

**BALDWIN TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING**  
**October 27, 2009**

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

**Call to Order** – The October 27, 2009 Baldwin Township Town Board Joint Meeting with the Strategic Planning Committee was called to order by Chairman Jeff Holm at 6:00 p.m.

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

**Discuss Strategic Planning Issues** – The purpose of the joint meeting of the Town Board and the Baldwin Strategic Planning Committee meeting was to initiate discussion on how to work together in order to obtain the desired goals. Clear directions and clear goals are sought from the Town Board as well as when and how to plan and who should participate.

Even though there have been positive and progressive changes with the new board, there still appears to be some distrust. There was discussion regarding the future, not dwelling on the past, and the ability to look for ways to build relationships of trust.

There was a suggestion to set out objectives of things to do. Goals which generate interest are a comprehensive plan and planning and zoning. The Initiative Foundation wants community involvement, and the attitude of the board is to get the public more involved in whatever is done. Since there may be a good chance to obtain a grant from the Initiative Foundation, it's key to the committee to put a team together to receive training, and represent a good cross section of our community. Obtaining a grant would be an asset to the future goals of our area.

There was discussion on the status of the contingency fund established at the Annual Meeting. The fund was established but not funded. The carryover monies from 2009 are to be put into this fund, and this fund may be relevant to matching grant money if needed. There are times when money relate to opportunity.

The members of the Strategic Planning Committee need to be reassured they are relevant to the Town Board. The Committee wants strong support. It's a big job to recruit enough people and talent when it looks like a lot of work needs to be done. It's also important to formulize long term goals, put together relationships, and build a strong base.

Since the board members were in agreement, it was decided that the Strategic Planning Committee chair would put together the agenda for their meetings in order to give the committee more ownership.

It was supported having the Strategic Planning Committee members to attend classes to develop a process. This item will be on the November 9, 2009 Baldwin Regular Meeting agenda.

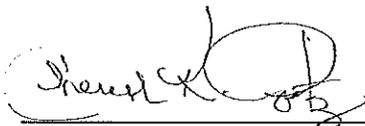
There was agreement that some of the primary things that need to be done tie into the need for a comprehensive plan. It was suggested that the Strategic Planning Committee look at Baldwin and other community comprehensive plans to compare, and see how Baldwin stands up with theirs. Then set a goal to look over and update Baldwin's plan. Thinking ahead that if a grant is obtained, planning and zoning and a comprehensive plan would be a big factor in the grant process. The Committee should also collect data on the businesses in Baldwin in order to obtain as much knowledge on the community as possible. This may create interest in the objective of the Strategic Planning Committee, and generate good public relations.

One of the first priorities is to attend the meeting in Little Falls on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup>. Jim Oliver, Jeff Holm, Elaine Philippi, Jay Swanson and Larry Handshoe will attend.

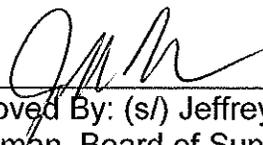
Discussion ensued regarding a meeting time for the committee. It was suggested to find a consistent date as not to cause confusion.

The Baldwin Board Members were in agreement they have confidence in the ability of the committee, and are open to new ideas. Planning for the future of Baldwin Township can't be done without the committee's combined talents.

**Adjourn** – Oliver/Handshoe unanimous to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.



Submitted By: (s/) Cheryl Goetz  
Deputy Clerk  
Baldwin Township



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

Attendees: Lester Kriesel, Elaine Philippi, Dale Nordby, Tom Rush, Dawn Othoudt, Bonnie Zurek