

## BALDWIN TOWNSHIP WORKSHOP

September 29, 2010

**Present** – Supervisors Larry Handshoe, Jim Oliver, Tom Rush and Jay Swanson.  
Supervisor Jeff Holm absent.

**Call to Order** – The September 29, 2010 Baldwin Township workshop was called to order by Chairman Jim Oliver at 7:03 p.m.

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

Oliver stated that item #4, Discuss Relief Benefit Level, will be scratched off the agenda as the relief association is not ready to discuss.

**Discuss Findings of E-3 Committee** – Rademacher stated that he committee started in May or June. Jim Buell headed it up along with Phil Holland, Gary Taylor and Chuck Nagle have attended every meeting. Scott Case was at the majority of the meetings. A conservative effort of 300 hours put in. Julius Dorweiler was also on the committee. Rademacher had asked Dorweiler where wasteful spending was and Dorweiler replied that he did not see anything in the list and also discussed air packs from Engine 2 to Engine 3 and to outfit both main engines to be as compatible as they can be. The biggest expense on the spreadsheet is the air packs with bottles at a cost of \$37,600. The dollar total on the spreadsheet handed out to the board for the equipment is \$130,360. The committee is anticipating the bids coming in under \$130,000.

Swanson questioned why another hydraulic pump would be needed when there is already one in the truck. Rademacher responded that they would trade it in and have the new one be portable. Holland stated that the \$3,000 set that was just purchased was bought to replace the one on Engine 1 and now they are looking at making all the trucks compatible. Swanson stated that when the board looked at the truck they looked at that the hydraulic pump was built in. Swanson has a problem with another portable pump. Buell stated that he had reviewed the specs given to him by the clerk and, if items were not circled on the proposal, we did not receive that item on the truck. Some of these items is to get the truck back to where it should have been. There is no recourse against the company.

Rademacher stated that the pump on the truck would not stay and, if not an adequate trade value, then would not be interested in it either. It would not be that we would have 2 pumps. Basically, it would be exchanging the hydraulic pump.

Rush questioned if all the items listed were needs for the truck or are wants also included and if there was anything else worth swapping out. Rademacher responded that the back page lists wants, but not needed. Boeke stated that this is not a shopping spree and that the guys took it seriously. Rademacher stated that the intent was Engine3 would be our first line responder and Engine 1 would respond to personal

injuries. However, he talked to both Malone and Roxbury and neither have a vehicle dedicated to respond to personal injuries and is not recommended by either. Case did not recommend nor did Dorweiler.

Oliver questioned what would be done with Engine 2. Rademacher responded saying that they have not put in a lot of thought into that yet. Boeke stated that, with the squirt, it is not called on very often in this township. The main call is for mutual aid. There may be a possible need for the wildlife refuge and the DNR. Let's get 2 trucks outfitted and go from there. We also have a space issue in the department. Rush questioned what the ballpark figure would be if Engine 2 was sold. Rodney Kriesel responded stating that the squirt can be moved from one truck to another and feels that the township would be basically giving it away if traded in. Boeke stated that transferring it to another truck would not be a cheap undertaking. Kriesel agreed stating that when a new truck is built it would be installed at that time.

Buell stated that they are trying to set up each truck the same. Some of the stuff on Engine 3 is based on ISO requirements. Oliver stated that if Engine 2 was sold it would save money on equipment for Engine 3. Rademacher stated that there may be some equipment they could use. Rademacher stated that they had briefly discussed it and feels that if everything was sold on Engine 2 they would be hard pressed to get \$5,000. Rush questioned what percentage of tools could be used if taken off Engine 2 and put on Engine 3. Holland replied maybe 5% and still stay in compliance. Boeke stated that we have a \$270,000 truck and we don't want to put \$5,000 worth of equipment on it and be our first truck out.

Buell stated items listed on page 3, lines 108-112 will be donated for the price of materials. Holland stated that when they first started they purposely went out and found the most expensive things they could find and then it was determined if they really needed them. If it could not be justified then it was taken off the list.

Oliver questioned the status of the FEMA grant. Rademacher replied that they will not hear until after the first of the year. Oliver questioned what would happen if they received the grant and have already purchased the equipment. Rademacher stated if the grant was received, and the items were already purchased, then the grant money would have to be returned for those items. Swanson questioned what was on the FEMA grant. Rademacher responded that item #4, air packs, #13, hose, #19, hose and #8, air bottles were on the grant.

