NOVEMBER 4, 2026
Town of Baldwin
Town Board Meeting

THIS MONTHLY MEETING of the Town of Baldwin was held at the Town of Baldwin Town Hall and called to order by Supervisor Purvis at approximately 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ashley Baker, Nancy Purvis, Josh Smith and Zebulin Wolcott.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC PRESENT: See attached Sign In Sheet.

PUBLIC COMMENTS HEARD:

Public Comments were heard by the following individuals and as follows: Robin Rosekrans, Mike Ewanyk, an unknown male individual name and Jay House.

Q: Robin Rosekrans - Asking if Barb Harding was still the town's Accountant/Bookkeeper or has the town found a new Bookkeeper? Has Barb Harding stated anything about the Financials and what is going on with them? Is there any assistance from the State?

A: Supervisor Purvis - We have applications here and the Board will be reviewing them and seeing which ones might work best. All he knows is that Barb is working on the Financials.

A: Councilman Wolcott - The last report to NYS received by us was 2019, so we have not turned in our Financial Reports to the State for 6, going on 7 years. He spoke with an Accounting Firm out of Rochester. He talked with a gentleman who was one of the Partners of the Accounting Firm. He could not give him a cost on how much it would be to get our Financials caught up because he needed to know what software we used, where we were with each financial report, etc. He said he usually deals with the Supervisor because the Supervisor is the one who is responsible to get the financial reports turned in each year. So the Supervisor is always the one that signs off and gets that taken care of. He said if we could get that information to him he could give us a better idea of how much it would cost to possibly getting it done per year. When he contacted Barb she told him that it was not her job to turn in the Financial Reports. She said the Clerk is the one that is supposed to turn it in. She got very snappy, got off the phone with him, called back and got snappy again. She said it will be our problem at the end of the year. She said she was going to get 6, 7 years worth of them done in the next 2 months and she has not been able to get 1 year done in 3 years since he has been on the Board and so that is where we stand with the financials. If you look at the Comptroller's page it says that the Town Treasurer would be the one responsible and if you do not have a Treasurer then the Bookkeeper takes care of it with the Supervisor who is the Chief Financial Officer who is responsible to do them every single year. There were a lot of things he said that he could also look into. He knew several people that were retired Accountants that dealt with the financial reports that may be able to help us for a lesser rate then his firm.

Q: Mike Ewanyk - It is his understanding, and he has heard this from several people he knows in the township, that the tractor is the reason this town is in trouble. This tractor was paid off. When the tractor was paid off did not the State give Chips money back to the Town of Baldwin. So that should be a non-disclosed item to talk about. If it is paid off, the money is back in the bank for the town. He also understands that when Paul was the Supervisor he does not make his budget, the Town Board does. If he goes over his budget he has to come to the Board and the Town Board has to resolve it. So if he does not use the whole budget up and he turns money back in, it goes back in to the town. So we cannot afford to buy a truck and yet we have had money come back to the town. We are not gonna like what Chemung County does to our roads. Have you ever plowed a dirt road, totally different then concrete. You are putting guys with no experience out there. Is it also true that the more roads that you upgrade, oil and stone, pavement, etc., that increases the amount of Chips that the State will give you to upgrade? Therefore we have to do roads to get even more money back. It just seems like we need to bite the bullet. He does not want to see taxes go up but if that is what it takes to get us out of this hole and get us back and stable, then maybe we need to take a hard look at it. I understand the County is going to bail us out. Are they giving us any indication as to what they are going to charge the town? Is the town still going to run with a one-man department? Are we currently working on one truck? He is concerned about taking care of the people and making sure we are safe.

A: Supervisor Purvis - One of the things to his understanding is that the State has changed how the Chips reimbursement is applied, they changed the rules. Now they changed it to where the town has to have the money to pay the full amount of whatever you buy. We brought this up at the last meeting on that rule change. That has been the biggest thing other then the financial reports which we have been struggling ever since he became Supervisor, it was years behind then. This is why we have the applications for the Bookkeeper position and so by the first of the year we can have somebody take over that can hopefully get them caught up. Then we have a chance of getting a Bond. Our first step is to get somebody hired for bookkeeping that is going to get us caught up or an outside source like Councilman Wolcott was referring to because he has been doing some phone calling on it to try to get things worked out. Only thing talked about is equal work with the County. If they have to do "x" amount of man hours and truck hours, then during the summer we are returning that "x" amount of man hours and truck hours. We are hoping to have at least a two man crew. We are working on getting somebody hired. It is just the automatic restriction on the applications. We have the 10-Wheeler and the One Ton.

