

VILLAGE OF BALDWIN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 12, 2015 – 6:00pm

The Village Board of the Village of Baldwin opened their regular board meeting Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at the Baldwin Municipal Center, 400 Cedar Street. President Zevenbergen called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by Deputy Clerk Becky Eggen – Present: President Willy Zevenbergen, Trustees Lisa Knutson, Doug Newton, Duane Russett, Claire Stein and Lance Van Damme. Absent: Trustee Brian Nadeau

Others present: Attorney Tom Schumacher, Engineer Mike Stoffel, Public Works Director John Traxler, Police Chief Darren Krueger, EMS Chief Tom Boyer, Brooks Holstein, Joe Kucharski, Dan Burton, Adam Mitchell, Nancy Fennern, Jessica Boothby, Monica Peterson, Curt Peterson, Kathy Jo Brihn, Jason Nilssen, Jessica Pehler, Joe Fisher, Kiley Fisher, Mark McCoy, Maggie McCoy, Brooks Ketchum, Leslie Harter, Teresa Nilssen, Christine Ross, Duane Eggen, Clint Anderson, Dana Johansen, Alison Page, Aaron Mckeever, Tom Haas, Brenda Haas, and Robb Paulson

Russett **moved** to approve consent agenda items. Seconded by Newton. Motion carried. Consent agenda items approved included:

- Bills from July 6 – Aug. 10, 2014
- Financial reports (including budget comparisons) for July
- Minutes dated July 8, 2015
- Fall Clean Up Days – September 25-26
- Kwik Trip Stores 747 & 696 Class A Liquor (cider only) Licenses
- Appointing Tom Boyer as Emergency Management Director
- Updated St. Croix Valley Mutual Aid Agreement (police dept.)
- Operator's Licenses for Muriel Generous – Hogg Pen Bar & Grill and Laurence Schmit III – Freedom Valu Center
- Municipal court report – July
- Pay Request #1 for Haas and change order #1 for Maple St.
- Pay request #1 for Albrightson for 8th Ave.

President Zevenbergen called for public comments. Brenda Haas spoke to the board on behalf of the Main St. businesses. She asked the board to revisit the Chili Fest road closure. She asked for Main St. to be closed at 9th Ave, to allow the businesses to be showcased. She felt there could be financial hardship if the chili fest was moved to the park and having Main Street used for a parking lot. Brenda passed out signatures of Main St. businesses that were in support of the street closure at 9th St.

Vince Watkins and Joe Kucharski gave an update on Shopko. They stated the plans are moving forward and Shopko is very committed to Baldwin. They stated Gordy's County Market is also very committed to coming to Baldwin and working with Shopko to locate on the Nelson property (corner of 60th and Hwy. 63). The goal is to close on the Nelson property the beginning on January 2016. Watkins and Kucharski introduced the developers who are overseeing the project; Brooks Holstein, Ben LaForest, Dan Burton & Adam Mitchell from Comvest, Biloxi, MS.

Van Damme **moved** to approve naming of the streets in the BAMC development to be Bergslein Street and Fellingner Drive. Seconded by Knutson. Motion carried.

Van Damme **moved** to approve the natural grass permit without grasses being planted in the right of way. Seconded by Russett. Motion carried by 5-1 roll call vote with Newton opposed.

Van Damme **moved** to consider the request by LeRoy Storley to annex two parcels on 55th Avenue. Seconded by Russett. Motion carried by 4-2 by roll call vote with Stein and Newton opposed. The State will be notified of the of the board's consideration to go forward with their full review of the annexation.

Van Damme **moved** to close Main St. at Hwy. 63 to 8th Street on Sept. 12, 2015 per Joe Fisher's request. Seconded by Newton. Motion carried 5-1 with Knutson opposed.

Residents of Lokhorst Street addressed the board about the speeding traffic and safety concerns on Lokhorst St. After much discussion, President Zevenbergen suggested this item go to the Public Safety Committee to discuss safety funding grants and calming measures that could be applied for. Duane Eggen and Christine Ross will be the Lokhorst St. representatives.

Newton **moved** to approve revising Main Street closure from 9th to 6th Sts. on September 26, 2015, for the Chili Fest. Seconded by Stein. Motion carried 5-1. Knutson opposed.

Knutson **moved** to approve a \$1.00/hour increase for Deputy Treasurer, Steve Perry for a positive six month job performance review. Seconded by Van Damme. Motion carried.

Newton **moved** to approve **Resolution 2015-24** regarding United Fire and Rescue District, Inc. Seconded by Van Damme. Motion carried by roll call vote with all in favor.

Russett questioned the board if there was still any interest in moving forward with a sidewalk plan. After discussion, the board concluded the sidewalk committee should continue to come up with a plan for walking paths.

Brooks Ketchum and Leslie Harter spoke to the board regarding their dissatisfaction with the current Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator. The board discussed what options were available. President Zevenbergen asked to follow up with Bakke Norman to see if a current contract is in place. Item to be placed on the September agenda.

REPORTS -

Village Engineer – Mike Stoffel

Construction on Maple St. and 8th Ave. has begun. Maple St. soil is less than ideal; very wet. They are continuing to work their way to 6th Avenue. The American Legion is re-doing their sewer service. If the road does not dry up, curb and gutter could possibly get delayed.

Village Attorney – no report

Dept. Heads –

- a). Public Works – John Traxler stated the contractor out on Maple Street is doing what he can to keep the job on schedule on behalf of the Village.
- b). Police Dept – Chief Krueger thanked everyone for a successful National Night Out. There are plans to continue each year.
- c). EMS – Chief Boyer stated the department has started their 24-7 schedules for full-time field supervisors. Call volume has been up and he feels the department is moving in the right direction.

Committee Reports – no reports

Clerk's Report – Deputy Clerk, Becky Eggen

Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer, Tracy Carlson and Deputy Clerk Becky Eggen will be attending the 35th Annual WMCA Conference in La Crosse, August 19-21, 2015.

The Village is hosting a free breakfast in the park during the Farmer's Market, Saturday, August 29th.

John Traxler and Becky Eggen attended a PSC meeting on August 5th in Lake Hallie. Updates for procedures to handle past due water/sewer bills will be coming in the future.

The PSC has accepted the submission of a full water rate increase. It could be six to eight weeks before we have a public hearing regarding the increase.

Zevenbergen adjourned the meeting as there was no additional business. Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Willard Zevenbergen
Village President

Becky Eggen
Deputy Clerk