

# AGENDA MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

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The Agenda Meeting of the Borough of Baldwin Council was called to order by President John Egger at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday September 13, 2022.

After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the following Council and staff answered to roll call:

Mr. James Behers	Mr. David Depretis - Mayor
Mrs. Erin Brown	Mr. Devanté Miles - Engineer
Mr. Raymond Dee	Mrs. Ashley Wagner - Solicitor
Mrs. Denise Maiden	Mr. Robert T. Firek - Borough Manager
Mrs. Patricia Boyer	Chief Tony Cortazzo
Mrs. Marianne Conley – Vice President	
Mr. John Egger – President	

**AUDIENCE AGENDA: Agenda Items only.** There were none.

## **VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION PRESENTATION**

Kevin Sidella provided a brief presentation on Hera’s vacant property registration program.

## **ENGINEER’S REPORT**

Mr. Miles reviewed the monthly report dated September 8, 2022 summarizing activity since the last Council Meeting and gave the following updates:

### **General MS4 Activity:**

- Staff Training was conducted on August 31, 2022.

### **CDBG Year 47 Demolition Contract:**

- Demolition is completed on two properties. Demolition of the final property (Curry Rd.) is to begin imminently.

### **Road Program:**

- 2021 Punch List Items are scheduled to be completed by the end of September 2022.
- The 2022 Road Program milling and paving schedule is being coordinated with the contractor, A. Liberoni.

## **SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

Mrs. Wagner’s report will be given in executive session as it pertains to legal, property and personnel matters.

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## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Depretis will give his monthly report next week.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. Firek submitted his monthly written report to Council for review and gave the following updates:

- A fire department consolidation meeting was held in August. Progress is being made in all facets of the consolidation process.
- The Historical Society decal sign was installed in the hallway outside of the Auditorium where their public display is housed.

## **FINANCE:**

Mrs. Maiden provided her monthly financial report. She also provided a report to Council on behalf of the Events Advisory Committee regarding plans/expenditures for Fall Fest and the 2023 Farmer's Market. Council had no objections to the costs.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Dee will provide his report next week.

## **MUNICIPAL SERVICES MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Lubin provided a few updates to Council:

- The Borough is coordinating with Columbia Gas regarding Leona/Frisch paving project.
- Cathell Road pond work has been completed.
- Salt pricing for the 2023 season was higher than last year, but lower of an increase than anticipated (approximately \$10 more per ton.)

A discussion was had regarding whether the Borough will provide deck hockey nets at the Municipal deck hockey court. The Borough is not and does not have plans to purchase any. It was noted people now use small "mini" nets where players bring their own. Otherwise securing nets would become an issue with the areas dual use as overflow parking area.

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## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Mrs. Boyer will provide her report next week.

## **ZONING AND PLANNING**

Mrs. Brown provided her report and the following update:

- The Planning Commission Meeting was held September 12, 2022. BJ&T Enos Townhomes asked for preliminary approval on their townhome project, which will include the construction of 23 condo/townhomes and a public roadway off of Olympic Road. It was tabled until next month by the Planning Commission.
- The Zoning Hearing Board Meeting will be held September 15, 2022 and they will be reviewing a variance request for shed on Clover Circle Ct. that is larger than currently allowed by Borough ordinance and was built without a permit.

Permits Issued in August: 69

Fees Collected in August: \$21,950

Permits Issued for 2022: 637

Fees Collected for 2022: \$109,633.29

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Behers provided his report:

	<u>Calls:</u>	<u>Average Response Time:</u>
BEMS	329	7.3 minutes
Option VFC	46	8.06 minutes
South Baldwin VFD	31	9.41 minutes

## **PERSONNEL**

Mrs. Conley had nothing to report this evening.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A discussion was had regarding The Recognition Dinner planning and basketball courts on the southern end of the Borough.

**AUDIENCE AGENDA: Any issue pertaining to Borough Business.**

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Jim Barbour – Chief of Option VFC – A FEMA assistance firefighters grant was obtained which is being used to purchase a gear washer and dryer. This will reduce the expense of sending gear out to a third-party company for cleaning.

- M-1** *Mrs. Conley made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters; second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, the motion was passed unanimously.*
  
- M-2** *Mrs. Conley made a motion to adjourn from Executive Session; second by Mrs. Boyer. Upon vote, the motion was passed unanimously.*
  
- M-3** *Mrs. Conley made a motion to adjourn; second by Mrs. Brown. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

Respectively submitted,

BOROUGH OF BALDWIN

Robert T. Firek,  
Borough Manager