

TOWN OF BALDWIN
June 5, 2025
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
BALDWIN TOWN HALL
2399-90TH AVE., BALDWIN, WI.

Chairman Douglas Veenendall called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Roll call: Supervisors Don L. Johnson & Joseph Kusilek, Treasurer Jessica VanDamme and Clerk James Harer.

Others: Chris Veenendall, Dave Mentink, Cheri Croft, Bonnie Smith, Tom & Sandy Olson.

Don L. Johnson moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

The clerk confirmed that the agenda was posted at the collection center, town hall and town website. The Baldwin Bulletin was given a curtesy notice.

May 8, 2025, board meeting minutes were read. A missing name was added, with that Joseph Kusilek moved to approve as read, seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

Vendor run checks were reviewed along with town and bank account reconciliation. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve check number 12397-12427 for \$76,943.48. Second, Joseph Kusilek, carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Don L. Johnson to approve Mason Excavating LLC a one-year extension for hauling lime rock to the town hall at the current rate of \$115.00/load. Second, Joseph Kusilek, carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Don L. Johnson to approve the liquor license for Hilltop Bar/Pizza Planet owned by Richard Kiesow contingent on his payment of a overdue liquor bill owed to Bill's Distributing. Second, by Joseph Kusilek, carried unanimously.

Building Permits: There was only one permit issued by All-Croix in May. There was no progress following a letter sent to David Miller concerning a unpermitted driveway at the new school on 240th St. A bill for daily forfeiture for unpermitted home construction has yet to be paid or answered.

Highways: The town patrolman was unable to attend this meeting, so no new request were presented. A spreadsheet was presented on estimated road improvement cost for work planned for 2025 which indicates one mile of paving, 1.5 miles of seal coat and AMZ work are within budget. The beaver problem on 230th street seems to have abated.

The treasurer and clerk gave the board a brief update on the WTA meetings in Eau Claire.

Planning Commission Chairman gave an update on a proposed Solar Farm Ordinance. The board felt that the following items need to be addressed: 1) Define small, medium and large solar systems. 2) Public infrastructure damage payments need to be included. 3) Utility to pay for training and equipping fire and EMS personnel. 4) Fires at solar facilities must be billed to the property owner.

A concerned citizen also mentioned that another concern is the procedure of driving solar panel mounting pilings into the limestone substructure causing damage to ground water.

A speaker from UW Extension is being planned for the next WTA meeting, he specializes in solar ordinances.

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The chair updated the board on United Fire & Rescue activities.

Retiring election worker recognition will be held at the August board meeting.

The 2025 Maintenance of Effort form was reviewed by the board. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve and submit it to the Department of Revenue. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

There was public comment concerning the solar battery storage units and, in his experience, if a fire would develop, they would be almost impossible to put out, the only process is to let them burn out on their own. Also, the speed of traffic on CTH E was concerning.

Future agenda items: Patrolman wage and benefit review, solar, zoning, LP contract.

Joseph Kusilek moved to hold the July meeting on Thursday, July 3, 2025, at 7 PM. Seconded and carried.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

(Minutes were signed and approved at the July 3, 2025 board meeting)

Douglas Veenendall, Chairman

James Harer, Clerk