

**TOWN OF BALDWIN  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
JULY 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 Councilwoman Purvis, Councilman Conklin, Councilman Sherwood and Councilman Steiner.

Also present were Paul Tillotson, Faith Marmor, Anna Pirro, Robert Rosekrans and Martin Jerzak.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

The County Legislature was not in attendance and no report was given.

**MINUTES**

A Motion was made to accept the June 9, 2021 Town Board Meeting Minutes by Councilman Sherwood, seconded by Councilman Conklin, All Ayes.

**SUPERVISOR**

Supervisor Purvis stated that the town's COVID application is in. He had to really dig to find what the DUNS number for the Town is, but found it and it is on file with the Clerk now. The Town could get up to \$82,000.00 and tentatively it looks like it will be approximately \$72,000.00.

The annual Sexual Harassment Training for Town employees/officials/volunteers will be held on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Faith Marmor will send out emails/call Town employees/officials/volunteers regarding same.

**HIGHWAY**

Paul Tillotson reported that they finished up grading the roads, still have to put dust control on.

They installed some pipes throughout the Town, Lathrope Road, Norway and Joe Green.

They have been working on Roberts Hollow for three to four days, widening out and putting gravel on it. Took it from a 14' road to a 20' road, and a lot of trees came out.

Started working on Elston Hollow Road ditching, widening and trees. Hauled in about three-quarters of

the gravel that we will have to have on it. The upper half will be grinded in August, maybe the second week.

Paul Tillotson asked that his Chips budget be increased by \$60,000.00 for projects within the Town. A Motion was made in the form of a **Resolution No. 18-2021 (7R-2021)** to increase Chips Revenue by \$60,000.00 and increase Appropriations by \$60,000.00, by Councilman Steiner, seconded by Councilman Sherwood, All Ayes. Councilman Sherwood requested to know where this initial \$60,000.00 was coming from/which account(s). Faith Marmor will check with Barb Harding as to same. Upon not specifically knowing where this \$60,000.00 is coming from before making any expenditures and the Bookkeeper saying that the Town is spending more money than it is bringing in, Councilman Sherwood changed his vote to Nay.

We had some good storms here lately, trees down in the Town.

They stoned and oiled Norway Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> with help from the Town of Elmira, Town of Chemung and the County.

The park will hopefully be reopening tomorrow. There was question as to whether the Town could obtain insurance on the park/park equipment. Faith Marmor will obtain a quote from Sprague as to same and present it at the next Town Board Meeting. Supervisor Purvis asked if there was a sign posted at the park for hours, the current one says park is closed at 7:00 p.m. which he felt was kind of early for summer. The sign will be made up to indicate the park is open at sunrise and closed at sunset.

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

Nothing new to report.

#### **BANNER PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Nothing new to report.

#### **INTERNET PROGRESS COMMITTEE**

Councilman Sherwood reported that he has another name from Spectrum that he is conversing with, now trying to get headway into the Government Affairs Department as to a possible Franchise Agreement in the town for residents not covered by Haefele. He is working with Brian Hyland on the possibility of the Town of Baldwin receiving some of the County money for same.

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Martin Jerzak had one more permit issued that Faith Marmor did not have yet. There was a lengthy, heated discussion as to the blue house. Martin Jerzak did state that grass has been cut and some things have been done. He will continue to work with the owner. Councilman Sherwood stated that there are quite a few things that need to be covered and not just the house, the situation in total. Residents

