

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP WORKSHOP

September 4, 2012

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

Call to Order – The September 4, 2012 Baldwin Township workshop was called to order by Chairman Swanson at 7:03 p.m.

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

Discuss 2013 Road Projects – The board reviewed the road inspection report that was made by Supervisors Handshoe and Good along with former maintenance employee Terry Carlile. Good stated the 100th Street was the worst on the east side and 120th Street being the second worst road. However, the township has committed to 112th Street already. 294th needs gravel. There are significant overhanging tree problems with most of them being in the road right-of-way. Handshoe stated that he would like to stay on the cracksealing program and pass on any chipsealing along with looking at some calcium chloride. In 2013 the board determined that 112th Street project should be a smaller number. Looking at the capital improvement plan, 136th Street would be next in 2014. Handshoe stated that 100th Street should be bumped up to 2015. However, patching would need to be done. The road and bridge levy for 2013 is \$480,256. If 112th Street costs \$200,000 that leaves \$280,256. Good stated that the trees need to be trimmed between County Road 38 and County Road 2 on 116th Street. Some money needs to be set aside for brushing. Swanson asked if there was any tree trimming the maintenance department could do. Good answered that it may be a possibility. There was discussion regarding surveying areas where the road width is in question. There was discussion on what the average winter costs, with Atwood remembering it to be \$38,000 last year and Rush remembering it to be \$47,000 2 years ago.

Resident JoAnn Graham questioned if there was anything planned for drainage in Elk Lake Estates. Swanson replied that he planned on the normal maintenance that ~~his~~ is happening now and the board tried as best they could when the roads were regraded. Gene Nitz stated that it is the drainage. Handshoe replied that the township engineer is looking into the issue. Christie Miller stated that she has huge drainage problems and went on to explain what they were. Swanson stated that the board will send out the township engineer and ask why the road has been raised. JoAnn Graham questioned why nothing has been done in Elk Lake Estates and Christie Miller stating that she has asked the board for 8 years to get a long term plan done for the area. The board will gauge the issue at the budget meeting.

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Discuss Nonessential Road Signs – Good reported that there are companies that will actually identify non-essential signs. She said that Baldwin has 8 signs per mile; 80

miles of road; and already about 50% of the signs are retro reflective. She thinks someone official needs to determine if the signs are needed or not. Good will attend the expo, get a firmer number from the vendors and report back.

Discuss No Parking Signs in Undeveloped Cul-De-Sacs – Atwood and Handshoe feel they are not necessary. Rush says he feels there is a significant difference when signs are posted in undeveloped cul-de-sacs. Unless recommended by law enforcement, Good feels they need not be installed. Nagle referenced the development that Supervisor Rush lives in and the no parking signs along with aerial views of the development that he has referenced.

Discuss Road Contractor Services Agreement – It was discussed to ask Bogart what type of specifications should be added to the Road Contractor Services Agreement. Add item to the September 10, 2012 agenda. The board agreed that the amended agreement should be sent to the township attorneys before going to Bogart.

Adjournment – Handshoe/Rush unanimous to adjourn at 8:37 p.m.



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



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

Attendees: Mark Ziemer, Rob Week, Gene Nitz, JoAnn Graham, Elaine Philippi, Christine Miller, Chuck Nagle