Q: UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL/MALE (No name given or requested by Supervisor/Board) - You have people interested, what is their profession to the job? Even if you have automatic restriction, what is their profession to the job? Do we have someone interested if we were to spend $300,000.00 on an automatic 10-Wheeler dump truck that actually fits the bill?

A: Supervisor Purvis - There are a couple of them that have the experience, most of them that we have applications for do not have the experience. We are working on it.

Q: UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL/MALE (No name given or requested by Supervisor/Board) - This was an issue a year ago when I came here with the books, where are we with actually finalizing this issue? Who came up with budget? The bookkeeper does realize that diesel fuel is $2.60 more a gallon today then it was a year ago, and the highway department went down? So did the town plow less roads last year, did we mow less roads? It just seems weird that the budget can go down but we cover the same amount of

roads, cover same amount of ground, do the same amount of work every year. As to this budget, how did we go up 0% when the cost of living went up how much this year? This number makes no sense to continue on having what we have. I just cant figure out how the budget can go down when every person here pays $5.00 per gallon for gas, $6.00 per pound for hamburger, yet the budget for the overall general repairs is down by $12,000.00 but diesel went up. Who does the books? This is completely backwards. The increase of living goes up every year, I do not follow how, especially this year, diesel is more, so how can we go backwards and still expect to go forwards. We are down a truck, it is illegal to run one man as a crew, that is an OSHA violation. Are we adopting this budget tonight or is this budget up to discussion for later? Have we given this budget to anybody else? I am going more on have you given this tentative budget to anyone else other than the lady that does the books to look at it and say you might be a little behind.

A: Supervisor Purvis - The Bookkeeper came up with the budget. The budget was set and we all reviewed it at the last meeting. It was set up in an effort to try to save money. We are hopeful things will work out and we will be within our budget the whole year. The budget is an estimate. Usually we have money left over. We tried to cut back. It was set up to try to save more money so there is more money in the account. I feel we are gonna be fine with the budget, we are going to get through the year in the black without any trouble. It was presented last month. It was available to anybody.

A: Robin Rosekrans - The highway is not fully staffed. We are also down a truck as well. We are not paying for as much fuel because we do not have three vehicles out there.

A: Councilwoman Purvis - Actually, Barb is basing the budget off of years prior to what Paul went through. It is online for individuals to review/look at.

Q: Jay House - What is our goal here? Are we going to get rid of our town highway department and be absorbed? Are we going to have our own town highway department? Are we still going to maintain our own, is this our goal? It is his personal opinion but he certainly hopes so because he thinks once we lose that we are all not going to like the results. He hates to see us lose our sovereignty, our town. He was just curious where we are going with it. Are we going to hire? If we had an applicant that we thought may be a good fit, could they just take a test as far as the restricted license matter?

A: Supervisor Purvis - No, we are not getting rid of the highway department. We want to be able to work in conjunction in a way that will save tax money, that is the main thing. We have received applications, we have interviewed some. The problem we have run into is most, at least 80%, of the applications we got, they are automatic restricted. That is the issue we have run into but we have interviewed, both Jeremy and me, but the majority of the applicants are automatic restricted and our vehicles are standard. What is happening is in more recent years places are mainly a school bus department that will train people to get their Class B license, they are all automatic now, so they pass the test with automatics and it is put right on their license that they are restricted automatic.

MINUTES: A Motion was made to accept the October 14, 2026 Town Board Meeting Minutes with no changes by Councilwoman Purvis, seconded by Councilman Wolcott, All Ayes.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

Town Supervisor - Report was read and is attached to these Minutes.

Town Clerk - Report was read and is attached to these Minutes. Full time status and/or hours for a full time employee was needed for insurance purposes as the town changed the insurance time frame from 90 days from hire date to 30 days from hire date for eligibility purposes. The amount given for full time status was 40 hours per week. Some old codes were deleted for the alarm system at the Town Hall. Teledair is in need of a main contact for the Alarm System now that Paul Tillotson is retired. Jeremy Jackson, Highway Deputy Supervisor, will be the main contact for the Teledair Alarm System at the Town Hall. Notification was given that the Town Clerk will be out of town after the December meeting and that the Minutes may be a week later then normal due to this. The highway department now has an email and it is TOBhighway@yahoo.com.

Highway Deputy Supervisor - Report was read and is attached to these Minutes.

Public Welfare & Safety - There is nothing to report at this time.

Help Your Neighbor - There is nothing to report at this time.

Code Enforcement - Report is attached to these Minutes.

Animal Control - No report was given.

Assessor - No report was given.

Chemung County Sherriff - No report was given.

Old Business:

STATUS OF AC/HEATING UNIT FOR TOWN HALL - The HVAC payment from the County was approved. We should be receiving a check shortly for same.

