

**TOWN OF BALDWIN
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
2399-90TH AVE., BALDWIN, WI
January 8, 2026**

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

Others: Kay Harer, Chris Veenendall, Joe Gerhardt, Brian L. Zimmerman, Tom Olson, Rick Tegroothuis, Dan & Mary Luckwaldt.

Joseph Kusilek moved to approve the agenda as printed, seconded by Don L. Johnson, Carried.

The clerk verified the meeting was properly posted.

The December 2025 board meeting minutes were read. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve, seconded by Joseph Kusilek. Carried.

The bank statement and town books were reconciled. End on the cash balance was \$107,294.45 with December tax collect of \$69,562.51 and road bonds held at \$7,500 our actual 2025 budget year end cash was \$37,731.94.

January payments included first quarter fire service and annual EMS payments, LP and one road bond refund. Total vendor run was \$59,138.93 checks number 12608-12640. Motion by Joseph Kusilek to approve payments. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried.

Ricky Tegroothuis was present to explain his land division application. JB Surveying prepared Certified Survey Map (CSM) for Parcel #002-1013-50-300 in Section 6, Town of Baldwin creating LOT 1 with 7.027 acres and the existing building site and LOT 2 with 19.987 acres. Planning Commission Chairman Joseph Kusilek stated that the Planning Commission has reviewed the application and recommended board approval.

Motion by Joseph Kusilek to give board approval to the CSM as presented. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried. The Town Board Checklist was signed and forwarded to the county.

Solar Energy Systems (SES) ordinance was forwarded from the Planning Commission for board approval. Due to the length and complexity of the SES ordinance a motion was made by Don L. Johnson to have the town attorney review it for completeness at an estimated cost of \$6-800.00. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

2026 Fee Schedule was presented with rates that included those outlined in the SES ordinance. A motion was made by Joseph Kusilek to approve the Fee Schedule rates with the SES items held until the ordinance is reviewed and approved. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried.

Dale Jensen was present to explain his land division application. Brandon King Land Surveying prepared the CSM for Parcel #002-1055-50-000 in Section 23, Town of Baldwin creating Lot 1 with 3.4716 acres and existing building site and LOT 2 with 36.78 acres. Planning Commission Chairman Joseph Kusilek stated that the Planning Commission has reviewed the application and recommended board approval.

Motion by Don L. Johnson to give board approval to the CSM as presented. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried. The Town Board Checklist was signed and forwarded to the county.

Building Permits:

- I) Sam Miller has obtained a building permit for his home addition. The board will consider options for his permit violation fees assessment so far at the next meeting.
- II) 2025 building permits and fees collected were presented and reviewed.

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- III) Samuel Romo’s conditional use permit has been approved by the county, and he has provided the town with license and insurance documents.

2026 Contingency Fund amounts were presented. Motion by Joseph Kusilek to designate \$26,481 to Capital Expenditures, \$5,000 to emergencies, \$20,000 to minimum operations and \$5,000 to road bonds for a total of \$56,481. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried.

Highways:

- I) The one-ton truck needs a new engine exceeding \$15,000, tabled until February.
- II) Jensen electric has been notified to install generator hookup, no date set.
- III) Estimated cost for road projects will not be available until spring.
- IV) The town has been approved for \$19,000 of 2026 LRIP funding and is being considered for either a TRI D or S project funding in 2027.

WTA Spring Board of Review training will be held in Eau Claire on March 7th. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve Douglas Veenendall and Jim Harer to attend. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

Open Book (OB) & Board of Review (BOR) suggested dates were presented by Prochnow Assessing. Douglas Veenendall moved to hold the OB on Wednesday, April 8th from 6-8 PM and BOR on Tuesday, May 4th from 6-8 PM both held at the town hall. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

Fire and Rescue asked the towns if they have or should adopt a Fire Inspection Ordinance. We do not have one but will find some sample ordinances for the February meeting.

Spring Cleanup Day was discussed. Motion by Don L. Johnson to hold the 2026 cleanup day on Saturday, May 2nd from 8 AM until noon. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

IRS has raised the business standard mileage rate to 72.5 cents per mile. Motion by Don L. Johnson to remain at our current \$.55 per mile rate. Second, Joseph Kusilek, carried unanimously.

Correspondence: The county has issued a “Cease and desist” order to the slaughterhouse on 90th Avenue.

Future agenda items: 1) Solar ordinance, 2) one-ton truck 3) fire inspection ordinance.

Joseph Kusilek moved to hold the February board meeting on Thursday the 5th at 7 PM. Seconded and carried.

(Minutes were approved at the February 5th board meeting and signed below)

Douglas Veenendall, Chairman

James Harer, Clerk