

**TOWN OF BALDWIN
TOWN BOARD MEETING
MARCH 11, 2020**

THIS REGULAR MEETING of the Town of Baldwin was called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Purvis. Those present were Councilwoman Purvis, Councilman Steiner, Councilman Conklin and Councilman Sherwood.

Also present were Paul Tillotson, Faith Marmor, Robin Rosekrans, Dan Miller (Sprague), David Kunzman, Scott Burlew, Brian Hyland, Art MacDonald and Ashur Terwilliger.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robin Rosekrans was wondering if the Board had an update or if anyone has looked into Spectrum and their deal with the Attorney General's Office to include 65,000 upstate rural households with internet and cable, and when Spectrum will be coming into the southern block of the Town. Councilman Sherwood stated that as far as he knows no one has heard anything and he will look into this matter.

Arthur MacDonald hand out a letter and photos on behalf of the Ridge Road taxpayers concerning the condition of the road and the need for Ridge Road to be fixed. Mr. MacDonald stated Ridge Road has deteriorated over the last ten (10) years, material keeps being taken away, plowed. Right now he understands because of the weather situation, freeze then thaw, etc., but they have to get material on this road. His taxes were raised 10% across the board last year and he is over \$25,000.00 on what he owns right now. The material that is being put back on his road is no where near what they need. Supervisor Purvis stated that they would make this a priority for their road work this year. Paul Tillotson stated that there were worse roads in the Town that are worse than Ridge Road and that the Town's priority road is going to be the worse one in the Town and that is Lockwood Run this year. It was ultimately determined that the Board would discuss this issue and look into the same.

COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Brian Hyland stated that a Broadband Initiative Consortium is being formed and Chemung County is considering whether to join this consortium and work with the other counties in getting grants and securing grants and moving forward or go it alone. If the Consortium works out, it could potentially move faster with more access to grants. They want to build the infrastructure from the populated areas out to the under-served areas. They want to recoup some of their expenses initially in the populated areas (Horseheads/Big Flats) and then build out into the less populated areas. The County on the other hand wants to start out here and build in. This is where it was left and they are waiting for a decision. With the corona virus whether what extent it is at, if they talk about closing the schools and quarantining, how are the kids that do not have internet access going to keep up - they cannot do their work, and this is a problem we have now. Councilman Sherwood stated for any future meetings regarding this matter, that he thinks just a few years ago they talked about the broadband fiber backbones he thought they already built out one or two of those backbones already in Horseheads and

Big Flats and last he heard their next project was going to be extending that out into the rural areas. Brian Hyland stated that Corning is orchestrating the Consortium.

The Governor has come out with a New Clean Energy Program that he has attached to the current budget. This takes the control away from the communities and puts it at the State level. Supposedly this is only for large projects. George Richter came to the Legislative Meeting (Supervisor Purvis will touch on this issue later on in the meeting.).

MINUTES

A Motion was made to accept the February 12, 2020 Town Board Meeting Minutes by Councilman Sherwood, seconded by Councilman Conklin, All Ayes.

SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Purvis spoke regarding Haefele's update/report on the project in the Town.

He handed out a Coronavirus Memo concerning precautions and information for towns.

George Richter is requesting each town to put in \$25.00, \$50.00 or \$100.00 into the RAMS Fund. Supervisor Purvis felt that the Town of Baldwin could give \$25.00 at the 3/21/2020 RAMS Meeting.

The Governor wants to take over solar and take out of the Town's hands.

Congressman Reed sent an email with various grants that Town's may be able to take advantage of.

On 3/23/2020, there is a Local Government Lobby Day in Albany.

Supervisor Purvis would like the Banners to go up on Mother's Day weekend. There will be a contribution at the end of the month to put out "generic" banners once the Hometown Hero Banners are taken down.

TOWN CLERK

Faith Marmor reported that she has not heard anything from Mike at Our Computer Guy concerning the computers at the town and his estimate regarding virus protection.

There is a Free Rabies Clinic on Saturday, 3/21/2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Horseheads Town Hall. This information has been placed on the Town Website and on the front door of the Town Hall.

The Banners will be placed on the Agenda for the April Town Board Meeting.

HIGHWAY

Paul Tillotson reported that the Highway Department has been hauling in more bedding stone for roads and hauling more anti-skid in.

They have been hauling in stone to Lockwood, four loads, and Oakhill Road, 3 loads. They fixed soft spots on Perryline and Braybrook.

They had to get the 1 Ton fixed and took it to Ideal Auto. The cost was \$693.00.

The Highway Department has been plowing snow and sanding as needed.

They have been out filling pot holes.

As to the backhoe, Tioga State Bank is going to do the Bond for the Town.

The Highway Department has been working with a couple logging companies in Town, one on Joe Green Road and one on Oakhill Road.

Paul Tillotson stated that he wanted to put the old power washer up for surplus and that he wants to give it to the Fire Department. The Board Members were all in agreement with this.

