

**MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, October 9, 2023**  
**2399-90<sup>TH</sup> AVE., BALDWIN, WI.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Douglas Veenendall at 7:00 PM. Other members were Supervisors Joseph Kusilek & Don L. Johnson, Treasurer Tammie Curtis and Clerk James Harer.

Others: Richard & Jennifer Koenig, Dave Mentink, Chris Veenendall, Joe Gerhardt, Kay Harer, Dave Niccum plus two Amish gentlemen who did not sign in representing variance request.

Motion to move item #5 to end of action items and agenda items "A" to "B". Seconded and carried.

The clerk verified the meeting was properly posted.

The minutes for the September 2023 board meeting were read. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve, seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

**Setback variance request** by Irvin Miller, owner, and David Miller resident at 2610-90<sup>th</sup> Ave. At that location a separate home is being constructed, without a permit, and is located only 48 feet from the road right-of-way. The variance request was filed by Irvin Miller and explained that it would be too close to sheds if moved north. One of the gentlemen attending stated their intent was to remove the old house at a later date and confirmed they received a letter from All-Croix Inspections, employee Vickie Lathe, stating a permit could not be issued until the setback is addressed.

Planning Committee Chairman Joseph Kusilek stated that his committee voted to deny the variance and recommend do the same for the following reasons: 1) It is a standalone building without connection to the existing home. 2) Building continued without obtaining the required building permit in spite of a letter from All-Croix Inspection stating the setback must be addressed. 3) The setback was <50 required by county building ordinance which the town has adopted.

After input from attendees and review of documents a motion was made by Joseph Kusilek to deny the variance request by Levi & David Miller. Seconded by Don L. Johnson. By voice vote the outcome was 3 yes in favor of the motion and 0 against the motion. Variance request was denied.

**Dog damage claim** was presented by Richard & Jennifer Koenig. The board was reminded of their Oath of Office and convened as An Investigating Committee to verify said claim. Documents were reviewed showing when the dog attack occurred and whom they belonged to. A list of animals that were attacked and fair market values of those animals killed. Supervisor Don L. Johnson confirmed that the amounts listed were well within amounts he found as "going rates".

Don L. Johnson moved that the committee has verified that the damage was indeed caused by at large dogs and the damage amount of \$2,655.00 was fair and reasonable. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek. Carried by voice vote.

The document was signed and notarized and will be delivered to the County Clerk Christine Hines the next day.

**Preliminary 2024 town operations budget** was presented to the board. Income and expense projections were reviewed. The budget includes 1 mile of mill/pave and 2 miles of seal coating, approximately \$40,000 in reserve and funding for other operations. These budget figures more than likely will change prior to the board's final approval in December.

Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve the preliminary 2024 town operations budget and to endorse a 2023 town levy amount of \$324,697.00 payable in 2024. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek. Carried by voice vote.

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**Various reports and updates:** Town Patrolman reported 110<sup>th</sup> Ave. is shouldered, 45 MPH signs have been installed on 80<sup>th</sup> Ave. with one being stolen already and the Dahl Corners sign installed.

No changes in fire department activities and list of year-to-date building permits was handed out.

**ARPA.** Motion was made by Joseph Kusilek to move and expend the final balance of ARPA fund in the amount of \$31,285.71 to the Public Works portion of the town 2023 operations budget for material cost (lime rock, asphalt, road oil and culvert) for work done by St. Croix County Highway Department.

Seconded by Don L. Johnson. Carried by voice vote with 3-infavor and 0-against.

Motion by Joseph Kusilek to hold the town budget hearing, voters meeting and town board meeting on November 9, 2023, starting at 7:00 PM. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

**Bank loan.** Discussion was held on the possibility of taking out a short-term loan from Pillar Bank to cover 2023 costs and preserve our contingency fund. A consensus was to table at this time.

**Operator license.** Joseph Kusilek moved to approve the operator license request by the Hilltop Bar for Joy Lynn Tedesco. Seconded by Don L. Johnson. Carried by voice vote.

**County Aid Bridge Petitions.** Two (2) county aid bridge petitions were received from St. Croix County Highway Department. 1) Mark County Aid on 107<sup>th</sup> Ave. 3,000 feet east of 220<sup>th</sup> St., town responsibility is \$9,000.00. 2) Ging County Aid on 90<sup>th</sup> Ave. 150 feet east of 230<sup>th</sup> St., town responsibility is \$13,500.00.

Motion by Joseph Kusilek to approve the Mark & Ging County aid petitions. Seconded by Don L. Johnson. Carried by voice vote.

**Budget transfers.** The motion was made by Joseph Kusilek to adopt Budget Resolution #2023-10-9 to transfer \$61,412.71 from the contingency fund and Town of Eau Galle roadwork reimbursement monies to public works. Seconded by Don L. Johnson. Carried by voice vote.

In addition, Joseph Kusilek moved to adopt Budget Resolution #2023-10-9-2 to transfer Public Service Fire Protection Receipts to Public Safety Expense Fund. Seconded by Don L. Johnson. Carried by voice vote.

Motion was made by Don L. Johnson to approve vendor checks 11770-11798 for \$195,298.81 with instructions for the town treasurer to hold check #11796 to St. Croix County Highway Department until Town of Eau Galle payment is received. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek. Carried by voice vote.

There were no public comments.

Next meeting date has already been set with future agenda items being Scott Green re-zoning request.

The town chair closed the meeting at 7:55 PM.

*(Minutes were read, approved and signed below at the November 9, 2023 board meeting)*

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Douglas Veenendall, Chairman

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James Harer, Clerk