

VILLAGE OF BALDWIN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2015 – 6:00pm

The Village Board of the Village of Baldwin opened their regular board meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at the Baldwin Municipal Center, 400 Cedar Street. President Zevenbergen called the meeting to order at 6:08p.m, following the village caucus.

All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by Clerk Tracy Carlson – Present: President Willy Zevenbergen, Trustees Claire Stein, Lisa Knutson, Brian Nadeau, Doug Newton, Duane Russett and Jennifer Recifo-Smith.

Others present: Attorney Terry Dunst, Engineer Mike Stoffel, Public Works Director John Traxler, EMS Chief Craig Nelson, Police Chief Darren Krueger, Clerk of Courts Kathy Jo Brihn, Aaron Mckeever, Ann Russett, Heather Zinda, Dennis Russett, Tamora Hovde, Bev Paul, Wayne Smith, Lance Van Damme, Disa Wahlstrand, Tracie Wold, Scott Husby, Robb Paulson, Alison Page and Jeff Peterson.

Knutson **moved** to approve written checks #30615-30730; voided check - #30638; payroll vouchers – #V15785-V15889 and on-line checks for payroll taxes and WRS. Seconded by Russett. Motion carried.

Stein **moved** to approve the financial reports and budget comparisons for December, 2014 as presented. Seconded by Russett. Motion carried.

Russett **moved** to approve consent agenda items #6-9. Seconded by Nadeau. Motion carried. Items approved:

- Minutes dated Dec. 10, 2014
- Annual LOSAP contribution of \$338.36
- Municipal court report for December, 2014
- Acknowledge receipt of annual report from Baldwin Senior Center re: E. Olsen Estate

President Zevenbergen called for public comments three times. None were heard.

Dennis Russett, Snowmobile Club, requested that the snowmobile trails in the village be formally approved. Knutson **moved** to approve the current trails, which include trails along the railroad tracks on the east side of town, through the north side of the creamery property but not crossing the property and through the alleys on Main St.; a trail along Pine St. and across Hwy. 63 and a trail behind The Orchard. Seconded by Recifo-Smith. Motion carried.

Knutson **moved** to approve A&W's request for modification to their entrance and parking lot per Planning Commission's recommendation, which includes at 46' driveway instead of 35' per the local ordinances. Seconded by Russett.

Stein **moved** to approve the site plans for the new BAMC facility per Planning Commission's recommendation. Seconded by Recifo-Smith.

Naming of the BAMC streets leading into their development was tabled.

The board discussed the Maple St. project which includes curb/gutter/sidewalks/walking path and street reconstruction. After much discussion and input from the community and the American Legion, Knutson **moved** to approve the recommendation from the Streets/Building Committee to place the sidewalks on the north side of Maple St. from 6th Ave. to the bridge and then on the south side from the bridge to 220th. Seconded by Stein. Motion carried by roll call vote with all in favor.

There was then discussion on the width of Maple St. and allowing for street parking, especially in front of the American Legion. Knutson **moved** to keep the width at 36' with no additional space for parking. Seconded by Russett. Motion failed 2-5 with Zevenbergen, Newton, Nadeau, Stein and Russett opposed. Nadeau **moved** to widen the street to 44' from 6th Ave. to 200' feet east of the American Legion, then narrowing to 36' to 220th. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-1 with Recifo-Smith opposed.

President Zevenbergen called for a break at 7:37pm.

President Zevenbergen called the meeting back to order at 7:43pm.

Knutson **moved** to approve reimbursement of \$1,171.35 to St. Croix County on behalf of Jeannette and Mark Rose for delinquent water/sewer bill inadvertently put on the tax roll. Second by Newton. Motion carried.

Xcel Energy was billed \$250 for a fire call. They are only willing to pay \$200. Recifo-Smith **moved** to demand \$250 from Xcel. Due to a lack of a second, Recifo-Smith withdrew her motion. Nadeau **moved** to accept \$200 and to ask United Fire and Rescue to credit the Village \$50 on the next invoice received for rental of the station for the police department. Seconded by Recifo-Smith. Motion carried.

Nadeau **moved** to approve a donation of \$400 to the BW Chamber of Commerce for the Horse Parade after receipts were reviewed. Seconded by Knutson. Motion carried.

Newton **moved** to approve Annexation Ordinance 2015-01 annexing 10.65 acres owned by Charles/Roseline Christenson adjacent to the BAMC property at I94/Hwy. 63. Seconded by Russett. Motion carried.

Russett updated the board on the changes made to the union contract for the Police Department. After review, Russett **moved** to approve the contract as presented. Seconded by Knutson. Motion carried 6-1 with Stein abstaining.

Zevenbergen informed the board that he would like to pursue grants for improvements to the creamery property. Russett **moved** to allow Zevenbergen and staff to apply for grants. Seconded by Knutson. Motion carried 6-1 with Newton opposed.

Knutson **moved** to approve the regulatory street sign policy as requested by John Traxler. Seconded by Nadeau. Motion carried.

Knutson **moved** to approve the request by Police Chief Darren Krueger to purchase a new car to replace a 2011 Crown Victoria. Seconded by Newton. Motion carried. The purchase is in the 2015 budget.

REPORTS -

Village Engineer – Mike Stoffel – no report

Village Attorney - Terry Dunst – no report

Dept. Heads –

- a). Public Works – no report
- b). Police Dept – no report
- c). EMS – no report

Committee Reports –

- a. EMS - no report
- b. Parks & Rec – no report
- c. Streets & Building – no report
- d. Public Safety/Personnel – no report
- e. Water & Sewer – Traxler reported that the sewer permit has been renewed by the DNR for 5 years with very little changed re: the phosphorus limits.

Clerk's Report – Tracy Carlson

Carlson reported that she and Deputy Clerk Eggen will be attending election equipment demonstrations at the county on Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

Knutson moved to convene to closed session pursuant to WI State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) – Consideration of employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any village employee who is subject to the jurisdiction or authority of the board and 19.85 (1) (e) – Deliberation of or negotiation for the purchase of public properties, the investment of public funds, or the conduct of other specific public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Seconded by Nadeau. Motion carried by roll call vote with all in favor. Closed session convened at 8:20pm.

Knutson moved to reconvene to open session. Seconded by Newton. Motion carried. Open session convened at 9:05pm.

Russett **moved** to approve hiring Steve Perry for Deputy Treasurer. Seconded by Stein. Motion carried.

Russett **moved** to approve a \$2/hr wage increase and phone stipend for Deputy Clerk Becky Eggen for additional permanent duties added to her job description, effective Jan. 1, 2015. Seconded by Zevenbergen. Motion carried.

Zevenbergen adjourned the meeting as there was no additional business. Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm.

Willard Zevenbergen
Village President

Tracy Carlson
Village Clerk