



BALDWIN TOWNSHIP

April 2024

Town of Baldwin
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Baldwin Township, MN 55371

Office Hours
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TOWNSHIP BOARD
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Jay Swanson, Chair —763-631-8545
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Bryan Lawrence—763-389-8931
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Jeff Holm—763-389-8931

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Joan Heinen—Clerk/Treasurer
763-389-8931
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FIRE STATION

****EMERGENCY DIAL 911****
Scott Case, Fire Chief
763-350-0374

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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763-389-8931

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP WEBSITE:

www.baldwintwpmn.com

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP FACEBOOK:

[www.facebook.com/
BaldwinTownshipMinnesota](http://www.facebook.com/BaldwinTownshipMinnesota)

**Burning Permits are available at the
Town Hall or online at
www.dnr.state.mn.us.**

Calendar of Events for 2024 (unless otherwise noted all meetings start at 7:00 p.m.)

April 1	Town Board Meeting
April 9	Local Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting 3:00pm
April 15	Town Board Meeting
April 17	Special Planning Commission Meeting
April 18	Park Committee Meeting
April 24	Planning Commission Meeting
May 4	Clean Up Day 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
May 6	Town Board Meeting
May 15	Special Planning Commission Meeting
May 16	Park Committee Meeting
May 20	Town Board Meeting
May 22	Planning Commission Meeting
May 27	Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED
June 3	Town Board Meeting
June 12	Special Planning Commission Meeting
June 17	Town Board Meeting
June 19	Juneteenth OFFICE CLOSED
June 20	Park Committee Meeting
June 26	Planning Commission Meeting
July 1	Town Board Meeting
July 4	Independence Day OFFICE CLOSED
July 15	Town Board Meeting
July 17	Special Planning Commission Meeting
July 18	Park Committee Meeting
July 24	Planning Commission Meeting



Stay up-to-date by using the Baldwin Township website!

Through our website residents are able to “Subscribe to Updates” to be notified by email, text or both for the following topics:

- New Agenda & Minutes Postings
- Recent News & Notices Postings
- Board Meetings
- News & Notices
- Park Meeting
- Planning & Zoning

A Busy First Quarter for 2024

The first quarter of 2024 is proving to be busy and exciting for Baldwin Township. Some of the highlights taking place during this quarter are as follows:

Petition for incorporation. Preparing for incorporation is an extremely involved process requiring extensive research. Evidentiary hearings were held on March 7 and 8, along with a public comment session on the evening of March 7 at Baldwin Township Hall. Baldwin residents showed up in record numbers for both the evidentiary hearing and public comment portion. The judge was impressed with how many residents came out to these meetings. She stated that it was the largest turnout she had ever seen in her career holding these public comment sessions! She commended Baldwin residents for their participation in this process.

If incorporation is granted, it will establish Baldwin as a City and can benefit us in several ways:

- Protects our borders
- Gives Baldwin greater economic stability
- Helps keep the taxes lower
- Provides eligibility for State aid monies
- Makes annexations a rare occurrence
- Maintains Baldwin's rural look and feel
- Helps assist us in providing efficient, long-range planning for our community

Elections were held for Town Board Supervisors with four candidates running for Seat A and two for Seat E. Jay Swanson was elected for Seat E and Jeff Holm for Seat A, each for three-year terms.

Baldwin Township Annual Meeting – The Annual meeting was held on March 12 after voting polls closed. Residents voted to approve the 2025 budget/levy as well as receiving updates on 2024 projects, departments, and committees/commissions. Additional questions were also addressed regarding the petition for incorporation.

Special General Election – A Special General Election was held for House Seat 27B on March 19. Bryan Lawrence was elected to fill the seat.

Young Park – Plans are underway to replace the playground equipment. There will also be one mile of trail added along with resurfacing of the existing trails.

Goose Lake Park – The park will have one mile of trail added.

As you can see, this first quarter has been a busy one! Keep up with what is going on in Baldwin by attending Town Board meetings. Town Board meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7 p.m. at Baldwin Town Hall. If you cannot attend the Town Board meetings, their meeting minutes are provided on the website.



The Baldwin Fire Department was established in 2003 with Jim Pagel as its first Fire Chief. The Baldwin Fire Department is located at 30239 128th Street, adjacent to Baldwin Town Hall. The Fire Department currently consists of 33 volunteer firefighters who are trained firefighters and emergency responders with Scott Case as its Fire Chief.

Baldwin Fire Department is fortunate to have a seasoned veteran as its Fire Chief. Scott Case started with the Baldwin Fire Department in 2009 as a firefighter, making captain, assistant chief, and then being selected as its Fire Chief. He has a wealth of experience and education that he brought with him. Chief Case has a bachelor's in finance and management along with 38 years in the public safety sector. Thirty of those years were his tenure as a firefighter with the St. Paul Fire Department. During his career there, he was a district chief and worked during the riots that engulfed the Twin Cities. He helped to coordinate the firefighting efforts when 55 fires broke out in one evening during the riots.

Our Fire Department serves Baldwin Township and Blue Hill Township, as well as providing mutual aid to surrounding communities when needed. Our firefighters have pagers and are connected to Sherburne County Dispatch so when a fire or emergency occurs, they are paged directly by Sherburne County and can respond swiftly to a call. This is important because seconds count in a fire or emergency!

Being a firefighter is no easy job, it involves being called out all hours of the day and night and at times putting your life on the line to help your neighbors!

To become a firefighter, a candidate will go through a process consisting of interviews, physical agility testing, backgrounds, and medical exams. Once they have completed these steps and are asked to join the department, they will be sent to Firefighter I & II training classes to become certified as a firefighter.

