



BALDWIN CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 2nd, 2026

Present - Mayor Jay Swanson, City Council Members; Alan Walker and Scott Case

Absent – City Council Member Tom Rush and Jeff Holm

Also Present – Blue Hill Township Town Board; Chair James Artmann, Vice Chair Edward Evens, Supervisor Mike King and Clerk Michelle Aaseby

Call to Order – The February 2nd, 2026, special meeting of the City of Baldwin was called to order by Mayor Jay Swanson at 6:00 p.m.

Blue Hill Township special meeting was called to order by Chair, James Artmann at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Discuss Fire Department Response Model Apparatus Positioning – Fire Chief, Case, discussed the possibility of positioning fire department apparatus at Blue Hill Township. Blue Hill Township is bringing a vote to the residents at their annual meeting in March proposing to build a new city hall/garage. Artmann suggested a grass rig and the older tender truck be stored at Blue Hill Township. This would help with medical and fire response times, the current crowding at Baldwin Fire Department, and the wild land at Sherburne County Wildlife Refuge which is in Blue Hill Township. Another benefit of the apparatus being stored at the proposed Blue Hill Township building would be the benefit of fire fighters that live in this area being able to respond directly from that location. Swanson discussed that insurance would need to be discussed with the League of Minnesota Cities. Artmann stated he had already looked into this and that Baldwin would cover the vehicles and Blue Hill would cover the building. Baldwin City Council and Blue Hill Township Supervisors discussed the equipment that could possibly be stored at Blue Hill Township's new facility. Baldwin City Council and Blue Hill Township agreed that the contract should be revised if Baldwin Fire Department vehicles are stored at the new building if the vote passes by Blue Hill Residents at the annual meeting in March.

Discussion with Blue Hill Town Board on Fire Contract – Case asked Blue Hill Township Supervisors if they had any questions on the formula used for the contract. Case stated that the formula/figures is for 2027 and the payment would be \$50,780.00. Case said the call volume for Baldwin has increased significantly. Artmann stated that Blue Hill is extremely happy with the service they have received from Baldwin Fire Department. Case stated that there is a cap built into the contract. The current formula includes call volume, taxable market value, population and the operational budget. The formula for 2027 is using 2025 figures.

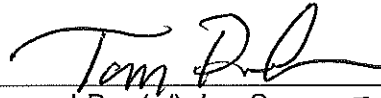
Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Revised Blue Hill Fire Contract – King/Evens unanimous to approve contract amount of \$50,780.00. Artmann abstained. Motion passed 2-0 for Blue Hill Township.

Walker/Swanson unanimous to approve Blue Hill Fire Contract amount of \$50,780.00, motion carried 3-0.

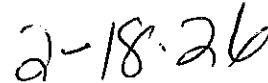
Adjourn – Case/Walker unanimous to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. for the City of Baldwin. King/Evens unanimous to adjourn for Blue Hill Township meeting at 6:33 p.m.



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



Approved By: (s/) Jay Swanson
Mayor/Acting Mayor
City of Baldwin *Tom Rush*



Date

Attendees: None