Swanson questioned if the squirt truck was equipped with air packs. The answer was yes, low pressure packs and the bottles are not compatible with the new high pressure packs. Swanson questioned if the old ones would be sold if new ones were received with the FEMA grant with the answer being yes.

Oliver read a portion from the February 1, 2010 approved town board regular meeting minutes under "Fire Department Report" where it stated: "Holm questioned if there are any dollars budgeted for the additional equipment for the new engine. Torborg

responded that every penny of the rollover will be spent. For a normal truck to be completely outfitted it would cost \$60,000. The preliminary estimate to equip the truck would be \$40,000." Oliver questioned if Rademacher had any quotes from Torborg. Rademacher responded he had 2 quotes, one for equipment and one for fittings. The equipment alone was \$75,000 and \$6-8,000 for the fittings. Holland stated that just the NFPA requirements would cost close to \$45,000. Oliver questioned how long a new fire truck would last. Rademacher responded 10-15 years conservatively.

Rademacher acknowledged Nagle for setting up the spreadsheet format. Rush and Swanson thanked the committee for their hard work.

Discussion regarding the bidding process. Swanson questioned if it would be possible to take out the equipment that was included in the FEMA grant and is curious about savings if using the equipment from Engine 2 and then sell Engine 2 to help pay for the rest of the equipment. Rademacher questioned if those air packs would ever come if we do not get the grant with board changes, etc? In his eyes, the packs are the most important things. Swanson stated that we do not have \$130,000 to actually write a check out for this. We are looking at getting equipment that is absolutely necessary to get the truck on the road. Oliver stated that the board told the committee to go out and get the bids. Their job was not to estimate every low price. The next step is to go out with the list and come up with a concrete price. Buell questioned if the township will buy when the bids are received. Discussion was held regarding the board looking at the request for bids before they are sent out. Swanson questioned if there was a thermal imager on the other truck right? The answer was right. Swanson stated that then it is not like this truck cannot go out without a thermal imager. Also the air packs, if we don't get the air packs it is not like we don't have them to put in the truck or to use. He is of the opinion that we do not need that other engine. Swanson stated that the truck needs to get on the road and the truck should not sit longer than it has to but we have to be considerate with the people's tax dollars. If we can get \$40,000 in grants, then it needs to be investigated. It would not be wise to purchase items in the grant beforehand. Swanson would like to see the items purchased that is absolutely necessary to get the truck on the road. No more and no less.

Nagle stated that a viable list is needed deleting what is being eliminated. Swanson replied that #4 and #8 are in the FEMA grant. Rademacher stated that #10 is in the grant but it is not an option to go without. Buell stated that if the large items were knocked out then it would be under \$100,000. The clerk stated then it would need 2 quotes. Rademacher stated that he was told to do this right. It would be easier if they were given a budget to work with first. He must have greatly misinterpreted what he had heard at one of the meetings or there has been a change of heart. Buell stated that they had thrown out \$90,000 at the last meeting and no one blinked an eye. Rush stated that the board needs to determine how the equipment will be paid for. Boeke stated that, with a \$270,000 truck, it would be irresponsible to put equipment on it 20-25 years old. Picking and choosing without a number in mind does not make sense. Rush stated that it is the board's intention to get the truck on the road and they wanted to see what the committee found first. Now that we have the list the board needs to determine

what we will spend and how we will pay for it. Rademacher stated that the list is exaggerated. Buell questioned if the board could give them a ballpark figure on what might be spent.

Oliver stated that the board should take into consideration the committee and their expertise and go with what they have come up with in the bidding process. The board should accept whatever bids come in to get the truck on the road. Questions that need to be answered are: 1) FEMA questions; 2) Engine 2 resale value; and 3) Exchange for the pump on Engine 3 along with asking other departments if there is any need for Engine 2 anymore.

Swanson stated that the air packs and bottles off the list along with other equipment that is on the FEMA grant then quote the rest of the list. Rush stated that the truck will get equipped; however the board has to decide the budget. The board is concerned with safety, service to the public and also has to explain to the taxpayers where the money is going.

**Discuss Relief Benefit Level** – Removed from workshop agenda.

**Adjourn** – Handshoe/Swanson unanimous to adjourn at 8:36 p.m.



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



Approved By: (s/) Jim Oliver  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Baldwin Township

Attendees: Lester Kriesel, Rodney Kriesel, Chuck Nagle, Mike Rademacher, Larry Boeke, Phil Holland, Jim Buell, Joe Kiel