



INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 27, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: The March 27th, 2025 Infrastructure Committee Meeting was called to order by Dan Licht at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call/ Introductions – Present: Baldwin City Planner; Dan Licht, City Council Liaison; Jeff Holm and Alan Walker, Committee Members; Jacqueline Faddler, Mike Rademacher, Parish Barten, Tom Walter, Teresa Barnes, Diane Bohn, Chad Miller, Brian Torborg, Cartrell Cooper, Andy Schreder, Richard Marshall and Bruce West. Amy Korkemeier arrived at 7:15

Introductions:

Diane Bohn has lived in Baldwin for 7 years. Diane stated she has never been on a committee but will bring a bigger picture and perspective to the committee.

Jackie Faddler has lived in Baldwin for 19 years. Jackie has been a part of the MN Art Co-op and hopes to bring different perspectives and backgrounds in expertise to the committee.

Theresa Barnes has lived in Baldwin for almost 4 years. Theresa works as a Project Engineer for the City of Blaine and is on the Planning Commission with the City of Blaine. Theresa stated being a part of this committee would be a good way to give back to the community.

Tom Walter has lived in Baldwin for almost 30 years. Tom said he will be retiring soon. He stated he has a background in big business and road construction background. Tom wants to give back to the community.

Jeff Holm is on the Baldwin City Council. Jeff became involved with Baldwin in 2005/2006 with the park committee and has been on and off the Town Board since then. Jeff graduated from St. Cloud State in Community Development in economics. Jeff stated he is very happy with how many residents applied to be on the Infrastructure Committee.

Mike Rademacher is a 6th grade Science teacher and has lived in Baldwin for 24-25 years. Mike stated he is very community involved and started the Princeton Baseball/Softball Association. Mike was on the Baldwin Fire Department for 16-17

years. Mike has attended many Town Board meetings in the past and has a lot of history regarding the plans for Incorporating Baldwin Township.

Cartrell Cooper has volunteered for 15 years for various fire departments. Cartrell stated he has done a lot of development work and is a positive negotiator. He has experience in meeting new people and being present.

Brian Torborg has been a resident of Baldwin for 30 years. Brian works for Anoka County Sheriff's office. He has been a member of the Baldwin Fire Department for the last 22 years. Brian was on a former building committee for the Baldwin Fire Department.

Dan Licht is the City Planner for the City of Baldwin. He has worked for Baldwin since 2022. Dan administer Baldwin's zoning ordinance; is the liaison to the Planning commission and assists City Staff and City Council as needed. The City Council has requested Dan's assistance in guidance and direction to the Infrastructure Committee.

Dick Marshall has been on the Baldwin Planning Commission for 8 years. Dick has lived in Baldwin since 2013. Dick has a background in law enforcement, is a third-generation builder and has served on many committees with Baldwin Township through-out the years.

Chad Miller has lived in Baldwin for 17 years. Chad was on a former building committee for the Baldwin Fire Department. Chad stated he can bring maintenance and building expertise to the committee and has a lot of familiarity with fire departments.

Andy Schreder has lived in Baldwin since 1998. Andy is the current Building Official for the City of Baldwin. Andy also is a building official for Blaine and many other areas and has extensive expertise in building codes and functionality of buildings.

Bruce West has lived in Baldwin for 3 years. Bruce has been on Fire Departments and associated with public safety for 43 years. Bruce has experience in building, planning and infrastructure meetings. Bruce wants to be involved in the community.

Parish Barten has lived in Baldwin for 6 years. Parish works for the Wastewater facility in St Francis. He was also a part of the building committee in St Francis for the fire department. Parish is at the meeting to give back to the community.

Alan Walker has lived in Baldwin for 28 years. Alan was on the park committee and now is on the City Council. Alan is also a snowplow driver for the City of Baldwin.

Amy Korkemeier has lived in Baldwin for 29-30 years. Amy currently works at the Princeton School District in the early childhood program.

City Planner, Dan Licht, went over the process/role of the Chair and Vice Chair for the Infrastructure Committee.

Election of Officers:

Chair – Mike Rademacher nominated Cartrell Cooper; Tom Walter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vice Chair – Diane Bohn nominated Andy Schreder, Andy declined the nomination due to being the building official for the City of Baldwin. Cartrell Cooper nominated Bruce West. Chad Miller seconded the motion. Bruce West declined the nomination. Tom Walter showed an interest in the Vice Chair position; Mike Rademacher made a motion for Tom Walter as the Vice Chair. Brian Torborg seconded the motion. Motion carried for Tom Walter to be Vice Chair.

Jeff Holm communicated to the committee that the City Council liaison Alan Walker and himself will be at the meetings, but the infrastructure committee members will run the meetings.

Dan Licht opened the floor for the City Council to speak.

