

**TOWN OF BALDWIN  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 14, 2021**

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

Also present was Paul Tillotson, Faith Marmor, Robin Rosekrans, Anna Pirro, Brian Hyland and Tina Reynolds.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

Brian Hyland spoke regarding the following:

1. **Casella Funds** (used to be the small projects fund, now is a community fund) - In the past, a town would put together a case for what they wanted to spend the money for and the County Executive would make a determination as to how much you would get and who would get it. This process has changed as now there is a form on the County website that can be filled out and he (Brian Hyland) has to sponsor it. Everything is done electronically now and approved by the Legislature. The downside is that instead of there just being a bucket of \$75,000.00, this amount is now being divided between 15 Districts, and he has 4 Towns in his District, this will limit the amount of money each Town will receive. He is encouraging everyone to get online and apply for whatever funding they are requesting.
2. **COVID Funds** - Brian Hyland has spoken to Chris Moss about this and they really do not know anything at this point. When it does become available, they will notify everybody. At this point, they have no idea as to how this is going to be distributed or how much they are actually going to get.
3. **Census** - The County is mandated by the Charter to make a redistricting based on population densities. The population has changed. Last time this happened was 2011, effective in 2012. He lost part of a Town, he used to have the Town of Elmira as well. This was taken and split up between two other Legislatures to keep that District going. There has been some discussions as to how they are going about this as the last time the County did it themselves, and it was difficult. This year the decision was made to go to an outside vendor and have them do the study and come back. This morphed into looking into our form of government and how effective are we currently compared to how we could be if we changed our form of government. Right now this is not bad information to have but we do not know if the changes will be worthwhile making, cost effective or if they will work at all. The other form of government would be to have instead of an Elected Official, a County Executive, he would have a County Manager (a professional who would be hired by the Legislature) to manage the County's finances. The

upside is that there would be a professional that could be hired and fired and controlled. The downside is the voters have no say in it. The other thing is, there will be someone for more than four years. This would have to be done by Referendum if this form of government were to change.

4. **Law Enforcement** - There is a program out there he believes is called "Take Back Our Streets". There is only so much resource and it has to be designated to the areas of high crime, typically the more densely populated areas. Councilman Sherwood asked that it be relayed for more Law Enforcement presence in the Town. Faith Marmor stated that the Town did receive a call this week from the Sheriff's Department requesting the Town's day and time for monthly meetings.

### **MINUTES**

A Motion was made to accept the March 10, 2021 Town Board Meeting Minutes by Councilwoman Purvis, seconded by Councilman Sherwood, All Ayes.

### **SUPERVISOR**

Supervisor Purvis reported on the following:

1. **COVID Funds** - He has checked with Chris Moss and he has not gotten any answer back.
2. **Tompkins County Municipal Health Consortium** - Webinars will be available. They now have a growing risk pool of over 6,000. This may be something the Town could look into down the road.
3. **COBRA Continuation of Coverage Notice** - Assistance for COBRA coverage.
4. **USA TODAY** - Pandemic tolls are similar despite varying actions. Comparisons made between California and Florida, New York and Florida and South Dakota and Connecticut. There has essentially been no difference in how cases have gone. Florida has done just as good as those states with strict lockdown. The states that did have lockdown comparing those with lockdown, and it was found that there has been essentially no difference in the pandemic statistics.

### **HIGHWAY**

Paul Tillotson reported on the following:

1. They have finished ditching on Lathrope Road and widening out the right fork going up through there.
2. They picked up a used Broom from Ashland for \$500.00. They used it for Norway, Grover, McDowell, Decker and Murphy roads, worked good.
3. All filters and oil has been changed in all equipment. There was an issue with the new backhoe and he contacted John Deere concerning same. He had to go down and buy a special wrench to take one of the filters off, with a breaking bar and two foot piece of pipe - just to get it off the machine. Called Five

Star before did this and was told to get it off the machine however he can and if break the unit that it is on, they will come and replace it for nothing. They had to come up and change a hydraulic line, it was made two inches too short and interfering with same. This is all taken care of now.

4. They hauled in approximately 1,000 tons of Item 4 to get started with roads. Hopefully start grading next week.

5. The Boom mower tractor is in from Bradco. Most of the roads have been brushed back where worst spots were. The Boom will be going back this week and there will a credit for the remaining time, approximately \$2,300.00.

6. Paul Tillotson reported that they started Chip's work on Norway Road, installing pipes. Had Vestal come out to do a core check on road. They will be adding another four to five inches of material all the way through. He knows in the past anything with Chips he has just been able to go ahead and get the material, looking at about 1,800 ton in material to get ready for Norway and thinks will store on top of hill. This is about \$17,000.00 that he will be pulling out of Chips. There may be a possibility that we receive more Chips back, he is just awaiting paperwork regarding same. We usually get \$90,000.00 and they jumped us up to \$117,000.00. We usually get \$17,680.00 in Winter Recovery and they jumped us up to \$27,201.00. The Paving New York was jumped up to around \$30,000.00. He is hearing that this amount of \$117,000.00 will be our base Chips from now on. Again, until he sees anything on letterhead from the State, we are using the current budget amount. If the Town receives more funds, the Budget will need to be amended.

