



# BALDWIN TOWNSHIP

30239 128<sup>th</sup> Street, Princeton MN 55371

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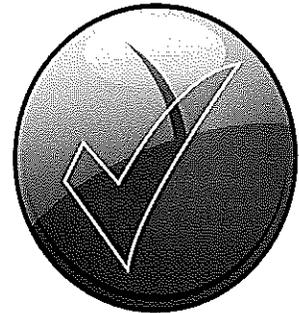
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## Election & Town Meeting March 13, 2012

Baldwin Township voters will mark their ballots March 13 between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. at the township hall located at 30239 – 128<sup>th</sup> Street. Precinct 1 and Precinct 2 will be combined. Supervisor Seat 'A' currently held by Larry Handshoe and Supervisor Seat 'E' currently held by Jay Swanson terms will be expiring in March 2012. These terms are both three (3) year terms.

After the polls close at 8 p.m. the Annual Meeting will begin in the maintenance building attached to the town hall. All residents are encouraged to cast their ballots and then attend the meeting.

### Baldwin Township Levy/Budget Proposal



General	Proposed 2013	\$185,000
	Certified 2012	\$175,000
Road/Bridge	Proposed 2013	\$580,256
	Certified 2012	\$480,256
Capital Fund	Proposed 2013	\$ 6,268
	Certified 2012	\$ 5,000
Fire Fund	Proposed 2013	\$100,000
	Certified 2012	\$ 90,000
Cemetery Fund	Proposed 2013	\$ 0
	Certified 2012	\$ 0
Park Fund	Proposed 2013	\$ 25,000
	Proposed 2012	\$ 2,000
Debt Service	Proposed 2013	\$ 87,476
	Certified 2012	\$231,744
Total	Proposed 2013	\$984,000
	Certified 2012	\$984,000

Baldwin Township Supervisors met on December 6, 2011 at a special workshop meeting to discuss and decide the proposed levy for year 2013. The levy for 2013 represents a zero percent increase from the 2012 levy and will be presented at the Township Annual Meeting on March 13, 2012 at 8:01 p.m. The levy amount is set by a simple vote of the Baldwin residents who attend the annual meeting.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 6	Baldwin Regular Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	Mar. 5	Baldwin Regular Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 9	Princeton Council Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	Mar. 8	Princeton Council Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 13	PAVC (K-Bob Café) 8:00 a.m.	Mar. 10	<b>CANDIDATE MEET &amp; GREET</b> Princeton Library 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	Baldwin Regular Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	Mar. 12	PAVC (K-Bob Café) 8:00 a.m.
Feb. 23	Princeton Council Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	Mar. 13	<b>ELECTION &amp; ANNUAL MTG.</b>
Feb. 27	PAVC (K-Bob Café) 8:00 a.m.	Mar. 15	County Planning 6:30 p.m.
		Mar. 20	Baldwin Regular Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
		Mar. 22	Princeton Council Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
		Mar. 26	PAVC (K-Bob Café) 8:00 a.m.

#### Town of Baldwin

30239—128th Street, PO Box 25

Princeton, MN 55371

Office Hrs. 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

Mon—Thurs.

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#### TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Jay Swanson, Chair—763-856-4201

Larry Handshoe—763-389-3195

Tom Rush—763-389-8931

Kimberly Good—763-856-3061

Randy Atwood—763-856-5722

#### CLERK/TREASURER

Cathy Stevens—763-389-8931

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763-389-8931

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Craig Hilburn—612-501-7814

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Mike Rademacher, Fire Chief—

763-350-0378

#### MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

763-389-0036

#### SHERBURNE COUNTY WEB SITE:

[www.co.sherburne.mn.us](http://www.co.sherburne.mn.us)

#### BALDWIN TOWNSHIP WEB SITE:

Approved Town Board meeting minutes  
can be found at

<http://baldwintownship.govoffice.com>

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## HONORING THE LEGACY OF KERMIT YOUNG

Young Park, located at the corner of County Road 38 and County Road 19, was donated to Baldwin Township by late property owner Kermit Young, whose long standing vision for the land was to leave it for use as a nature park to be enjoyed by future generations. The parcel encompasses 80 acres and includes wetlands, pine plantation, oak woodland and upland prairie. It is the desire of the Baldwin Park Committee, and the Baldwin Town Board to honor the legacy of Kermit Young by stewarding the natural resource amenities at Young Park. Kermit wanted future generations to enjoy the wetlands and woodland just as he was able to.

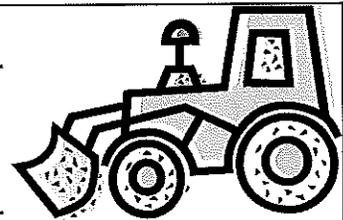
The Conservation Partners Legacy Grant of the Outdoor Heritage Fund provides an opportunity to revitalize, enhance and restore these native ecosystems by increasing the quality of habitat for area wildlife on acres that are not hunted and are protected from development. Specifically the grant would fund restoration of native prairie, enhancement of native oak woodland and pine plantation, as well as removal and ongoing management of invasive species.

