

**VILLAGE OF BALDWIN**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 11, 2015 – 6:00pm**

The Village Board of the Village of Baldwin opened their regular board meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at the Baldwin Municipal Center, 400 Cedar Street. President Zevenbergen called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

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, Karen Niccum, Judy Traynor, Bob Sell, Carol Sell, Brandon Clements, Robert Traynor, Mike Fritz, Richard Carlson, Rebekah Heller, Tammy Heller, Dean Doornink

Russett **moved** to approve written checks #30731-30854; voided check - #30766-30771; payroll vouchers – #V15890-V15954 and on-line checks for payroll taxes and WRS. Seconded by Knutson. Motion carried.

Newton **moved** to approve the financial reports and budget comparisons for January, 2015 as presented. Seconded by Nadeau. Motion carried.

Russett **moved** to approve consent agenda items #6-7. Seconded by Recifo-Smith. Motion carried. Items approved:

- Minutes dated Jan. 14, 2015 for annual caucus and minutes dated Jan. 14, 2015 for regular village board meeting
- Municipal court report for January, 2015

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

Stein **moved** to approve Resolution 2015-04 – Partnership for Prosperity which encourages the state legislatures and the Governor to work with municipalities throughout the state to attract economic growth. Seconded by Knutson. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Karen Niccum, Botany Belles/Beaus, requested a donation of \$1250 for their plantings and hanging flower baskets for Main St. and Hwy. 63. Russett **moved** to approve the contribution in the amount of \$1250. Seconded by Knutson. Motion carried.

The lease with Jon-De Farms for 94 acres on County Rd. J (behind the sewer plant) has expired. Dean Doornink, Jon-De Farms, requested that the lease be renewed for another three year term (2015-2017) with the rent remaining at a minimum of \$120/acre. He proposed that if the price of corn increases to more than \$5/bushel per the Chicago Board of Trade, the rent will increase

accordingly. The proposed formula for rent per year will be \$20/acre + \$20 multiplied by the Chicago Board of Trade price in February for the December futures contract for shelled corn. At no time will the rent be less than \$120/acre. Russett moved to approve the renewal of the lease with the terms listed above. Seconded by Newton. Motion carried.

Mike Stoffel presented the board with numerous design options for the Maple St. project. After much discussion and review of the options, Russett **moved** to approve an urban reconstruction plan which includes street reconstruction, curb/gutter and sidewalks from 6<sup>th</sup> Ave to 220<sup>th</sup> using grant funding awarded to help pay for the project. Seconded by Nadeau. Motion carried.

Discussion was had on amending the special assessment ordinances. Stein **moved** to amend ordinance 70.13 (1) (a) to state that only a front sidewalk shall be assessed sharing the cost 50/50 with the village. Should a side or rear sidewalk be installed, no assessment will be charged to the property owner. Seconded by Zevenbergen. Motion carried 6-1 with Russett opposed.

The board instructed village staff to amend 70.13 (4) – Curb and gutter assessments, to address property owners who own lots with multiple frontages. Staff will bring an amendment to the board at the next meeting.

President Zevenbergen called for a break at 7:50pm.

President Zevenbergen called the meeting back to order at 7:57pm.

## **REPORTS -**

**Village Engineer – Mike Stoffel** – Special assessment hearing for Maple St. project will be held at the village board meeting held on March 11, 2015.

**Village Attorney - Terry Dunst** – no report

## **Dept. Heads –**

- a). Public Works – no report
- b). Police Dept – no report
- c). EMS – Nelson reported that the EMS has been awarded a \$40,000 grant to replace 2 cardiac monitors. There will be a taco feed on March 8 for continued fund raising for equipment needs.

## **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 – no report

## **Clerk's Report – Tracy Carlson**

Carlson reported that she and Deputy Clerk Eggen attended election equipment demonstrations at the county on Jan. 20, 2015. Ads are running for the cemetery sexton and caretaker positions. Carlson reported that as of Jan. 27, 2015, the village has 631 rental units and 141 landlords.

Russett 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. Seconded by Newton. Motion carried by roll call vote with all in favor. Closed session convened at 8:10pm.

Recifo-Smith moved to reconvene to open session. Seconded by Knutson. Motion carried. Open session reconvened at 8:27pm.

Nadeau moved to approve a \$1.00/hr wage increase for Police Chief Darren Krueger for a favorable job review effective November 26, 2014. Seconded by Stein. Motion carried.

Zevenbergen adjourned the meeting as there was no additional business. Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

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Willard Zevenbergen  
Village President

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Tracy Carlson  
Village Clerk