

**TOWN OF BALDWIN
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
2399-90TH AVE., BALDWIN, WI
JULY 3, 2025**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Douglas Veenendall at 7 PM. With Supervisors Don L. Johnson & Joseph Kusilek, Treasurer Jessica VanDamme and Clerk James Harer.

Others: Chris Veenendall, David Niccum, Brian Zimmerman, Tom Olson & Dan Luckwaldt.

Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve the agenda as printed. Second, Joseph Kusilek carried unanimously.

The clerk verified the agenda posting.

The June board meeting minutes were read. Joseph Kusilek moved to approve, seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried.

The town account records of the treasurer, clerk and Pillar Bank statement were reconciled. Vendor check print out was examined. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve check number 12429-12452 for \$93,057.85. Second, Joseph Kusilek carried unanimously.

July first is the hiring date of patrolman Joseph Gerhardt; the board reviewed and discussed the employee wage and benefit package. Motion by Joseph Kusilek to add one week of paid vacation to the benefit package (40 hours), seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried unanimously.

Planning Commission member David Niccum has resigned his appointment as of June 10, 2025. The town chairman by state authority is appointing Daniel M. Luckwaldt to the remainder of Mr. Niccum's term on the Planning Commission.

Joseph Kusilek moved to confirm the appointment of Daniel Luckwaldt. Second, by Don L. Johnson, carried unanimously.

Building permits: 1) The fines against the unpermitted home at 2208-80th Ave. continue to mount. Statements sent by the town treasurer are returned unopened and marked with "FREEDOM OF RELIGION". 2) A printout of year-to-date permits was handed out. 3) There has been no reply or action from the Amish schoolhouse zoning, shed building permit, sanitary permit or driveway permit issues. 4) The town is invited to a joint meeting with the county, the Amish elders and the four effected towns. The purpose of the meeting is to resolve permitting issues affecting everyone. This will be on July 8th at the Ag Building in Baldwin.

Highways: 1) The town patrolman was not present for the meeting. The front tires on the loader tractor are showing wear. Motion by Don L. Johnson to obtain prices and purchase a new set. Second, by Joseph Kusilek, carried. 2) The county misunderstood the town's instructions for the paving of 110th Ave. from 260th St.-CTH "DD". The intent was to have one lift at 2.5 inches of blacktop, but they are doing two lifts at 3 inches. There was also confusion about lifting the road next to a heaved culvert. We will look at cost at the end of the project to determine the next step.

The garbage collection days fall on Christmas and New Years Eve. this year. Attendant Brian Zimmerman recommended moving to Tuesday, December 23rd but leaving the other on December 31st.

Don L. Johnson moved to follow the recommendation and have holiday collection days on Tuesday, December 23rd and December 31st. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

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Planning Commission Chairman Joseph Kusilek noted that there will be a commission meeting on Monday, August 4, 2025, at 7 PM at the town hall. The agenda will cover Solar Farm Ordinances and a CSM and rezone request by Nicole Snyder.

The chair gave a brief update on United Fire & Rescue activities. They are in the budget cycle and prospects look like increases are necessary. The River Falls department is building a new station that will affect member Pleasant Valley who is part of both departments.

No correspondence. Under public comments David Niccum thanked the town for giving him a chance to serve on the Planning Commission. Other general comments were in opposition to the food for fuel policy of solar farms.

Future agenda items: LP contract for 2025-2026 season, budget & WTA meeting attendance.

Joseph Kusilek moved to hold the next board meeting on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at 7 PM at the hall. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried. **(Note, due to later conflicts the meeting date was changed to August 5, 2025, same time & place)**

The town chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

(Minutes were approved and signed at August 5, 2025, board meeting)

Douglas Veenendall, Chairman

James Harer, Clerk