

TOWN OF BALDWIN  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
2399-90<sup>TH</sup> AVE., BALDWIN, WI  
February 5, 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 were also present.

Others: Kay Harer, Chris Veenendall, Joe Gerhardt, Brian L. Zimmerman, Kelly McNamara, Sandy Olson, Heather Zinda, Drew Mason, Dan & Mary Luckwaldt.

Don L. Johnson moved to approve the agenda as printed. Seconded and approved.  
The clerk verified proper posting of the agenda.

Minutes of January 8, 2026, board meeting were read. Motion by Joseph Kusilek to approve. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried.

Bank statements and town accounts were reconciled and January tax settlement explained. Don L. Johnson moved to approve vendor checks number 12645-12672 for \$28,856.28/withholdings. Second, Joseph Kusilek, carried unanimously.

**Solar Energy Systems (SES)** ordinance in draft form was presented to the board from the Planning Commission in January. At the January meeting the board referred to the town attorney for review. That review was finished with a document showing comments and suggestions. A motion was made by Joseph Kusilek to review those comments at a joint meeting on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 6:30 PM and following that meeting to hold a Public Information session before the next board meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried. (Paper copies of the reviewed SES were distributed to board and commission members present with electronic copies sent to those not at this meeting.)

**2025 Recycling Report** was furnished for board review. Total cost to the town with tires was \$10,264.60 with 58.01 tons collected at the center and another 13.65 tons collected by curb side. 58.01 tons collected was the same as in 2024 and 2001. Report was excepted without action.

**Fire Inspection ordinance** was discussed by Chairman Douglas Veenendall. All villages within the United Fire and Rescue District have this ordinance but there are not any towns with this ordinance. Discussion will be held at the next fire meeting to generate a possible common ordinance that the towns could adopt.

**Green Touch Lawn** submitted a quote for mowing the town hall for 2026 and a one time spraying for fertilizer and weed control. Mowing was at \$68/time and \$200 for the application, unchanged from 2025. Motion by Joseph Kusilek to approve, seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried.

**Building Permit Review:**

- I) Sam Miller has been accumulating \$100/day fines for non-permitting of his house construction totaling around \$28,000. Per Kelly McNamara he has obtained a permit but has not requested any inspections. Per board direction the treasurer will end the per day fine effective January 1, 2026, but interest will accumulate.
- II) Since the first of 2026 there have been two permits issued by All-Croix Inspection for home improvements and one permit issued by the town for a chicken barn.
- III) Notes from a meeting held in January concerning Amish permitting were handed out. Attorney Drew Nelson, County Zoning staff, members of the Amish community and officials from the Towns of Eau Galle, Springfield, Cady and Baldwin were in attendance. In summary the Town of Cady has obtained court judgements against five structures that were not permitted with forfeitures and court costs pending. Per the agreement made that day these fines will be suspended until August 1, 2026, by which time all violations are to be addressed and then negotiated from there.

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- IV) The board and Kelly McNamara agreed that it would be beneficial to generate a comprehensive list of all active building and zoning violations.

**Highways:**

- I) The town patrolman had no request.
- II) No change in the generator hookup.
- III) 2026 construction estimates will not be available until spring. There was an announcement that the DOT will have 30 million dollars available to replace failed 6'-20' structures. We have not received our evaluations from the engineering firm yet.
- IV) The town's one-ton maintenance truck is having engine problems. Joe Gerhardt is going to get a second opinion, but a new engine looks to be needed. Mr. Gerhardt will also look at cost and availability of a replacement truck.

**Fire Department:** There were no new developments at United Fire.

**Town Treasurer** Jessica VanDamme gave the board an update on town tax collections. At this moment there are still 33 parcels not paid, about 1.7 million dollars collected with the majority of residents paying the entire amount vs two payments.

**Spring Primary** election will be held on February 17<sup>th</sup> for only four residents in the Glenwood City School District.

No comments or correspondence.

Future agenda items: Fire Inspection Ordinance, Sam Miller property, Permit Bond, SES ordinance.

Next meeting: From a previous motion the next board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> following a SES informational meeting starting at 6:30 PM.

Chairman Douglas Veenendall closed the meeting at 7:55 PM.

*(Minutes were approval and signed at the March 2026 board meeting)*

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Douglas Veenendall, Chairman

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James Harer, Clerk