

**BALDWIN TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 9, 2010**

Baldwin Township Deputy Clerk Cheryl Goetz called the 2010 Annual Meeting for the Town of Baldwin to order at 8:01 p.m. All citizens present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The deputy clerk accepted nominations for moderator. A motion was made by Terry Carlile to nominate Dave Patten as moderator. A motion was made by Elaine Philippi to nominate Betsy Wergin as moderator. A motion was made by Werner Janssen and seconded by Regina Schafbuch to appoint Betsy Wergin as moderator of the 2010 Baldwin Township annual meeting. Motion carried.

Additions/Corrections to Agenda

Princeton Area Library upon request was deleted from the agenda.

Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Sue Hix and seconded by David Patten to approve the agenda with deletion. Motion carried.

Approve March 10, 2009 Annual Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Dylan Howard and seconded by Jess Hall to dispense with the reading of the March 10, 2009 Annual Meeting. Motion carried. A motion was made by Dylan Howard and seconded by Jess Hall to approve the March 10, 2009 Annual Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Board of Audit Report

The Deputy Clerk read the February 16, 2010 Board of Audit report.

2008 Treasurer's Report

The Deputy Clerk read the unaudited 2009 Treasurer's Report. The beginning balance along with the escrow accounts was \$690,943.53; receipts of \$1,428,629.89; disbursements of \$1,508,491.94 leaving an ending balance of \$611,081.48.

2011 Budget Proposal

Jeff Holm welcomed everyone.

He reviewed, by fund, the proposed budget for 2011. The following is the proposed 2011 budget that had been determined by the town board prior to the Annual Meeting:

	<u>PROPOSED FOR 2011</u>	<u>CERTIFIED FOR 2010</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$185,000	\$190,000
ROAD & BRIDGE	\$385,000	\$390,000
CAPITAL FUND	\$ 75,000	\$ 70,000
FIRE FUND	\$137,000	\$141,000

CEMETERY FUND	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
PARK FUND	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
FIRE RELIEF FUND	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
TOTAL	\$784,000	\$808,000

(Approximately 2.97% decrease)

Holm explained that the Capital Fund increased by \$5,000; and there is no levy for the Fire Relief since the township has met the requirement of 105% as well as having no deficit in the fund. There is some carryover to work with; therefore the township appears fairly healthy.

Fire Department Report

Chief Mike Rademacher presented the fire department report for 2009 as follows:
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1. **Fire Calls-169 calls including:**
 - A. 34 fire calls (11 structure)
 - B. 86 medical/rescue
 - C. 10 hazardous conditions
 - D. 34 good intent
 - E. 1 severe weather call
 - F. 1 Bomb scare

2. **Department Membership**
 - A. 28 total members
 - B. 4 probationary members
 - C. 1 new member came off probation

3. **New Equipment**
 - A. New pumper truck.
 - B. Grass rig (former township plow truck)
 - C. Floating pump
 - D. New SCBA(composite)- 8 packs, 9 bottles
 - E. Turnout gear
 - F. Nozzles
 - G. Thermal image
 - H. 800 MHZ Radios (33 handhelds, 8 mobiles)
 - I. C.A.D computer automated dispatch

4. **Community outreach**
 - A. Princeton and Zimmerman parades
 - B. 9-11 tribute at Marv's
 - C. Tour of station to cub scouts
 - D. Fire Prevention Week Open House
 - E. Visited daycares
 - F.

There were questions regarding fire sign numbers. Chuck Nagel informed the residents that the cost of hardware, signs, posts and fittings would be approximately \$25,000, plus at the high end an additional \$22,000 for installation.

Baldwin Park Committee Progress Report

Supervisor Jeff Holm presented the Park Committee report for 2009. The major focus of the Park Committee is to keep working on the Kermit Young Park and seed the area with native seed, mowing trails in the spring, putting in a boardwalk, and continue to work on the plaque commemorating the Young family. The Park Committee has been working closely with other area organizations.

Road Report

Supervisor Jeff Holm gave highlights of the Capital Improvement report prepared by Bogart, Pederson and Associates, Inc.

Approve 2010 Levy

Chuck Nagel motioned and Herb Murphy seconded to increase the 2011 budget by no more than \$20,000 to spend on the purchase and installation of fire number signs at the end of driveways. After considerable discussion and a voice vote the motion fails.

