

## BALDWIN TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING

January 27, 2009

**Present** – Supervisors Jeff Holm, Lester Kriesel, Bryan Lawrence, Jim Oliver and Paul Vollkommer.

**Call to Order** – The Baldwin Township special meeting was called to order by Chairman Bryan Lawrence at 7:04 pm

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

**Open Forum** – Elaine Philippi said she would like to see the board do a cost comparison on 40 miles of residential roads. She maintains that she would rather see the roads be kept up as they are needed rather than waiting. It would be cheaper in the long run.

**Review 2009 Budgets/Line Items for Each Fund – Fire Fund** - Chief Torborg presented his 2010 Fire Fund line item budget request. He said the budget was kept the same at \$151,000 with no raises, although some numbers were moved around. He said that in 2008 a grant for \$199,000 was received, and the department has just been approved for a FEMA grant of \$60,000. The township portion is \$3,007 which the fire department intends on paying. \$19,964 was received from the Heritage Fund. A grant for \$125,000 was received for the radios and the sheriff has purchased 6 mobile radios that will be given to Baldwin public works. On the truck, two additional items were added: a discharge for the front of the truck and drafting capabilities on the rear of the truck. The lowest bid is \$288,000. Torborg contact four different companies. New trucks now come with a PTO generator. Jim Oliver asked if there were partial grants or grants for the trucks with Torborg responding not for trucks. Torborg had met with the ISO people recently and there are a lot of items to purchase to make their numbers. In February, a new automatic mutual aid agreement will be in place that encompasses a 24 hour time period, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Vollkommer asked why the department was looking at a 3500 gallon tender as is a tandem truck. Torborg responded that the ISO says we lack water and the minimum is 3000. The department is trying to get an 8 rating. Bryan Lawrence questioned if another tanker could be added with Torborg responding yes. Vollkommer questioned if there was anything wrong with the current tankers other than be manual transmission with Torborg responding no. Elaine Philippi questioned if the ISO had ever improved. Torborg responded no as the department had to wait 5 years. Torborg informed the board that they now have to do preplans on all commercial buildings. Vollkommer asked Torborg to break down the wages and salaries for training and calls. Torborg responded that they are paid \$5.00 an hour for training with approximately \$7,000 spent in training pay for the year.

**Road & Bridge Fund** – Terry Carlile was present. He stated that his budget shows a 10% increase from 2009 to 2010. His 2010 request is \$431,500.

**General Fund** – The board instructed the Clerk to redo the line items for 2009.

**Cemetery Fund** – Lester Kriesel will be asking for the same as 2008 = \$1,000. A reduction from \$4,000 to \$1,000 in 2009.

**Debt Service Fund** – Will remain the same as funds are transferred into and out of the fund.

**Capital Fund** – The board needs to consider the proposed purchases by the fire department and road and bridge.

**Park Fund** – Reduction from \$4,000 to \$1,000.

Vollkommer moved/Kriesel seconded to propose \$808,000 as listed and allow it be worked out at the Annual Meeting. Jim Oliver stated that, in 2010, he doesn't want to see the township in a bind with unforeseen circumstances. Kriesel stated that the township can always borrow if needed. Jeff Holm stated that he would like the budget to stay at \$864,000 and find more funding for road and bridge projects. Holm stated that he is in favor of some reductions in some departments and to move the road projects to the capital fund. Holm feels that the township is short on keeping up with the roads. Bryan Lawrence stated that this recommendation does not include a contingency fund. The motion to call the questioned unanimously carried. Upon roll call vote of recommending an \$808,000 budget for 2010: Kriesel: aye; Vollkommer: aye; Lawrence: aye; Holm: nay; Oliver: nay. Motion carried on a 3-2 vote.

**Adjournment** – Kriesel/Oliver unanimous to approve adjournment at 8:48 p.m.



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



Approved By: (s) Bryan Lawrence  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Baldwin Township

Attendees: Terry Carlile, Brian Torborg, Larry Handshoe, Elaine Philippi, Stephanie Ketterl, Dawn Othoudt, Kevin McGinty, Jesse Ewert