

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

October 6, 2009

Present – Supervisors Larry Handshoe, Jeff Holm, Bryan Lawrence, Jim Oliver and Jay Swanson.

Call to Order – The October 6, 2009 Baldwin Township regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Holm at 7:01 p.m.

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

Additions/Corrections to Agenda – Swanson requested that item “d” under New Business, ‘Discuss Possibility of Purchasing Tandem Plow Truck’ be incorporated into the Road Report.

Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda With/Without Additions/Corrections – Handshoe/Lawrence unanimous to approve the regular meeting agenda with the correction.

Open Forum for Citizens – Jesse Ewert, 283rd Avenue, questioned why he did not get a chance to bid on the removal of the fallen tree on the park property. Holm responded that the person who removed the tree did it for free.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

Annual Review for a Home Business in an Accessory Building-Automotive Repair Shop – Callen Watson was not present. No complaints have been received. Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to continue the review process.

PLATS: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Township Attorney Issues - None. Lawrence would like to take this off the agenda unless there is a special reason.

Road Report – Swanson reported that he has not talked to Jon Bogart regarding 127th Street. Lawrence stated that he would like to see the road pushed all the way to the southern easement line.

Swanson received a call from a resident who lives in Baldwin Meadows. The cul-de-sac is dirt and it has been graded twice. Quotes for paving the cul-de-sac are on the agenda tonight.

Added was letter “d” of New Business: Swanson reported that Boyer Ford has a 1995 Ford LT9000 with 100,000 miles on it, front blade, wing and sanding equipment. They are asking \$30,000. A new truck would cost \$188,000. Rodney Kriesel is willing to take a look

at it and see if it is worth it. The board agreed that it would be a good idea to look at the truck.

Terry Carlile reported that he is one person short for plow drivers. Sand prices for this year have changed from \$8.29/ton delivered to \$7.48/ton delivered from Plaistads.

A culvert on the south end of Sandy Lake will be looked at as it may be plugged and crushed.

An email from a resident on 111-1/2 Street was received stating that the new culvert has worked well.

Lawrence questioned why the township only did the yellow line on 283rd Avenue and no white lines on the sides and suggested that the board look at doing this on all collector roads.

Carlile reported that the truck will tentatively be one on the 15th of October and questioned if a board member needs to sign for it when picked up. Swanson/Lawrence unanimous to have one of the maintenance employees' sign for it if a board member cannot go.

County Planning & Zoning Report – Holm reported that Prairie Restorations conditional use permit request passed unanimously. There will be no October meeting as there are not enough items for the agenda.

Status of Capital Improvement Plan – Swanson reported that 96th Street is penciled in for 2010; however, Spencer Brook Township would need to be involved so it has to be moved. Take everything and move it up a notch. Lawrence recommends that striping needs to be calculated in as well. Swanson reported that 104th Street grew in height and the shoulders have become cliffs. He told Bogart that the board does not like surprises and future projections need to have those things looked at.

Status of 2009 Road Projects Per Capital Improvement Plan – No changes. Striping on 283rd Avenue is it. Carlile stated that 99-1/2 Street is still on the plan and there has been nothing discussed. Holm stated that the board disagreed with Bogart as to the scope of the project. Carlile stated that it just needs fill at this time. Swanson will put a push on Bogart to find out what he is thinking about this road.

Update on Headwall Concerns Throughout Township – Swanson reported that inspection has finished and there are 171 headwall and mailbox concerns. A list will be compiled and letters will be sent out. The board needs to decide if they will be certified letters.

Open/Award Quote for 290th Court, Baldwin Meadows Cul-De-Sac – One quote was received from Erickson Asphalt Services in the amount of \$8,750.00. The request for quote called for 2 inches of bituminous. Lawrence would like to see a 3 inch surface and would like Bogart to confirm that 2 inches is what is there and that it will hold up. Swanson will call Bogart and have him call Erickson Asphalt to ensure that the matter is straight. Lawrence/Swanson unanimous to approve the quote based on the condition that 2 inches

is certified by the engineer and, if not, 3 inches will be placed by Erickson Asphalt at a higher cost. Lawrence would also like to ensure that Erickson Asphalt puts it down when the temperature is appropriate.

