

**TOWN OF BALDWIN
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
2399-90TH AVE., BALDWIN, WI
March 5, 2026**

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

Others: Kay Harer, Don Wolf, Dale Wolf, Tom & Sandy Olson, Dan & Mary Luckwaldt, Roxanne Gerhardt, Joe Gerhardt and Chris Veenendall.

Don L. Johnson moved to approve the agenda with Item D moved to A. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

The clerk stated that the meeting agenda was properly posted.

The February 2026 board meeting minutes were read. Motion by Joseph Kusilek to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried.

A printout of vendor checks along with bank and town book reconciliation was presented to the board. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve vendor checks number 12677-12710 for \$16,016.78, seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried unanimously.

Don & Dale Wolf gave a 20-minute presentation about the required habitat that bees and birds need to have to survive. Their focus was on the vegetation controls local road authorities use on right-of-way areas. Mr. Wolf stated that chemical sprays used to control brushes and weeds do the most damage to native flowering plants that the bees use for food. The board stated that the state and county along with some towns spray but the Town of Baldwin only sprays around signpost and guardrails. The town board mentioned that a quarterly district Towns Association meeting might be the best audience for his message. Mr. Wolf thanked the board for their time.

Solar Energy System Permitting Ordinance was discussed, Planning Commission Chairman Joseph Kusilek stated that the commission voted to recommend approval to the board.

Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve Solar Energy System Permitting Ordinance number 2026-06-05 in its entirety. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek. By voice vote all indicated yay. The ordinance was signed and attested to by the clerk and notice will be posted.

Ordinance Creation Checklist was developed by the clerk to better outline the procedures to follow when developing and passing a town ordinance. A motion was made by Don L. Johnson to adopt the checklist for future use. Second, Joseph Kusilek, carried unanimously.

A uniform Fire Inspection Ordinance has been encouraged by United Fire and Rescue. The three villages have said ordinance, but the towns do not. A motion was made by Joseph Kusilek to have the clerk prepare a Town of Baldwin Fire Inspection Ordinance based on a sample copy for consideration at the April board meeting. Seconded Don L. Johnson, carried.

Building Permit issues:

- a. Sam Miller building permit violation forfeitures were discussed, since there has been no response by Mr. Miller to settle the forfeiture billings the clerk was asked to develop a letter and send to him.
- b. Year-to-date permits were handed out.
- c. A permit bond will be addressed at the end of the year when our inspection contract is renewed.
- d. All-Croix Inspection has generated a list of building permit inspection issues by owner and that list handed out.

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Highways:

- a. The town patrolman did not have any request.
- b. The emergency generator hookup is still coming.
- c. 2026 road work cost estimates are still not available.
- d. The board discussed the options for purchasing a one-ton maintenance truck. Reviewing several combinations of model, make and options it was the board opinion to view a Chevrolet in Red Wing, MN. As the next step.
- e. Motion by Joseph Kusilek to have St. Croix County do the bidding and construction work for the towns 2026 LRIP paving project on 240th St. from 90th St.-CTH E. Seconded by Don L. Johnson. Carried.
- f. Don L. Johnson moved to deny Waste Managements request to pickup garbage on designated town roads during seasonal weight restrictions. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

Chairmans update on fire department activities. An existing truck will be sold, and money will be used to purchase an upgraded model from the Hudson Fire Department. There is going to be an upgrade of the radio system used by emergency government and the department cost could be around \$585,000 leaving the town's share at 8% of that.

2025 Financial Report was not complete at this time but pages 4 & 5 were handed out. The clerk stated that it will be available for the April meeting.

There were no correspondences or public comments.

Future agenda items: Town truck, financial report, Planning Commission reappointments.

Motion by Joseph Kusilek to hold the next meeting on Thursday, April 9th at 7 PM. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried.

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

(These minutes approved and signed at the April 9th board meeting)

Douglas Veenendall, Chairman

James Harer, Clerk