

**TOWN OF BALDWIN
Monthly Board Meeting
January 9, 2025
Town Hall 2399-90th Ave., Baldwin**

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

Others: Kay Harer, Chris Veenendall, Rollie Smith, Tom & Sandra Olson, Scott Miller, Jessica Van Damme, Joe Gerhardt, James Johnson candidate for Circuit Court, Ryan Sempf and Kelly McNamara, Todd Dolan and Vickie Lathe of All-Croix Inspection.

Joseph Kusilek moved to approve the agenda with Item H moved to between Items B & C. Seconded and carried.

The clerk confirmed proper meeting notice was provided.

The December 2024 meeting minutes were read. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve the minutes as read. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

Bank and town account balances were reviewed along with the vendor run. Joseph Kusilek moved to approve vendor check numbers 12234-12270 for \$489,102.01. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

Todd Dolan, Kelly McNamara and Vickie Lathe were in attendance to present and explain the 2-year contract for building inspection services. Todd explained that the rates for some items, mainly commercial construction, were up. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve the 2-year contract which runs from February 1, 2025, to January 31, 2027. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek. Carried by voice vote.

Consideration of CSM-2024-096 owned by Roland Smith in Section 21 Town of Baldwin, prepared by Joel Brandt Surveyor. Planning Commission Chair Joseph Kusilek stated that they voted to recommend board approval.

Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve CSM-2024-096 with the understanding that the board has no present or future plans to upgrade 235th St. beyond its present gravel surface. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote. The CSM was signed and the county notified of the board's actions.

James Johnson candidate for County Circuit Court Judge introduced himself as fair, honest, hardworking, family man and with years of experience as an active attorney and is asking for our support in his campaign to seek the judgeship. The board thanked him for the information.

After some changes and discussion, the town Fee Schedule was finalized. Motion by Don L Johnson moved to approve the changes and bring a final version of the document for February approval by resolution. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

Zoning issues were discussed, and a copy of the 2024 building permits were handed out. Nathan Alvermann has been issued another building permit which should bring his home construction into compliance. Discussion centered on some long running permit and zoning violations and the need, process and proper time to address them. The general consensus was to wait and see how the Town of Cady cases are resolved.

2024 highway projects were reviewed. Late season AMZ work on 250th St. & 80th Ave. seem to be failing. The town patrolman presented several items that he would like to purchase which includes blades, pressure washer, backup and wing camera and overhead door seals totaling about \$1,300.

Don L. Johnson moved to approve the purchases listed. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

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Prochnow Assessing has proposed dates for the Open Book and Board of Review meetings.

Don L. Johnson moved to approve the Tuesday, May 6th Board of Review date from 6-8 PM but the Open Book date conflicts with our annual meeting so another date must be picked. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

United Fire & Rescue report included a renewed effort to catch up with public buildings inspections for fire code compliance within the towns.

Don L. Johnson moved to approve sending up to three board members to the Wisconsin Towns Association spring Board of Review training in Eau Claire. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

The actual cash value as of December 31, 2024, was \$45,775.00. Joseph Kusilek moved to approve the Contingency Reserve Fund as \$23,275 in Capital Expenditures, \$20,000 in minimum operations fund and \$2,500 in Road Damage Bond for \$45,775.00. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried. Fund document kept with minutes.

Public Comments: Scott Miller mentioned some fact and opposition to required rabies shots for dogs and had questions about the Towns Association and required board of review training.

Several members of the community had questions and comments about the solar farm proposals, mainly about cost, need, cleanup and effect on land and home values.

Future agenda items: mowing bids, date of spring cleanup, Xcel Energy and judge candidates.

Don L. Johnson moved to have the next board meeting on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 7 PM. Seconded and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

(Minutes were read, approved and signed below at the February 6, 2025 board meeting.)

Douglas Veenendall, Chairman

James Harer, Clerk