7. Paul Tillotson requested that the old John Deere Riding Lawnmower and Screening Plant be declared as Surplus Equipment. A Motion was made in the form of a **Resolution No. 15-2021 (4R-2021)** to declare the old John Deere Lawnmower and Screening Plant as Surplus Equipment and to be sold, by Councilman Sherwood, seconded by Councilman Steiner, All Ayes.

8. Nancy Purvis will be taking over the cleaning of the Town Hall.

#### **PUBLIC WELFARE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Councilman Steiner wanted to remind everyone that there is a Burning Ban in effect per New York State.

The Fire Commissioner Board position is still open, this will be held open for one more month to see if anyone is interested. Anyone that is interested should get a hold of Bea Farrell, secretary for Commissioners.

#### **BANNER PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

There is an individual that would like a second banner and this has been paid for. There was discussion as to the telephone poles by the Fire Garage, that are not electric poles, and placing a couple banners on

those poles, generic banners, as well as some type of flag banners being put up after the hero banners are taken down. Paul Tillotson stated that they are going to try and get the banners up in the next week or so.

### **INTERNET PROGRESS COMMITTEE**

Councilman Sherwood stated that there is nothing new at this time. Supervisor Purvis said that he spoke with Mr. Sheehan as to areas not being covered by Haefele and Sheehan's office is working on getting full coverage to these areas.

### **ANIMAL CONTROL**

No report was given.

### **COMMUNITY APPRECIATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

There has been some problems with the Park and children jumping fences, some holes by fencing and plexiglass on slide being kicked out, slide being broken. The Park will be shut down until further notice. This information will be placed on the Town's website.

**TOWN OF BALDWIN**  
**INCOME AND EXPENITURES**  
**MARCH 2021**

**INCOME:**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$328,391.12</b>
<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>\$ <u>          .14</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$328,391.26</u></b>

**EXPENDITURES:**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$ 10,453.66</b>
<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>\$ 52,964.16</b>
<b>TRUST AND AGENCY</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,012.40</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 64,430.22</u></b>

# TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT

TOWN OF BALDWIN, NEW YORK

MARCH, 2021

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:

<b>A2544</b>			
	<u>13</u>	DOG LICENSES	<u>88.00</u>
		<b>TOTAL A2544</b>	<b>88.00</b>
<b>A2555</b>			
	<u>1</u>	BUILDING PERMITS	<u>200.00</u>
		<b>TOTAL A2555</b>	<b>200.00</b>

\$ 288.00

**TOWN OF BALDWIN**  
**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE**  
**622 BRESSPORT, N CHEMUNG RD.**  
**LOWMAN, N.Y. 14861**  
**MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH 2021**

**PERMITS ISSUED: 1**

**PERMITS DENIED**

**FEEES RECEIVED: 200**

**COMPLAINTS: 0**

**FOLLOW UP ON COMPLAINTS: 0**

**VIOLATIONS ISSUED: 0**

**TICKETS ISSUED: 0**

**CERTIFICATION OF OCCUPANCY/ COMPLETION : 1**

**INSPECTIONS : 1**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**  
**Martin Jerzak**

**NOTE : ALL PERMITS WILL BE HANDED OUT BY APPOINTMENT ONLY,**  
**YEARLY REPORT 1203 SUBMITTED ON 03/05/2021**

Town of Baldwin Assessor Report

Date: 04/14/2021

Processing Sales transfers are ongoing.

I have just completed my tentative 2021 Roll.

This past year I have processed the following:

13 Arms length sales have occurred during 2021 roll year

Worked on 13 building permits. 1 stick built home was built on 12 Harrington Road and 11 permits were completed. This does not include permits that were roof replacements, logging permits, siding permits, wood stove permits, windows replacements etc.

All exemptions renewals have been updated. Which included the following:

8 Ag renewals

7 Forestry renewals

69 Star Enhance renewals

8 Aged Renewals

And the standard yearly non-profit renewals as well.

I will be posting the 2021 Tentative roll on Baldwin website as well as the 2020 Valid Sales.

Formal Grievance Date this year: June 3, 2021 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at Town Hall.

Formal Grievance applications are on Baldwin's website or they can contact me via email and I can mail them an application.

Currently I am meeting property owners by appointment only. This is due to in most cases I can answer most questions via telecommunications.

Thank you,

  
Terie Huseby, Baldwin Assessor



**OLD BUSINESS**

**SEXUAL HARASSMENT ANNUAL TRAINING** - The Fire Department is scheduling their training now and the Board would like for the town employees/officials to complete this training with the Fire Department personnel. No date yet, but possibly a Monday evening with Patrick Collins handling the training.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PLANNING BOARD MEMBER** - Mr. Benjamin has passed away. Supervisor Purvis stated that Mike Ewanyk is interested in being appointed for the remainder of Mr. Benjamin's term. A Motion was made in the form of a **Resolution No. 16-2021 (4R2-2021)** to appoint Mike Ewanyk as Planning Board Member for the remainder of Mr. Benjamin's term, by Councilman Sherwood, seconded by Councilman Steiner, All Ayes.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board did not go into Executive Session.

**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 AT THE TOWN OF BALDWIN TOWN HALL ON MAY 12, 2021 BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Faith B. Marmor, Town Clerk