New Business:

2027 BUDGET -

RESOLUTION 36-2026
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2027 BUDGET

Resolved: N. Purvis
Seconded By: A. Baker

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Baldwin has approved and accepted the 2027 Budget.
Motion Carried: Ayes: N. Purvis, A. Baker Nays: Z. Wolcott, J. Smith Aye for Tiebreaker: R. Purvis, Town Supervisor

A copy of the 2027 Budget signed and certified by the Town Clerk will be placed on the town's website.

Payment of Bills:

A Motion was made to pay the Highway bills for October 2026, Voucher No.'s 129-136 totaling $8,114.25 by N. Purvis, seconded by J. Smith.
Motion Carried: Ayes: J. Smith, A. Baker, Z. Wolcott and N. Purvis Nays: None

A Motion was made to pay the General bills for October 2026, Voucher No.'s 118-127 totaling $3,275.48 by N. Purvis, seconded by A. Baker.
Motion Carried: Ayes: N. Purvis, Z. Wolcott, A. Baker and J. Smith Nays: None

Additional Public Comments:

Robin Rosekrans - Requesting Jeremy's last name (Deputy Highway Supervisor).

UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL/MALE (No name given or requested by Supervisor/Board) - Have we committed to finding a new person to do the books or is this just an in the hunt? At the next meeting will there be a new person known?

Councilman Wolcott - At the beginning of the year, because we have a majority of family members on the Board, Supervisor Purvis had stated something about any major vote we had, if there was something involved that family members were supposed to excuse themselves from that vote for the Code of Ethics and he was just curious if the budget would be considered one of those major votes?

Mike Ewanyk - Do we publish hard copies of the town meetings and where would he get that?

Executive Session:

A Motion was made to go into Executive Session by N. Purvis, seconded by J. Smith, All Ayes.

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

After Executive Session:

RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL MEMBER JOSHUA SMITH -

RESOLUTION 37-2026
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL MEMBER JOSHUA SMITH

Resolved: N. Purvis
Seconded By: Z. Wolcott

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Baldwin has agreed to and approved Councilman Joshua Smith's resignation as Council Member effective December 31, 2026.
Motion Carried: Ayes: N. Purvis, Z. Wolcott and A. Baker Nays: None

Adjournment:

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Z. Wolcott, seconded by J. Smith, All Ayes.

Next Monthly Board Meeting: December 9, 2026 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Faith B. Marmor
Town Clerk
Date: November 10, 2026

TOWN OF BALDWIN

INCOME AND EXPENITURES

OCTOBER 2026

INCOME:

GENERAL FUND	**$ 16,952.60**
HIGHWAY FUND	**$ .72**
TOTAL	**$ 16,953.32**

EXPENDITURES:

GENERAL FUND	**$ 15,268.60**
HIGHWAY FUND	**$ 26,432.12**
TRUST AND AGENCY	**$ 1,572.00**
TOTAL	**$ 43,272.72**

TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT

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TO THE SUPERVISOR: — PAGE 1

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				
	7	DOG LICENSES	106.00	
		TOTAL A2544		**106.00**
A2555				
	1	BUILDING PERMITS	40.00	
		TOTAL A2555		**40.00**
A2770				
	1	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	15.00	
		TOTAL A2770		**15.00**

$161.00

November 4, 2026

Meeting

1. Transfer of 7500.00 from summer account 5110.4 to 5132.4 garage account
2. One tree on wires on Lockwood run road Chemung came over with bucket truck to help get it on to ground
3. Conducted interviews here
4. Done a few pot hole patching

Town of Baldwin
Code Enforcement Monthly Report
October 6, 2026 to November 3, 2026

10/9	1 hour of Code Training (Code Interpretation)
10/13	Spoke with Chris Spink from Christmas and Associates Inc asking information on set-backs for properties on Hugg Road.
10/15	Spoke with Robert Young on 201 Oak Hill Road possible buying the property.
10/20	Email Zachary Brueckman at Chemung Co Health Dept on history of septic at 201 Oak Hill Road.
10/21	Issued Building Permit 2026-14 to Robert & Karen Hannon at 12 Brown Road to remodel house with New Windows and raise the main level floor.
10/21	Zachary Brueckman at Chemung Co Health Dept reported that septic at 201 Oak Hill Road was installed in 1988 for 4-bedroom house.
10/23	2 hours of Code Training (Battery Energy Storage for Code Officials)
10/27	Complete more filing.
11/3	Provide Khushi Kushwah Zoning Law and Map of Baldwin due to building a cell-phone tower in the town of Chemung at 1544 Wyncoop Creek just off the Braybrook Rd.

Joseph Morey
Code Enforcement Officer
#0908-7354