

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Douglas Veenendall at 7 PM with Supervisors Don L. Johnson and Joseph Kusilek, Treasurer Jessica VanDamme and Clerk James Harer present.

Others, Kay Harer, Chris Veenendall, Roxanne Gerhardt, Dan Luckwaldt, Tom & Sandy Olson, Joe Gerhardt, Heather Zinda, Tawna & Logan Snyder, Richard & Jennifer Koenig, David & Karen Niccum, Brian Zimmerman, Karen Esanbock, Nicole Snyder and Jerry & Judy Johnson.

Don L. Johnson moved to approve the agenda. Seconded and carried.

The agenda was posted at the hall, collection center, town website and info to Baldwin Bulletin.

The minutes of the July board meeting were read. Joseph Kusilek moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Don L. Johnson. Carried by voice vote.

Account balances were reviewed. All accounts were reconciled, projected bank balance for the end of August is \$142,173.00.

Don L. Johnson moved to approve vendor check numbers 12453-12484 for \$83,249.09. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

A Certified Survey Map (CSM) and rezone application was prepared by Ty Dodge of Auth Consulting & Assoc. for Nicole Snyder and presented to the board. It covers parcel #002-1027-90, Section 13, Town of Baldwin and creates Lot #1 (original building site) of 4.227 acres, Lot #2 new building site (6.310 acres) and Lot #3 the remainder of the original 80-acres. The rezoning request changes two strips of land, one on each side of existing Lot #1 and all of Lot #2 from AG-1 to R-1.

Joseph Kusilek, Chairman of the Town Planning Committee reported that the members met to consider the two proposals and voted 4-0 to approve and recommend board approval.

Supervisor Don L. Johnson thanked Snyder's for keeping the newly created building site to one corner to preserve as much AG land as possible. He also moved to approve the CSM as presented. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

Joseph Kusilek moved to approve the above rezoning application. Second, by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

A proposal was received from Quality LP to furnish our heating needs at the hall and shop for the 2025-2026 season. The proposal was \$1.499 per gallon up to 5,000 gallons, Lakes Gas was \$1.599 per gallon, and last year's quote was \$1.459 per gallon.

Motion by Joseph Kusilek to approve the quote from Quality LP. Second, by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

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Building Permits: I) There has been no response from 2208-80th Ave., concerning his non-permitted home structure, forfeiture amounts are in the \$11,000 range. II) The printout of this year’s permits was handed out. III) Joni Gingerich owns two parcels that have greenhouses constructed within the setback area so no permits can be issued. A visit by the clerk, warning letter and phone call have been made without results. Motion by Douglas Veenendall to approve a five (5) day grace period and if the structures are not moved off the setback area and a building permit issued a forfeiture of \$50/day per structure starting at the August 1st deadline noted in the warning letter will be assessed. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote. IV) The permit for a joint driveway accessing the one-room school has not been completed and letters have not been responded to. A motion was made by Don L. Johnson to have the clerk send a “Final Notice” letter to Levi Miller of our intention to remove the driveway if the agreement is not registered on the land deed and a permit obtained from the town. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried. V) The 4-towns, county and Amish community met to discuss permit issues on July 8th. Very little agreement was reached.

Highways: I) Patrolman Joe Gerhardt said the mower needs a stump jumper plate. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve that purchase for \$650.00. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek. Carried, by voice vote. II) The county has promised to stay on 80th Ave., until AMZ work is finished. III) Some dead-end roads need gravel and grading.

The town chair updated the board on United Fire & Rescue activities. The 2026 budget will contain a 5% increase for assessments to each town.

Solar: The Planning Commission will continue to work on a solar ordinance. Their next meeting will be August 11th.

Substation: The board was updated on the Xcel Energy application for a Emeral Substation located in the northcentral portion of the town.

WTA: The fall training sessions put on by Wisconsin Tns. Assn. will be in Eau Claire during the month of September. Members interested in attending must let the clerk know by next meeting. Also, the clerk expressed interest in attending the WTA annual convention.

Resolution #2025-8-5 was adopted by the town board recognizing the importance of service performed by five (5) retiring election workers. (A copy will be kept with these minutes)

The five are: Sandy Olson Chief Inspector-26 years, Karen Esanbock-23 years, Judy Johnson-16 years, Karen Niccum-11 years and Judy Helgeson-6 years.

Pictures were taken, plaque, certificates and gift card were handed out with cake, ice cream and lunch enjoyed after the meeting.

There were no public comments. Correspondences were from the Village of Woodville (zoning change) and St. Croix Electric (dividend amount).

Joseph Kusilek moved to hold the next meeting on Thursday, September 4, 2025, at 7 PM. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

The chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.
(Minutes were read, approved and signed below at September board meeting)

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Douglas Veenendall, Chairman	James Harer, Clerk

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