Discuss/Determine Course of Action for 127th Street (Per 9/15/09 Mtg) – Lawrence stated that he would like to see the cul-de-sac pushed to the property line to the south with the owner compensated for the area that needs to be acquired for the easement. The board agrees to move the road south with a cul-de-sac or a “T”, which would least encroach on the individual’s property.

Violation of Taxpayer Rights – Ross Perry was present and presented the board with the following question: “Can Baldwin Township countersue complainants for loss of equipment use in regards to the water rescue equipment?” The board responded that the current lawsuit should run its course before taking any action.

Review of Fire Truck Financing Options – Lawrence reported that three companies have submitted financing options: Ehlers, Baystone and Leasing 2. The township has used Ehlers in the past. Holm stated that the fire truck was presented as not needing a payment until August 2010 and it was approved on that assumption. It was only later that it was determined that only was the case if going through Baystone. The truck will not arrive until financing is in place. The truck is done and is ready for inspection. Swanson/Lawrence unanimous to make a decision at the meeting at 7:00 p.m. on October 15th before it becomes a closed meeting with Ehlers providing a 10 year ballpark figure.

Approve/Disapprove Resolution #09-06; Request for MnDot Speed Study, 301st Avenue (Per 9/15/09 Mtg) – Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to approve Resolution #09-06; Request for MnDot speed study, 301st Avenue.

County Request for Comments on Revised Ordinance for Management of the Public Right-of-Way – The town board had no comments.

TABLED ITEMS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve/Disapprove Requesting Princeton Township to Plow 104th, 111-1/2 and Stone Sheep Crossing – Lawrence/Oliver motion to send a request asking for the same rate as last year. Discussion regarding complaints last year on the sanding. Upon voice vote, the motion failed with Handshoe, Oliver and Swanson opposed and Lawrence in favor.

Swanson/Handshoe unanimous motion to disapprove requesting Princeton Township to plow with a friendly amendment that Baldwin Township has the intent of doing it ourselves.

2009 Township Road Certification – Authorize Board Member/Employee to Complete & Return to Sherburne County Public Works – Handshoe will work on the road certification along with checking on Wolf Ridge 2nd Addition to ensure that the road is included.

Approve/Disapprove Posting & Advertising for Snowplow Drivers (Per 2/3/09 Mtg)
Holm/Swanson unanimous to post and advertise for snowplow driver's contingent if there is an opening with last year's roster.

Discuss Committee for Capital Investments – Carlile asked if a new committee could be formed to determine capital investments as the old capital investment list is from 2006. The item will be added to the workshop agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town Hall Office Closed, Monday, October 12th for Columbus Day

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

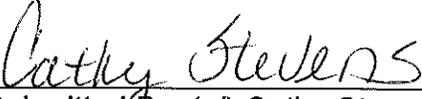
Holm read a second anonymous letter received regarding the commercial district, specifically 320-1/2 Street. The zoning is handled by Sherburne County and the building is in non-compliance. Things are being done and the anonymous letter writer went to the wrong jurisdiction in the first place.

Lawrence questioned how many hours we expect the township to be plowed. Carlile replied between 7 and 9 hours. Lawrence questioned if that was fast enough. A new truck would enable the plowing to go faster. This will be placed on the workshop agenda.

Carlile questioned if the township should pursue purchasing fuel through state? Lawrence stated that there is not enough savings and it is too short of a time period to determine. He suggested Carlile check with the county to see where they go for fuel and if township can be involved.

Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to approve check number 14161 – 14165 and 1 EFT payment totaling \$908.70.

Adjournment/Recess – Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.


Submitted By: (s/) Cathy Stevens
Clerk/Treasurer
Baldwin Township


Approved By: (s/) Jeffrey Holm
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Baldwin Township

Attendees: Lester Kriesel, Jesse Ewert, Dawn Othoudt, Elaine Philippi, Terry Carlile, Dennis Lindberg, Ross Perry

