

TOWN OF BALDWIN
TOWN BOARD MEETING
MAY 14, 2025

THIS MONTHLY MEETING of the Town of Baldwin was held at the Town of Baldwin Town Hall and called to order by Supervisor Purvis. Those present were Councilwoman Purvis, Councilman Wolcott, Councilman Smith and Councilman Collins.

See attached sign in sheet for others in attendance.

NYSEG

Katrina Mancini was given a Top 5 Concerns List provided by Faith Marmor from Supervisor Purvis as follows:

Q1. Why the large increase of statement amounts?

A. There are several reasons why people's utility bills went up over the winter. Supply is a factor and a factor that NYSEG does not control. She does not know how much anyone knows about the utility industry but supply is the cost of your commodity, whether it is your electric, your natural gas, by law NYSEG is not allowed to make a single cent of that, whatever they buy it for is what it is sold at. Electricity is generally a summer peaking commodity, meaning that usually the highest usage is seen in the summer months when people are using their air conditioners. Natural gas is generally a winter peaking commodity, meaning that people use it for heating their homes and things of that nature. However, there are a lot of people who use electric to heat their homes. This winter was in the NYSEG territory of 10% colder than it was the previous two years and the way NYSEG forecasts their commodity usage is based on the previous three years of history, as this way they try not to over spend by buying too much or under spend by not buying enough, but because the previous two years were very warm compared to this year NYSEG did not purchase enough in advance. Therefore, the problem was, like all other utilities in NY State and not just NYSEG, it was cold this year throughout the State. When you create electricity, you do not just flip a switch and it goes on and it comes off, electricity is generally in most cases in NY State generated by natural gas, so because a lot of people were using natural gas to heat their homes the cost of the gas was up and so to make electricity that same cost went into making it, and so the cost had to be passed on and that was the issue in many cases. The other factor is that some customers have Day/Night meters. The benefit of a Day/Night meters is because a lot of people use their electricity during the day there is a higher demand. If you move your electricity usage such as washing your dishes, taking showers, doing laundry between 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., you get a significant discount on the electricity. However, if you use it between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. the root tends to go up quite a bit. When you are heating your home with electric and you have a Day/Night meter, it is running because you have to keep your house at a steady temperature and the cost goes up a lot. There are a lot of factors that could have played into why the bills were higher but they have come down significantly, the peak was hit in January and February and now it has warmed up.

Q2. How are the meters calibrated?

A. NYSEG does not calibrate the meters, they are calibrated by the manufacturer that makes them. NYSEG does random testing when they come in to make sure that they meet NYSEG's standards. Of the 500,000 plus that NYSEG has gotten, only 10 have not met those.

Q3. Why are they going to the "smart" meters?

A. NYSEG was interested in moving to smart meters because of estimation months (every other month). On the month that NYSEG does not come out and read the meters, homeowners have the option of doing this themselves. Many people do not. Estimation is based on prior year history. With smart meters, homeowners do not have to worry about this. This is a benefit of a smart meter, avoiding estimation and the fact that one can also see when usage is going up or down.

Q4. What is wrong with the old meters?

A. Nothing is wrong with the old meters, the old meters work just fine.

Q5. Can the new system be hacked into?

A. These smart meters do not run on WiFi, they are radio frequencied. There is a little white box attached to some of the poles, NYSEG is creating a mesh network, and so this is not as easy as tampering through the internet, it would be far more difficult for someone to do that this way.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robin Rosekrans stated that the Casella money is in and if the town has any plans for anything, it should be done really quick as there is only \$6,500.00 and it has to be split up between four towns.

LEGISLATURE

Robin Rosekrans spoke on behalf of the Legislature. Please refer to Public Comments.

MINUTES

A Motion was made to accept the 4/09/2025 Town Board Meeting Minutes with no changes by Councilwoman Purvis, seconded by Councilman Collins, All Ayes.

TOWN SUPERVISOR

The Supervisor report is attached to these Minutes.

TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk report is attached to these Minutes and was read by the Town Supervisor at the Town Clerk's request due to the Town Clerk being out of town. The Town Clerk will be on vacation 5/19/25 through 5/23/25. The Town Hall will be closed on 5/26/25 in observance of Memorial Day.

HIGHWAY

The Highway Report is attached to these Minutes.

Councilman Collins asked on behalf of Adam Sherwood if the donor sign for the park could be put back up as it fell off during the winter or was taken down and he was under the impression that the HW Department had the sign.