offered complaints and concerns that there is zero enforcement. This has been going on since February at a minimum. Supervisor Purvis stated that the owner has made progress, he has done mowing and picked up a lot. Councilman Sherwood did not agree with this progress. Supervisor Purvis said that we should be neighbors. If you see a problem, rather than complaining help the person. No one has called or reached out to the owner to see if he could use some help. If you have reached out and he has refused the help, that is one thing, however if you have reached out and he has accepted then go help him. This is what we are supposed to do, this is why we are here on earth is to try and help people, not complain about them. Councilman Sherwood stated that if you are going to be in any sort of elected position that has any sort of authority, in a municipality in particular, you have to actually judge what is legal - morality is nice. This discussion as held last year, there are laws drawn up and passed by the people of this town. He stated that Supervisor Purvis was interfering with issues again. Last check up of this house was in February when it burnt down, then at last month's meeting people were complaining about it and nothing has been done. Mowing the grass does not count and is irrelevant. What is relevant is that at the end of June when he checked with Marty as to what was going on he was told that Russell said he and a neighbor are going to clean it up. Councilwoman Purvis stated that Councilman Sherwood just wants to go around and look at everyone's property and say this, that and everything, complain but does not want to help. Councilman Sherwood denied this. Martin Jerzak stated that he really did not think that Russell hindered anything, he was reaching out to help. The neighbor cut the grass and he was going to work with the neighbor to help him get it cleaned up. With those words, man to man, he is going to give him the same respect that I give anyone else. He came by and the grass is cut and some stuff has been moved. It might not be up to West Elmira standards. If you want West Elmira standards then change the Town's Zoning. Councilman Sherwood stated that our Zoning is in the books. Marty stated that the Town is residential agricultural. Councilman Conklin stated that he did a job at Josh's house last week and there was a truck there which was loaded twice from the outside. Marty Jerzak stated that what you do on your property is your business to which Councilman Sherwood stated that this is until it affects everyone else and this is the law. Martin Jerzak asked Councilman Sherwood if he had a commercial license to make pens. Councilman Sherwood replied no, it is a hobby. Marty stated that it is not a hobby, it is a business as you are profiting from it. Councilman Sherwood asked Marty to show him the statute and he can cite him. Martin Jerzak said he would talk to the owner and take care of it, progress may not be as speedy as you want it but things are being done. Councilman Sherwood stated that the Ordinance says three months, especially after being burned. Councilman Steiner asked if Marty has gotten any support from the Judge when it comes to this issue. When he was the Constable of Zoning, he would give someone 30 days to clean up a property and if nothing was done they would be given another 30 days - if after that 30 days nothing was done an appearance ticket would be given to come before the Judge. The discussion became more heated and went on a little while longer with Supervisor Purvis saying that they were moving on with the next agenda item.

There has been no word as to the trailer court letter or response from the company.

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL**

No report was given.

## ASSESSOR

No report was given.

## COMMUNITY APPRECIATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Sherwood said that for informational purposes, he is looking into seeing what the cost would be if there is any interest in municipalities sharing the cost of having a Deputy specifically for rural communities. Southport has a residential Deputy that serves Southport only, the only time he would be pulled from there is if there was some massive prison break or something like that. Sheriff's Department would handle all the equipment, training, uniforms and car, etc. The municipalities would have to just pay the Deputy which is pegged at \$60,000.00 a year, five days a week. The Town of Baldwin cannot afford to pay this amount, paid quarterly, but if could get two or three municipalities bordering us that cost comes down quite a bit. Brian Hyland and Rodney Strange are working on this to see if there is ways to get into county budget as well.

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

**INCOME:**

GENERAL FUND	\$	860.09
HIGHWAY FUND	\$	<u>.10</u>
TOTAL	\$	<u>860.19</u>

**EXPENDITURES:**

GENERAL FUND	\$	10,798.65
HIGHWAY FUND	\$	23,440.79
TRUST AND AGENCY	\$	<u>1,007.81</u>
TOTAL	\$	<u>35,247.25</u>

# TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT

TOWN OF BALDWIN, NEW YORK

JUNE, 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:

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A2544

18 DOG LICENSES

147.00

TOTAL A2544

147.00

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A2555

2 BUILDING PERMITS

90.00

TOTAL A2555

90.00

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\$ 237.00

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

**PERMITS ISSUED: 3**

**PERMITS DENIED: 0**

**PERMITS TO ZBA: 0**

**FEES RECEIVED: \$240**

**COMPLAINTS: 2**

**VIOLATIONS ISSUED: 0**

**TICKETS ISSUED: 0**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MJ', written over a light blue horizontal line.

# Assessor Report:

Date: 7/14/2021.

1. Formal Grievance had no one file a grievance this year - No changes
2. 2021 Final Roll was posted on Town of Baldwin home page by July 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 and final legal notice was published in June 2021.
3. Currently processing sales & permits as they come in and answering any calls or emails that property owners might have
4. There is another Town of Baldwin in Nassau County which I get calls on. Wish we had their home values.
5. Typical activity for this time of year

Leue Husbey, Assessor



**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business to be heard.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**TOWN HALL CLEANING** - Nancy Purvis asked for permission to purchase a new mop bucket and an upright vacuum cleaner for the Town Hall. A Motion was made in the form of a **Resolution No. 19-2021 (7R2-2021)** to allow Nancy Purvis to purchase a mop bucket and upright vacuum cleaner (shop vac) for the Town Hall by Councilman Sherwood, seconded by Councilman Conklin, All Ayes.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

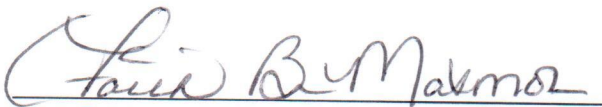
The Board did not go into Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**THE NEXT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE TOWN OF BALDWIN TOWN HALL ON AUGUST 11, 2021 BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Faith B. Marmor", written in black ink over a horizontal line.

Faith B. Marmor, Town Clerk