$398.00.

Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve Mitch Weyer’s quote for pumping. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

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The joint Planning Commission and board meeting yielded a draft Solar Farm Ordinance. Heather Zinda is finalizing the draft and when complete it will be distributed to all members for further input and final approval.

The chairman updated the board on United Fire and Rescue activities.

The town would like to recognize the retiring election workers at the June meeting. Plaque, certificates and a cake will be ordered.

Prochnow Assessing has presented the town with a new contract that would include Market Adjustment to take place in 2025 for the 2026 tax year. This would bring the town into the Department of Revenue compliance for market value.

Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve the 3-yr contract with Prochnow Assessing for \$6,800.00. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek. Carried unanimously.

There were no correspondences, public comments or updates.

Future agenda items: Solar Ordinance, Liquor License, Permits & highways.

Motion by Joseph Kusilek to set Thursday, June 5th as our next meeting date at 7 PM. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried.

(Minutes were approved and signed below at the June 5, 2025 board meeting)

Douglas Veenendall, Chairman

James Harer, Clerk