Baldwin Township is working closely with the Sherburne Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) who is providing project management and fiscal management for the proposed restoration work. The SWCD has solicited and gained the financial support of local Pheasants Forever and MN Waterfowl Association Chapters.

### THANK YOU SWANTEC, INC.

For your generous contribution towards the Baldwin Park playground equipment installation.

It is with regret that Baldwin Township is announcing the retirement of Terry Carlile.



Terry has been with Baldwin Township for over 11 years. He began working as the clerk, and then transferred to the maintenance department. His commitment and dedication has been outstanding. He has played an important role in the growth and success of this organization.

Although we will miss him, he has more than earned the right to spend more time with his hobbies. Please join us as we extend our warmest wishes in Terry's retirement.



Citizens interested in the future of Baldwin Township. Be a member of the **BALDWIN VOLUNTEER CORPS.** and help plan the 2nd annual FunFest. Meetings are at the Baldwin Town Hall ... Check the online calendar for dates and time.

## MORE ABOUT ANNUAL MEETINGS

Information taken from Minnesota Township News

The Annual Township Meeting is held on the second Tuesday in March unless bad weather requires that it be postponed. The Meeting is then held the third Tuesday in March. If bad weather forces cancellation again, the Town Board must set another date for the Meeting within 39 days of the third Tuesday. A 10 day published notice of the date and time of the Meeting is required.

The Town Clerk is charged with convening the meeting and taking official minutes. The Deputy Clerk acts in her absence; if neither is available, the electors (Town residents) appoint someone to take minutes. The electors appoint a moderator to oversee the meeting. The Meeting is a meeting of the people, not the Town Board. Supervisors can participate as citizens and can provide information so the electors can make informed decisions; the Board does not run the Meeting.

Any person may attend and speak at the Annual Meeting, but only those eligible to vote in the Township Election may cast a vote at the meeting. The moderator determines the outcome of any vote. A person's eligibility to vote may be challenged by any resident. The validity of the challenge is to be determined by the election judges appointed for the Township Election. A vote at the meeting may occur in any manner decided by the residents. No formal paper ballot is required; however to allow for any issue for which a vote may be taken at the annual meeting to instead be submitted as a formal ballot question at the Town's Election .

Minnesota Statute 365.431, with very limited exceptions, prohibits the Town Board from certifying a levy in excess of the amount approved at the Annual Meeting. However the electors may opt to continue the March meeting to a later date such as August so the levy can reflect any statutory changes that may be adopted during the legislative session.

Other issues that can be dealt with at the Meeting are: authorization for expenditures for a new town hall, authorize nuisance ordinances to be adopted by the Town Board, authorization to proceed with road vacations, set the location for the next year's Annual Meeting.

Most of the actions taken at the Annual Meeting simply authorize the Town Board to take action and are not binding on the Board. Actions such as setting monthly meeting schedule, designating a posting place and official newspaper, and similar actions should occur at the first meeting following the taking of the oath of office of all new supervisors—this is commonly known as the reorganization meeting. Preferences of the electors can be discussed at the Annual Meeting, but only the Board can take official action on these matters. The electors cannot authorize the Town Board to do something otherwise prohibited by law or which the Township lacks the authority to do. For example the electors cannot authorize the Town Board to ignore the Open Meeting Law or operate a municipal liquor store.



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**CANDIDATE FORUM**

MARCH 3, 2012  
From 1 to 3 p.m.  
at the  
Baldwin Town Hall  
30239—128th Street  
Princeton, MN 55371

Baldwin Township will hold its Annual Meeting and Election on Tuesday March 13. There are two seats open for supervisor; each being a 3-year term.

Filing for office for Seat A is Larry Handshoe and Tim Kane.

Filing for office for Seat E is Jay Swanson and Chuck Nagle.

Polls open at 10 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

Annual Meeting starts at 8:01 p.m.

**2011 ROAD AND BRIDGE  
MAJOR WORK COMPLETED**

- Sandy Lake Culvert \$12,306.69
- 285th—2nd Lift \$74,811.08
- Various Striping \$ 6,704.91
- 120th Soil Borings \$ 4,440.00
- Elk Lake Estates  
Graveling \$43,440.00
- Cracksealing Projects \$47,345.15

**JOIN THE  
CANDIDATE MEET AND GREET**

March 10, 2012  
at the  
Princeton Library Community Room  
From 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Hosted by Baldwin Resident  
Elaine Philippi

**Unnecessary Taxpayer Expenses**

**Animal Control:** Each time the Animal Control Officer goes out on a call, whether he impounds a dog or not, we pay him a fee. If the dog is impounded and not claimed by the owner, we pay an impound fee. These fees are paid through tax levy and you can help control this cost by keeping your animals on your property or on a leash when off your property.