Baldwin Fire Department responds not only to fire calls but also to medical calls which constitute about 70 -80% of their calls; making having a doctor, Robin Fischer, as the Assistant Fire Chief, an asset to our community. In addition to the fire and medical calls, the Fire Department also responds to hazardous incidents, animal rescues, provides public education, and home inspections for fire safety, and occasionally fills swimming pools. The fire department does not, however, handle the filling or disposal of fire extinguishers; this is done by private companies in the area.

While many surrounding fire departments charge for fire calls, the Baldwin Fire Department does not. The only time a resident would be charged for a fire call would be if it is an illegal burn or has been cited by the Sheriff's office.

Baldwin Fire Department currently has 2 fire engines, 2 tenders, 2 grass rigs, 4 rescue/command rigs for medical calls, a side-by-side, and a rehab trailer. One of the challenges facing the department is replacing some of the older equipment. One of the tenders is a 1996 and the 2 fire engines are nearing the 20-year mark.

The Department holds fundraisers like the pancake breakfast held this past year, garage sales, and an open house in the Fall. The money raised goes for scholarships, purchasing smoke detectors to distribute to the public, public education, and replacing and updating equipment.

If you are interested in becoming a firefighter with the Baldwin Fire Department, contact Chief Case at 763-389-7976 or email him at Fire.Chief@baldwintwpmn.com.



FIRE CHIEF

Scott Case



ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

Robin Fischer



CAPTAINS



Nicholas Cole



Phillip Holland



Chad Miller



Brian Torborg



LIEUTENANTS



Giovanni Neal



Brandon Lage



Lance Soderholm



Mary Beth Torborg

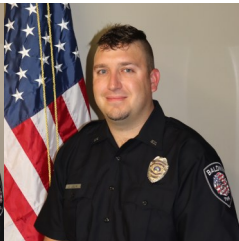
FIREFIGHTERS



Danielle Artmann



Christopher Decker



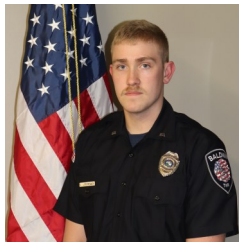
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Mike Lambrecht



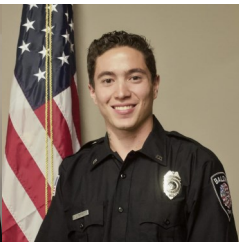
Brandon Larson



Connor Loscheider



Tony Maciej



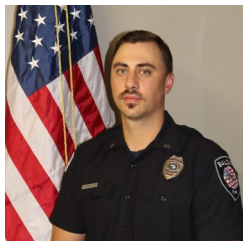
Jonathan Neal



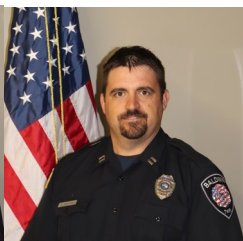
Stephen Reese



Matthew Sullivan



Jordan Sorenson



Andrew Walker



Cal Watson



Kevin Wessel

Not pictured: Shawn Aaseby,
Laura Anderson,
Mike Anderson, Jim Artmann,
Ryan Cross, Mitch DeMorrett,
Jay Johnson, Joe Pramann,
Alexa Wiirre

With Women’s History Month coming to an end, we’d like to recognize our own female firefighters, Mary Beth Torborg, Danielle Artmann, Laura Anderson & Alexa Wiirre and thank them for their dedication and service to Baldwin Township and the communities we serve.



Pictured from left to right: Alexa Wiirre, Laura Anderson, Danielle Artmann, Mary Beth Torborg

BALDWIN FIRE GARAGE SALE



**July 18 & 19th
(8:00am-4:30pm)**

**July 20th
(8:00am-12:00pm)**

**Drop off days for donations:
Tuesday June 11, 18, 25 &
July 9th (5:00pm-7:30pm)
or by appointment
(763-389-7976)**

Please no electronics, car seats, or mattresses

Acceptable goods to donate:

- Accessories – Belts, Hats, Jewelry,
- Purses, Scarves
- Antiques & Collectibles
- Clothing – Casual, Work, Outerwear
- Crafts – Fabric, Yarn, Sewing, Scrapbooking
- Footwear – Boots, Shoes, Socks
- Formal Wear – Bridal, Tuxedos, Prom Dresses,
- Evening Wear
- Furniture
- Games – Puzzles, Toys
- Holiday Decorations
- Kitchen – Dishes, Pots and Pans, Utensils,
- Small Appliances
- Knickknacks and Home Decor
- Linens – Bedspreads, Blankets, Sheets,
- Curtains, Tablecloths
- Media – Books, CDs, DVDs, Records,
- Video Tapes
- Seasonal Items
- Small Appliances – Bread Makers, Crock Pots,
- Toasters
- Small Electronics – Clocks, Curling Irons, Radios
- Sporting Goods
- Tools



We can not accept the following items:

- Air Conditioners
- Ammunition, Firearms and Fireworks
- Bikes
- Box Springs and Mattresses, Bunk Beds,
- Sleeper Sofas
- Computer Equipment and Printers
- Console Stereos
- Construction Material
- Cribs and Car Seats
- Dehumidifiers, Humidifiers and
- Air Purifiers
- Electric Typewriters
- Excessively Large and Heavy Items
- Exercise Equipment
- Large Propane/Gas Grills
- and Equipment
- Hazardous Waste
- Large Appliances
- Medical Equipment and
- Medication
- Microwaves
- Pianos and Organs
- Recalled Items
- Televisions
- Vacuums

