

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP

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CLERK'S JANUARY 31, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

The Baldwin Twp. meeting was called to order @ 7 p.m. by Supvr. Gregory Stevenson; other board members present: Clerk Dale Schneider & Treasurer Mark Depuydt, Trustee Jennifer Cretens Absent: Lisa Carlson
Also attending: Tim Barron, John Malnar, Fire Chief, Terry Royer, Asst F. Chief, Aaron Depuydt, firefighters Tom LaChance, Trevor LaChance, Eric Simonsen & Dan Cass.

Pledge of Allegiance

Fire Chief's Report: no comments

Clerk's Minutes of 12/20/23 were presented; motion by Jennifer, second by Mark to accept the Clerk's minutes & place on file – motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Dale, second by Jennifer to approve the report & place on file – motion carried.

Assessor's Report: Janice was not present but will have a report for the Feb. mtg.

Public Comments : John Malnar spoke on election integrity & the State trying to control where solar & wind projects can be – taking it out of the control of local government.

Communications: Invenergy Rep., Tim Barron, reported the construction part will start when they release where the solar panels will be placed ... will take two years.

DCTA – reg. January mtg. was canceled due to passing of Greg Johnson.

Unfinished Business

1. Twp. rds. updates – DCRC Mngr, Jody Norman requested to get started on our Rds. Wish List for this yr. – Greg is working on it.
2. Twp. projects update: Christmas street lt. decorations taken down
3. 911 Fire # signs update: the passing of Greg Johnson will delay the 911 addressing/signs project
4. 5-Yr. Recreation Plan survey deadline has ended – nothing heard back from CUPPAD as yet.

New Business

1. Budget Workshop date set for Feb. 21st @ 6 p.m. – motion to approve by Greg, 2nd by Dale – motion carried.
2. Motion by Dale, 2nd by Jennifer to approve Dawn Delaney's appointment to the B.O.R. – carried.
3. Mark spoke to the Bd of opening a CD Road Fund @ 1st Bank: \$100,000 1 yr., \$100,000 6 months. Motion by Jennifer, 2nd by Dale to go forward with it; motion carried. A copy of these minutes will be taken to the bank.
4. Fire Chief, Terry Royer, and other firefighters discussed that the twp. needs to replace our pumper truck. Masonville Twp. has a truck that might be available. The Board's consensus is that something should be done. Motion by Dale, 2nd by Mark to have Greg contact their supervisor to see if we can make a deal.
5. The DNR wants our Mutual Aid Agreement updated & reviewed.
6. The Board agreed to hold a Clean-up weekend in earlier part of June this year – Greg will contact Delta Disposal.
7. B.O.R. Resolution #13124 (for alternate date approval) – motion to approve by Greg, 2nd by Mark. Roll Call: Greg, Dale, Mark & Jennifer all voted aye.
8. Bd. read over the Poverty Guidelines, which Janice will present @ Feb. mtg. for review.
9. Bd. discussed poverty % and yearly application. Board consensus to leave it as we had it in the past – no changes.
10. Election workers: Dale presented to the Board the new rates for the Early Voting: from \$15 hr. to \$16 hr. – motion by Greg, 2nd by Jennifer to approve the increase – motion carried.
11. Greg discussed a possible mileage proposal concerning rd. & fire milg. to be put on the August Primary ballot – Jen will work with Greg on the wording for ballot then have DC Clerk preview it.

Bills ~ Motion by Jennifer, 2nd by Mark to pay the monthly bills in amount of \$12,504.60 - Roll Call: Dale aye, Mark aye, Greg aye, & Jennifer aye – motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Jennifer, second by Mark – mtg. adjourned @ 8:29 p.m.

Minutes by Clerk, Dale Schneider