

**TOWN OF BALDWIN  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
2399-90<sup>TH</sup> AVE., BALDWIN, WI  
December 4, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Douglas Veenendall 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, Scott Miller, Brian Zimmerman, Lorra Conard, Heather Brunner, Roxanne Gerhardt, Brian & Lisa Cronk, Heather Zinda, Dan & Mary Luckwaldt, Bonnie Smith, Kay Willow, David Meyer and Dale Jensen.

Don L. Johnson moved to accept the agenda as printed, motion seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

The clerk verified that the meeting was properly posted.

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

The December town accounts were reconciled with Pillar Bank statements. Vendor checks were reviewed. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve vendor check numbers 12579-12607 for \$19,709.62. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek. Carried.

**Operator Licenses:** There were ten (10) operating licenses requests from the Mix-up on Hilltop LLC. Presented to the board: Cassandra Steenberg, Tara Lytle, Brianna Oftedahl, Campbell Casellious, Annette Sabol, Cynthia Smith, Sherrie Lynn Casey, Jay Fish, Mae Buttles and Nicole Barnes. After reviewing qualifications, a motion by Joseph Kusilek to approve all applications. Second, Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

**Appointment of poll workers:** A list of proposed poll workers was presented to the board by the town chairman. There are one from the Democratic list, four from the Republican list and four unaffiliated.

Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve Wendy Sander, Mary Luckwaldt, Robin Meyer, Chris Veenendall, Kathleen Ring, Bonnie Smith, Kelli Lorentz, Anthony P. Lind and Susan Gilbertson as poll workers for the town of Baldwin in the 2026-2027 election cycle. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek. Carried by voice vote.

**Rezoning request.** A request was received from Dale Jensen, 2541-90<sup>th</sup> Ave. to rezone a 40-acre parcel #002-1055-50-000 from AG-1 to AG-2 for the purpose of selling off the existing house with at least three acres and possibly building another smaller home on the remaining acreage.

The Planning Commission reviewed the request on December 1, 2025, and Chairman Joseph Kusilek reported they voted to recommend adoption by the board.

Don L. Johnson moved to approve the request to rezone the said parcel from AG-1 to AG-2 because of commission recommendation and the land would remain in AG classification. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek. Motion carried.

**Building Permits:** There has been no change in the Miller permit issue. YTD building permits were reviewed. Although the town has not been notified a meeting attendee reported that the Samuel Romo conditional use permit was approved by the county. The clerk will contact the county to get a copy of the CUP.

**2025 Town Operations Budget** was presented unchanged from the November meetings. Don L. Johnson moved to officially approve the budget. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek. Carried.

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**Highways:** I) Town patrolman Joe Gerhardt reported that the one-ton truck needs a new turbo charger for about \$2,000. Motion by Don L. Johnson to make the repairs, seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried. II) All 2025 road projects have been completed and paid for. III) There are no estimates yet for 2026 projects. IV) The town has applied for TRI S & D funding; there was only one other application in the county. The county committee will meet the end of December to see which project is advanced to the state.

**Year end cash** balance projections show that we should end the year with about \$49,000 in Pillar Bank and Investment Pool funds. If that holds true it would be about \$4,000 higher than projected in the 2025 budget.

**Budget resolution** #2025-12-1 to transfer \$1,500 from the General Fund to the Public Works Fund was presented by the clerk. Joseph Kusilek moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried.

**United Fire** activities. Nothing notable was reported.

**A Fee Schedule** draft for 2026 was handed out for board review. Gopher bounty and Solar ordinance fees will be added, and the board was asked to let the clerk know of any other changes prior to the next meeting.

**Checklist:** A land division check list was developed by the county. This list was reviewed and approved by the town Planning Commission. Don L. Johnson moved to approve the check list. Joseph Kusilek seconded the motion. Carried.

**Donation:** The town chairman of Erin Prairie has requested a “donation” to help with legal expenses against an Xcel solar project. Advise from WTA legal counsel indicated that this “donation” would not be legal. With that being noted no action was taken.

**Emergency hookup:** In response to an emergency preparedness meeting the town was urged to have an emergency generator hookup installed at the hall to feed both the hall and shop. From action at the October board meeting Jensen Electric submitted a bid for such a hookup. Supervisor Don L. Johnson suggested that he would donate a generator to the town.

Joseph Kusilek moved to approve the bid from Jensen Electric for \$3,500.00 and install the hookup. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried.

**A resolution** opposing the Ten Mile Solar Farm was presented by Scott Miller, a citizen of the town. He explained that the purpose of the ordinance was to preserve the area farmland as documented in the town 2023 comprehensive plan.

After comments from others in attendance and some board discussion Joseph Kusilek moved to adopt Resolution #2025-12-1-A. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried.

Several correspondences were handed out to the board. A tap water sample at the hall showed a mid-range nitrate level. During open discussion the chair and clerk pointed out several possible changes to the Town Solar Ordinance and urged another meeting to review those changes. Another resident voiced concern about changes to an Xcel substation in the town and the possibility of solar battery storage.

Joseph Kusilek moved to hold the next meeting on January 8, 2026, at 7 PM. Seconded and approved. The town chair moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM.

*(Minutes were read, approved and signed at the January 8, 2026 board meeting)*

