

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP

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CLERK'S FEBRUARY 28, 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 & Lisa Carlson
Also attending: Steve Branstrom, John Malnar, firefighters Trevor LaChance, & Dan Cass.

Pledge of Allegiance

Fire Chief's Report: our fire dept. is getting a good attendance at the meetings; Invenergy agreed to pay \$600. toward the fire dept.'s radios.

Clerk's Minutes of 1/31/24 were presented; motion by Jen, second by Greg to accept the Clerk's minutes & place on file – motion carried. Motion by Jen, second by Mark to approve the Budget Review & Salary Workshop mtg. minutes – carried.

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

Assessor's Report: Janice said things were going well; she handed out a hard copy of the 20% she did in 2023. The B.O.R. Organizational mtg. is Mar. 5 @ 10:30 a.m. & the other 2 Public B.O.R. mtgs. are Mar. 13th (3-9 p.m.) & Mar. 14th (9 a.m.- 3 p.m.).

Public Comments : Trevor LaChance asked if the twp. could set up a charge acct. @ the Pantry Truck Stop in Rapid River for diesel fuel for the Fire Dept. as Perkins Store does not always carry enough fuel to fill the fire trucks - the Bd agreed the Pantry will be contacted.

Communications: Greg gave a report of the DCTA mtg. he attended on Feb. 22nd.

A brief discussion ensued on the annual report from Delta County Solid Waste Mgmt. Authority.

Lisa gave an update on website status & handed out a list of the businesses, schools, & church addresses & ph #s that will be added to our website, which continues to be a work in progress.

Unfinished Business

1. Twp. rds. updates – Greg explained his 'wish list' road report to the Bd. ... corrections were made ... motion by Greg, 2nd by Jen to send the corrected list to DCRC – motion carried.
2. 911 Fire # signs update: the passing of Sandy Caron with DC Bldg. & Zoning (who was working on the address fire #'s for the County) could be a major setback on the project.
3. Fire truck status: Masonville Twp. wants \$60,000 for their used fire truck – Greg said that was more than we can afford ... The purchase is 'in limbo' for now.
4. Julia Cogger will give a presentation @ a future mtg. Greg will get the date set up.
5. Poverty Exemption Guidelines: discussed & a motion by Dale, 2nd by Jen to approve them for a year – motion was unanimous – carried.
6. Lisa gave handouts about the Junk Yard issue for discussion - The Board agreed to determine what should be our 1st step @ a future mtg.

New Business

1. Motion by Dale, 2nd by Jennifer to agree to the AT&T METRO ACT Right-of-Way permit extension – motion carried.
2. Budget – Greg gave the Board hard copies of the proposed Budget Amendments & proposed Budget changes & new Salary Schedule for the upcoming fiscal year starting April 1, 2024.
3. Dale gave a report on the Presidential Primary Election held Feb. 27, 2024.
5. The DNR wants our updated Mutual Aid Agreement reviewed and approved. The board and Fire dept. approved.
6. The Board agreed to have Schultz, Oswald, Miller & Edward Co.(S.O.M.E.) do our twp. audit this year. They will be arriving in person on June 24-26.

Bills ~ Motion by Dale, 2nd by Lisa to pay the monthly bills in amount of \$9,392.62 - Roll Call: Dale aye, Mark aye, Greg aye, Jennifer aye, & Lisa aye – motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Greg, second by Jen – mtg. adjourned @ 8:55 p.m.

Minutes by Clerk, Dale Schneider