Jess Hall motioned and Elaine Philippi seconded to approve the 2011 Budget/Levy as follows:

GENERAL FUND	\$185,000
ROAD & BRIDGE	\$385,000
CAPITAL FUND	\$ 75,000
FIRE FUND	\$137,000
CEMETERY FUND	\$ 1,000
PARK FUND	\$ 1,000
FIRE RELIEF FUND	\$ 0
 TOTAL	 \$784,000

Motion carries.

Election Results

The Clerk/Treasurer, Cathy Stevens, read the election results. For Supervisor "B": Dean McDevitt: 103 votes; Jim Oliver: 188 votes for a total vote count of 291 votes with 6 undervotes. For Supervisor "D": Terry C. Carlile: 77 votes; Lester W. Kriesel: 42 votes; Jeremy Linden: 47 votes and Tom Rush: 124 votes for a total vote count of 290 votes with 7 undervotes. The Board of Canvass will meet March 11, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. to officially certify the election results.

Bryan Lawrence was thanked for his service to Baldwin Township.

Healthy Communities Partnership/Minnesota Public Radio Information Update

Healthy Communities Partnership/Minnesota Public Radio Information is a pilot project. Supervisor Jeff Holm encouraged participation creating more involvement on the local level.

General Discussion of Items of Concern

There is an opening on the Park Board since Tom Rush has been elected as a supervisor of Baldwin Township.

Werner Janssen asked if there were any further developments on having a township administrator. Jeff Holm said that the township is not ready yet for an administrator, but it would be a good ballot question for a future annual meeting.

Molly Hephron asked if annexation was in the future of Baldwin Township.

Legal Publisher/Depository/Public Postings

The deputy clerk stated that the current legal publisher is the Princeton Union-Eagle, the depositories are Bremer Bank (safe deposit box only) and U.S. Bank and the public postings are the town hall and Marv's True Value.

There was discussion regarding leaving US Bank because of excessive fees. Requests for proposals from five (5) banks have been submitted which include Sherburne Bank, The Bank of Elk River, Spire Credit Union, Bremer Bank and Peoples State Bank.

David Patten motioned with Dennis Lindberg seconding giving the board supervisors the leeway to choose from one of the above five banks based upon financial responsibility; to leave the publisher the same and to leave the public posting areas the same. Motion carried.

2011 Annual Meeting, 2nd Tuesday in March, 2011, 8:01 p.m.

Jeff Holm motioned and Molly Hephron seconded the approval of the 2011 Annual Meeting date and time. Motion carried.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Regina Schafbuch and seconded by Elaine Philippi to adjourn at 9:48 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl K. Goetz Dobson
Deputy Clerk

Attendees: Nancy Erbst, Dennis L. Lindberg, Tom England, Mary Paulus, Mari Owens, Rick Weissenfluh, Dillion Howard, Steve Weissenfluh, June DeLong, Jerome DeLong, Doug Lepinski, Chuck Wilhelmi, Linda Wilhelmi, Mindy Nelson-Kehn, Gerry Stuck, Robert Stuck, David Patten, Dean McDevitt, John Bowen, Corrine Murphy, Herb Murphy, Michelle Ashe, Elaine Philippi, Larry Boeke, Betsy Wergin, Richard Wergin, Jesse Ewert, Molly Heffron, Doris Jensen, Julius Dorweiler, Pat Skarohlid, Brad Chambers, Ray McGraw, Ross Perry, Bob Krelt, Sue Hix, Dean Kleinhaus, Jim Oliver, Larry Handshoe, Jeff Holm, Dawn Othoudt, Mark Othoudt, Laura Bauer, Raymond Bauer, Jerry Heffron, Jeremy Peterson, Jason Bialka, Ken Ajax, Denise Doyle, Regina M. Schafbuch, Michael Seurer, Scott Case, Tony Fontaine, Jeremy Linder, Michael Doyle, Jess Hall, Becky Hall, Carol Swanson, Jay Swanson, Brian Bumgarner, Doug Wark, Karen Boeke, Dale Hurni, Joan Linder, Tracie Linder, Terry Carlile