Mayor Swanson introduced himself and thanked all the committee members for their participation. He communicated that it takes a community to develop plans for the future. Mayor Swanson wants the committee to see all the facilities and wants the committee members' opinions. Mayor Swanson indicated that he won't be at all meetings because this is the committee members' meeting but will be available by phone or can meet any committee members if requested.

Rush echo'd what Swanson stated and appreciates the wealth of knowledge of our committee members. Rush welcomed all the committee members and thanked them for being at the meeting. Rush also introduced Baldwin Public Works employees; Zac Good and Phil Fadden.

Richard Marshall asked the Mayor the focus of the infrastructure committee meeting. Mr. Marshall asked if it was the fire department, city hall and public works that was being reviewed. Swanson discussed the land on county roads 9 and 45 that the city owns. He went on to say that all 3 facilities will be reviewed by the committee members. Swanson looks forward to what the committee members bring to the table.

Tom Walter asked for a mission statement for the committee meeting. Holm stated that the city is running out of space. The Fire department has looked at different options. Holm communicated that the City Council is requesting the appropriate next move for infrastructure for the City Hall, Public Works garage and Fire Department. Tom Walter asked how many employees the city has and Holm communicated there is a Clerk, Deputy Clerk and 2 Public Works employees. Fire Chief Case stated that there is currently 33 Fire Fighters, and the Fire Department is authorized for 40 firefighters.

Chair Cooper discussed developing a mission statement and milling ideas together.

Dan Licht stated that the committee members should first see what the City facilities currently are. The next step would be a space analysis. Diane Bohn asked about future growth for the City of Baldwin. Licht stated that population growth will increase staff. Licht stated the City Hall is 40 years old and the Fire Department is 20 years old. Dan Licht indicated this will bring about some core objectives. And eventually professionals will be brought in.

Parish Barten asked how many acres the current location is. Dan Licht stated it is 8 acres, and the new land is 30 acres. Parish asked for a zoning map and it was communicated to Parish that there is a zoning map on Baldwin's website. Schreder communicated we need to look at long term and longevity of the building. Andy stated energy efficiency has improved over the years.

Richard Marshall wants the committee to look at Baldwin's existing buildings to develop a 5-year plan and use the 5 years to plan for the future.

Dan Licht communicated that the committee needs to follow an open process. Dan stated that the committee members need to become educated, informed, look at alternatives and give recommendations to the City Council. The next meeting will be to go over what the committee members seen during the tour and what the priorities are going forward. Dan Licht stated that the role of this committee is to be independent of the City Council and look at recommendations for the best interest of the residents. These recommendations from the Infrastructure Committee will then go to the City Council. Parish Barten asked about the last proposal for the fire station and if a space study was done and Chair Cooper stated he was not sure. Holm communicated that there is a wide range of what can be done at our current facility. Holm stated that the committee is needed to help identify short- and long-term needs. Tom Walter asked if the Mayor has office space at the City Hall and Mayor Swanson stated he does not. Licht indicated that a city the size of Baldwin typically doesn't have an in-house Mayor. Tom Walter asked Brian Torborg if the Fire Department has enough room, and Brian directed the question to Fire Chief Case. Case asked all Committee Members to have an open mind. Case also stated that the quote for 17 million was for a City Hall, fire department and Public Works facility and the quote of 12 million was a City Hall and the Fire Department.

Mike Radmacher asked if Baldwin needs to bond for these projects and what the interest rate would be. Swanson indicated this would be a bond and the interest would be what the rate is at the time. Mike Radmacher also asked how long the bonding would be for and Swanson indicated it depends on what the bonding would be for.

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes:

None.

Tour of Existing Facilities: The Committee, City staff, City Council and members of the public present toured the City Hall, Public Works, and Fire Hall facilities, after which the Committee reconvened at City Hall.

Chair Cartrell Cooper gave the committee members his email address and phone number and asked the committee members to contact him with any questions.

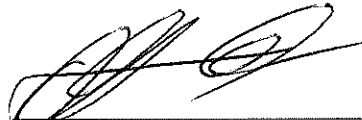
City Planner, Dan Licht, asked the committee members to develop an issues list with any notes from tonight's tour of the City Hall, Public Works and Fire Department. This will be discussed at the next Infrastructure meeting.

Next Infrastructure meeting will be April 24th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn by 9:00 P.M. – Chad Miller made a motion to adjourn, Jacqueline Faddler seconded the motion, motion carried to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.



Submitted By: (s/) Joan Heinen
Clerk/Treasurer
City of Baldwin



Cartrell Cooper
Chair-Infrastructure Committee

Date

4/24/25

Attendees: Baldwin Public Works Supervisor; Zac Good and Baldwin Public Works Maintenance Technician Phil Fadden.

City Mayor: Jay Swanson

City Council Members: Tom Rush and Scott Case