CLAIMS										
CHECK	TO WHOM	FOR WHAT	AMOUNT	GEN	R & B	ENG.	PARKS	CAPITAL	CEM	FIRE
14113	Connexus Energy	electric utilities	\$182.32	\$182.32						
14114	Connexus Energy	electric utilities	\$172.21							\$172.21
14115	AT&T Mobility	fire cell phones	\$128.85							\$128.85
14116	George Claassen	disking young fields	\$700.00				\$700.00			
14117	Carlson Tractor	tractor mower parts	\$115.79		\$115.79					
14118	Brendan Carlson	gopher (22 pair)	\$33.00	\$33.00						
14119	Tammy Oakes	gopher (13 pair)	\$19.50	\$19.50						
14120	KernDeWenterViere	2007 & 2008 audit (partial)	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00						
14121	Petty Cash	office supplies	\$6.26	\$6.26						
14122	Cheryl Goetz	wages	\$68.08	\$68.08						
14123	Lester W. Kriesel	cemetery caretaker	\$50.00						\$50.00	
14124	AT&T Mobility	r&b cell phone	\$46.78		\$46.78					
14125	Kennedy & Graven	legal fees	\$93.00	\$93.00						
14126	U.S. Bank	credit card charges	\$80.00		\$80.00					
14127	ECM Publishers	newsletter & legal notice	\$220.66	\$220.66						
14128	Larry Handshoe	wages	\$539.74	\$539.74						
14129	Larry Handshoe	mileage	\$24.20	\$24.20						
14130	Dennis Lindberg	wages	\$200.13		\$200.13					
Auto	MN Dept of Revenue	september withholding tax	\$338.30	\$134.69	\$203.61					
Auto	EFTPS	sept 941 tax withholding	\$1,954.77	\$823.67	\$1,131.10					
14131	Donald Larsen	janitorial - september	\$120.00							\$120.00
14132	HSBC Business	northern tool charge	\$89.07							\$89.07
14133	Hennepin Tech Coll	training	\$1,000.00							\$1,000.00
14134	Midwest Fire	clothing	\$1,633.50							\$1,633.50
14135	St.Cloud Tech Coll	training	\$850.00							\$850.00
14136	Essig Construction	road blading	\$750.00		\$750.00					
14137	Zachary Good	mileage	\$26.95		\$26.95					
14138	Brian Torborg	wages(august & sept)	\$277.05							\$277.05
14139	Jim Oliver	wages	\$280.65	\$280.65						
14140	Terry Carlile	wages	\$799.46		\$799.46					
14141	Zachary Good	wages	\$820.02		\$820.02					
14142	Cathy Stevens	wages	\$1,152.83	\$1,152.83						
Auto	PERA	employee contribution	\$525.55	\$211.18	\$314.37					
14143	ECM Publishers	legal notice	\$87.40	\$87.40						
14144	CenterPoint Energy	gas utilities	\$16.58							\$16.58
14145	CenterPoint Energy	gas utilities	\$18.83	\$18.83						

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PRELIMINARY

CHECK	TO WHOM	FOR WHAT	AMOUNT	GEN	R & B	ENG.	PARKS	CAPITAL	CEM	FIRE
14146	Qwest	internet & telephone	\$172.14	\$172.14						
14147	Qwest	internet & telephone	\$210.90							
14148	PrincetonAnimalClinic	animal impounding	\$575.35	\$575.35						\$210.90
14149	Great Glacier	townhall water cooler	\$37.82	\$37.82						
14150	Circle 9 Conoco	fuel	\$69.79							\$69.79
14151	EastCentralSanitation	garbage service	\$45.64	\$22.82						\$22.82
14152	Bogart, Pederson	engineering	\$1,195.00			\$1,195.00				
14153	BlueCrossBlueShield	health insurance - november	\$791.00		\$791.00					
14154	Manvs True Value	supplies	\$237.26	\$79.07	\$151.19					\$7.00
14155	MAC Tools	supplies	\$36.33		\$36.33					
14156	WestBranchConst	136th street road work	\$12,300.00		\$12,300.00					
14157	Neft Auto Supply	supplies	\$70.26		\$70.26					
14158	Timmer Implement	supplies	\$144.52		\$144.52					
14159	Plaisted Companies	class 5 gravel	\$262.23		\$262.23					
14160	Boyer Truck	equipment repair	\$1,144.68		\$1,144.68					
Auto	PERA	town board contribution	\$90.00	\$90.00						
14161	Bryan Lawrence	wages	\$327.43	\$327.43						
14162	Bryan Lawrence	mileage	\$41.80	\$41.80						
14163	void	void								
14164	Jeff Holm	wages	\$420.97	\$420.97						
14165	Jeff Holm	mileage	\$38.50	\$38.50						
Auto	PERA	town board contribution	\$80.00	\$80.00						
		totals	\$39,213.10	\$13,281.91	\$19,388.42	\$1,195.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$4,597.77