

## BALDWIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING & SPECIAL MEETING

December 12, 2011

**Present** – Supervisors Jay Swanson, Tom Rush, Larry Handshoe, Randy Atwood and Kimberly Good.

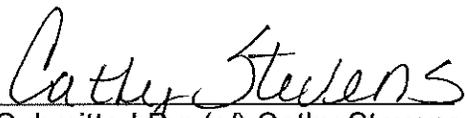
**Call to Order** – The December 12, 2011 Baldwin Township public hearing and special meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Swanson at 7:02 p.m.

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

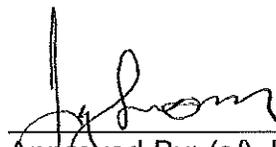
**Wellhead Protection Public Hearing** – Dave Thompson, Princeton Public Utilities, was present. He explained that they were still in the 60 day response time for local units of government, which will end December 19, 2011. The City of Princeton will be holding a public hearing on December 20, 2011 and on December 21, 2011 the plan will be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Health for final approval. He plans on the plan be approved by the state by December 31, 2011. Mr. Thompson reviewed the steps that are required. In two years the state will come in and do an assessment to ensure that they are on track with the plan. Once the plan is approved by the state, they will have the authority to request grants for clean-up or education. They will be spending a lot of time in Baldwin Township on septic systems as they are a major source of contamination. Radon is a big issue in water in Minnesota and public utilities is picking up the tab, as required by law. Mr. Thompson thanked Supervisor Swanson for his time and efforts. Mr. Thompson explained that one of the biggest items they will be going after is a grant to start up a website. He will be coming to Baldwin Township to request that a link to their website be added to the township website. Discussion was held on businesses that have more than 25 employees being required to have a wellhead plan. There are MPCA mandates for storm water runoff and they are trying to inform businesses that it is mandated by law. Princeton Public Utilities will work in conjunction with Baldwin Township to resolve these issues as education is one of the top priorities in this plan. The town board thanked Mr. Thompson for his presentation.

**Approve/Disapprove Proposal for Grant Writing Services** – Rush stated that he had talked with Katrina of HBH Consultants. Their \$4,200 fee would be reduced to \$2,500 without the DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant. The township does not have the matching funds for that grant. She can put another proposal together for the board to look at during the January 9, 2012 regular meeting. Atwood/Good unanimous to disapprove and review the new proposal when it comes in.

**Adjourn** – Good/Atwood unanimous to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.



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



Approved By: (s/) Jay Swanson  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Baldwin Township

Attendees: Carol Swanson, Chuck Nagle