Councilman Wolcott spoke with Paul Tillotson regarding the Hometown Hero Banners and putting them up and taking them down, the Highway Department not always having the time to do this every year. It does not seem like due to this that the town has the means to maintain the banners as we cannot afford to pay a separate party to do it and if the HW Department does not have the manpower to do it, he thinks it would only be right to take those banners down and return them to their loved ones, unless somebody else has the means to take care of them. He did speak with those that have purchased banners and gave back four banners to ones that wanted them. There was a couple people that looked at the flags and decided to keep them up. Councilman Collins stated that it seems like it can get done. Supervisor Purvis stated that the best thing to do would be to continue to put up banners that people want to have put up, and take down and squeeze in when we can.

PUBLIC WELFARE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

There is nothing to report at this time.

HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR COMMITTEE

There is nothing to report at this time.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

No report was given.

ANIMAL CONTROL

No report was given.

ASSESSOR

No report was given.

SHERIFF

The Sheriff report is attached to these Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

AUDIT FOR 2024 COURT FINANCIALS - A Motion was made in the form of a **Resolution No. 22-2025 (5R-2025)** that the Town Board of the Town of Baldwin has examined the Court records for the year 2024, acknowledges that fines therein collected have been turned over to the proper Officials of the Town as required by law, and approve the 2024 Town of Baldwin Justice Report and records/docket by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilman Wolcott, All Ayes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS - A Motion was made to pay the General Bills for April 2025 No. 70-83 in the amount of \$3,250.96 by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Collins, All Ayes. A Motion was made to pay the Highway Bills for April 2025 No. 62-72 in the amount of \$16,832.45 by Councilman Wolcott, seconded by Councilman Smith, All Ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - MEETING

Justin Earnest stated that the Code Enforcement Officer said that he needed blue prints stamped from an Engineer, a layout drawing and a permit to build a barn. He got the permit but it is agricultural and for animals, you do not need any of it. He has a copy of NYS Codes. He received an email from the Code Enforcement Officer that he is not dealing with Mr. Earnest anymore and that he has to deal with McCracken from Erin. Town of Erin codes say it just has to be 100 feet from the property line, no permit because it is a special structure. Supervisor Purvis told Mr. Earnest to just go by what the State says and he will be fine. Mr. Earnest asked if he could have this in writing. Supervisor Purvis stated that it would be in our Minutes. It would not hurt if Mr. Earnest spoke with McCracken because the town probably will end up having to change our Code Enforcement person anyway. As long as he is going by the State he will not have any issues. If Martin Jerzak does say something to Mr. Earnest, Mr. Earnest is to tell him to contact Supervisor Purvis. The Board is going to go into Executive Session to discuss this matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A Motion was made to go into Executive Session by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wolcott, All Ayes.

A Motion was made to go out of Executive Session by Councilman Wolcott, seconded by Councilman Smith, All Ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Councilman Wolcott, seconded by Councilman Smith, All

Ayes.

**THE NEXT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE TOWN OF BALDWIN TOWN HALL ON
JUNE 11, 2025 BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Faith B. Marmor, Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT

TOWN OF BALDWIN, NEW YORK

APRIL, 2025

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:

A1255

1 CERTIFIED COPIES 10.00

TOTAL TOWN CLERK FEES

10.00

A2544

9 DOG LICENSES 134.00

TOTAL A2544

134.00

A2555

3 BUILDING PERMITS 287.00

TOTAL A2555

287.00

A2770

3 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE 175.00

TOTAL A2770

175.00

\$ 606.00

May 14, 2025
Meeting

1. We have started grading Rds.
Little, Hammond, Tut Hill, Joe Green, Ridge
Turner, and Oak Hill are done. We
will be putting dust control down when
weather lets us.
2. We have been doing ditching with
Backhoe when it is raining to
try to keep a head of grading
3. We have hauled in more crush
limestone for roads
4. I have been working on Reniff
Rd project. Telephone company will
be coming to Reniff Rd to move
line off bridge so we can take out
should be in couple weeks. It be ready



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DOUGLAS W. HOUPER
Undersheriff

BALDWIN TOWN RESIDENTIAL STATISTICS

Date: April 2025	
Category	Number
Incident Reports	19
Uniform Traffic Tickets	0
Parking Tickets	0
Traffic Stops	2
Traffic Accidents handled	0
Code Enforcement Violations	0
Felony Arrests	0
Misdemeanor Arrests	2
DWI Arrests	0
Violation Arrests	0
Special Events	0

Submitted by: Simona Bermingham, CCSO Records Clerk

Civil Division
(607) 737-2949

County Jail
(607) 737-2934

Criminal Division
(607) 737-2933

Pistol Permits
(607) 737-2937

Police Services
(607) 737-2950

Records Division
(607) 737-2948