PUBLIC WELFARE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

No report was given.

HEALTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Dan Miller spoke to the Board regarding Health Insurance. There are three options: 1) transfer to the new model, 2) take the hybrid approach - keep the current plan and add the new model, or 3) keep the current plan. The Board discussed this matter at length. The Board and Highway Department personnel discussed the matter at length with many questions being asked regarding the current health plan and the potential new health plan. It was ultimately determined that this matter would be tabled one more month to look into other options that those presented and the current plan. *This matter was tabled to the April 2020 Town Board Meeting.*

A Motion was made in the form of a **Resolution No. 17-2020 (3R-2020)** to accept Dan Miller as the Town's Health Insurance Agent going forward by Councilman Sherwood, seconded by Councilman Steiner, All Ayes.

COMMUNITY APPRECIATION AND DEVELOPMENT

No report was given.

DOG CONTROL

No report was given.

TOWN OF BALDWIN
INCOME AND EXPENDITURES
FEBRUARY 2020

INCOME:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 10,634.40
HIGHWAY FUND	<u>\$ 31.41</u>
TOTAL	\$ 10,665.81

EXPENDITURES:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 14,265.68
HIGHWAY FUND	\$ 16,926.40
FIRE DISTRICT	\$ 74,698.00
TRUST AND AGENCY	<u>\$ 1,110.57</u>
TOTAL	\$ 107,000.65

TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT

TOWN OF BALDWIN, NEW YORK

FEBRUARY, 2020

TO THE SUPERVISOR:

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Pursuant to Section 27, Subd 1 of the Town Law, I hereby make the following statement of all fees and moneys received by me in connection with my office during the month stated above, excepting only such fees and moneys the application and payment of which are otherwise provided for by Law:

A2544	<u>13</u>	DOG LICENSES	<u>103.00</u>	
		TOTAL A2544		103.00
A2555	<u>1</u>	BUILDING PERMITS	<u>50.00</u>	
		TOTAL A2555		50.00

\$153.00

TOWN OF BALDWIN
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE
622 BRESSPORT, N CHEMUNG RD.
LOWMAN, N.Y. 14861
MONTHLY REPORT FOR February 2020

PERMITS ISSUED: 1

PERMITS DENIED: 0

FEEs RECEIVED: \$ 50.00

COMPLAINTS: 0

FOLLOW UP ON COMPLAINTS : 0

VIOLATIONS ISSUED: 0

TICKETS ISSUED: 0

CERTIFICATION OF OCCUPANCY / COMPLETION : 0

INSPECTIONS : 1

911 ADDRESSES ISSUED : 0

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
Martin Jerzak

**Note : Will be in Rochester for code class March 9 to March 12 will be available by
phone**

Assessor Report

From: Terie Huseby (twhuseby@yahoo.com)

To: townbaldwin@yahoo.com

Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 10:37 AM EDT

Hi Faith

It has been steady this past month.
Finishing the last of the exemption renewals.
Processing sales transfers as they come in.
Equalization Rate will be 1.50% which is no change from last year
Working on some permits for the year

I will be at Town Hall from 2:00pm - 3:00pm today

Have a great day

Terie W. Huseby, IAO, CCD
Assessor

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCRIMINATION/SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMPLIANCE OFFICER (replacing Patrick Collins) - A Motion was made in the form of a **Resolution No. 18-2020 (3R2-2020)** to have Zackary Conklin replace Patrick Collins as the Discrimination/Sexual Harassment Compliance Officer by Supervisor Purvis, seconded by Councilman Sherwood, All Ayes.

ACCELERATED RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH AND COMMUNITY BENEFIT ACT - Ashur Terwilliger spoke briefly on this matter and stated that he would be hesitant to sign this Resolution/Agreement at this time. A Motion was made in the form of a **Resolution No. 19-2020 (3R3-2020)** to table the Accelerated Renewable Energy Growth and Community Benefit Act Resolution/Agreement to the April 2020 Town Board Meeting by Councilman Sherwood, seconded by Councilman Steiner, All Ayes.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION RENEWAL - A Motion was made in the form of a **Resolution No. 20-2020 (3R4-2020)** to accept a three (3) year option/term for the Workers' Compensation Renewal by Supervisor Purvis, seconded by Councilman Sherwood, All Ayes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS - A Motion was made to pay the bills by Supervisor Purvis, seconded by Councilman Sherwood, All Ayes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

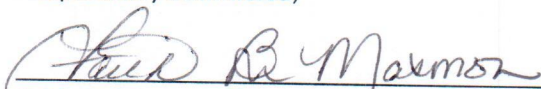
A Motion was made to go into Executive Session by Supervisor Purvis, seconded by Councilman Sherwood, All Ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Councilman Sherwood, seconded by Councilwoman Purvis, All Ayes.

THE NEXT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 8, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Faith B. Marmor, Town Clerk