

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

January 5, 2010

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

Call to Order – The January 5, 2010 regular meeting of Baldwin Township was called to order at 7:00 by Chairman Jeff Holm.

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

Additions/Corrections to Agenda – None.

Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda With/Without Additions/Corrections – Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to approve regular meeting agenda without additions or corrections.

Open Forum for Citizens – Beth Ficek of 97th Street approached the town board regarding a noise issue in Pinegate Estates concerning a neighbor's 18-wheeler. Lawrence will talk to the operator of the 18-wheeler.

Elaine Philippi of 127th Street said that she feels there are inconsistencies from the town board on which volunteers who get paid and who do not. She said that the township attorney has told the board to be consistent. Philippi also asked to have the Strategic Planning Committee put on a candidate forum in February. Scheduling of a candidate forum will be put on the February agenda.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS & INTERIM USE PERMITS:

Annual Review of Home Business, Stain & Finish Cabinets & Trim – Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to approve the annual review for the home business of Kim and Mary Vahlsing.

Annual Review of Home Business, Trucking Company – Handshoe/Oliver unanimous to approve the annual review for the home business of Alan Walker.

PLATS:

Belmont Ridge Issues – Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to send a certified letter to Sheldon Pool regarding the grading issue at Belmont Ridge for work to be done by June 1. If there is no response, or if the work is not done by the June 1 date, Baldwin Township will regrade the ditch and bill Mr. Pool for the work.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Report – The snowplow drivers are doing a good job. There has been minimal trouble with the repairs to the trucks. An email received from Craig and Rosie Storie sent December 25 reads. “We would like to take this time to send a big “Thank You” to the dedicated road workers for doing a wonderful job on keeping our roads clear. Knowing that you are sacrificing your time with your loved ones during the holidays means so much to us. Thanks again.”

County Planning & Zoning Report – There was no county planning meeting. Lawrence attended the sewage treatment meeting this month. The big issue will be doing away with the gravity flow drain field systems, and he would like to see the township argue in favor of keeping the systems as is.

Status of 2010 Road Projects Per Capital Improvement Plan – It was agreed to be prepared with a capital improvement plan for February meetings.

Joint Committee with City of Princeton Status – According to Jeff Holm there was no fourth quarter meeting held.

Update on Headwall Concerns Throughout Township – Swanson will draft a letter concerning the headwalls in the township to be reviewed at the February meeting. All the information and pictures will be gathered together.

127th Street Update – Swanson agreed to have something ready for the February meeting regarding the 127th Street cul-de-sac.

Approve/Disapprove Attorney Involvement in Baldwin Meadows Cul-De-Sac Issue
Swanson/Oliver unanimous to approve sending a letter to Infrasource/Mueller Pipeline penned by Troy Gilchrist.

TABLED ITEMS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Snowplow Driver Parking Personal Vehicles – Holm stated that, historically, the plow drivers have parked their vehicles inside the building when they are plowing. There are liability concerns, and the chance of work being done on personal vehicles with township equipment. Overall this doesn't look good and extra time and energy is used to open and close the door. Holm wanted to make the point and move on.

Discuss Grant Writer – Oliver stated that he feels that , over the years, the township has missed out on a lot of money. The township has no resources to do grant writing. How would we go about hiring somebody? It is a wise thing to think about. Holm stated that the township should start by doing research ourselves. Go on a case-by-case basis. Oliver and Holm will work together along with the Strategic Planning Committee to research sources for grant writers. Lawrence suggested checking the internet and the Minnesota Association of Townships and Initiative Foundation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

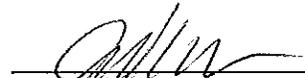
The Sherburne County Association of Townships quarterly meeting will be held on January 20, 2009 at Big Lake Township.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Motion to Approve Bills for Payment – Swanson/Handshoe motion to approve check numbers 14333 through 14367 and 3 EFT payments totaling \$23,219.88.

Adjourn – Lawrence/Oliver unanimous to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.


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


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

