

**TOWN OF BALDWIN
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
2399-90TH AVE., BALDWIN, WI
September 4, 2025**

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

Others: Kay Harer, Chris Veenendall, Zoe Kreehl, Bonnie Smith, Harold Smith, Jessica Smith, Bonnie Ringer, Brian L. Zimmerman, Jeff Hellendrung, Larry Gilbertson, Sue Gilbertson, Dan Luckwaldt, Joe Gerhardt, Dave Curtis, ? Bengston, Sam Romo, Kindall Romo, ??, Tom Olson, Heather Zinda, Dan Jacobson, Dan Herrmann, Roxanne Gerhardt, Brian Stehl, Rodney Stehl, Mitch Steward, Katrina Stansbury and Dan & Robin Cleveland.

Don L. Johnson moved to approve the agenda as printed. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

The clerk confirmed that the agenda was properly posted.

The August board meeting minutes were read. With no changes motion by Joseph Kusiek to approve the minutes. Second, by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

Bank and town accounts were balanced. Vendor checks were reviewed by the board. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve vendor checks number 12485-12511 for \$83,094.48. Second, Joseph Kusilek, carried unanimously.

Agenda items A & B, dirt track and Conditional Use Permits: Sam Romo of 2339 HWY 12 parcel number 002-1083-30 was present to explain his construction of motocross dirt track on the west end of the 15-acre parcel. He stated that he does have insurance, noise limiting rules and safety devices installed and that he was open to limiting hours and days of operation. Supporters stated that there is a need for such a facility for young people to experience the outdoors and be away from computer screens. Another factor is the distance operators have to travel for a similar track. Among the pro-tack attendees there was a feeling that no permits should be issued due to the fact that it is private property.

Those in attendance that opposed or had concerns about the racetrack stated the loud noise, dust/dirt, hours and days it would be operated, living within 150-feet of the track, safety of public, travelers on USH 12 and riders, parking and access from highway.

Mr. Romo stated he has Western Wisconsin Title working on rezoning 3-4 acres of the property in order to obtaining the required rezone to C-3 for a conditional use permit.

No board action was taken on the matter.

Permits: I) Fines continue to be added to un-permitted home on 80th Ave. II) Year-to-date permit list was handed out. III) No other permit issues at this time. IV) Joni Gingerich will be contacted to secure a school house driveway permit.

Highways: I) Town patrolman had no new purchase request. II) None of the town projects have been completed at this time. Current bills are through August 15th and AMZ costs are concerning. III) No other highway issues.

There was nothing new to report on United Fire & Rescue activities.

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The Planning Commission is still working on a solar farm ordinance with nothing new to report.

Items that the board wanted worked into the 2026 budget were rental of a one-arm mower (\$4,500) and a generator hookup to town buildings (\$1,000).

Don L. Johnson moved to allow 3-board members to attend the September WTA training in Eau Claire and clerk to attend the WTA convention in October. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

Don L. Johnson reported on his emergency training session. Keeping stream banks clear helps to prevent flood damage and a generator hook up for the town shop would protect emergency response during power outages.

The town 3-year road repair plan was reviewed. Members will select our mill and pave projects for 2029 & 2030 at the next meeting.

Don L. Johnson moved to apply for this round of Town Road Improvement (TRI) funding for the segment of 240th Street from 90th Avenue to County Truck Highway E. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek. Carried by voice vote.

Joseph Kusilek moved to apply for TRI- D (50-50) funding & TRI-S (90-10 funding) for a 2-mile road segment on 90th Avenue from 230th St. to 250th St. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

There were several correspondences to report, and thank-you notes from retired election officials. No public comments.

Future agenda items: Budget resolution, 2026 budget, set budget hearing and special voter meeting dates & solar ordinance.

Joseph Kusilek moved to set a Planning Commission date for Monday, October 6th and board meeting for Thursday, October 9th, both at 7 PM. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

The town chair adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.

(Minutes were approved at the October board meeting and signed below)

_____ Douglas Veenendall, Chairman	_____ James Harer, Clerk
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