

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

July 1, 2013

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

Call to Order – The July 1, 2013 Baldwin Township regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Swanson at 7:00 p.m.

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

Additions/Corrections to Agenda –

Added to the Park Committee Report

- Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Going Out for Bid for Boardwalks
- Approve/Disapprove Spraying of the Trails.

Added to Old Business

- Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Bidding 284th Culvert
- Cracksealing Update
- Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Newsletter

Added to New Business

- Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Town Hall Closed July 5th

Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda With/Without Additions/Corrections –

Handshoe/Good unanimous to approve regular meeting agenda as amended.

Treasurer's Report

June 2013 Final Treasurer's Report – The clerk reported receipts of \$332,793.55 and disbursements of \$81,387.98, check numbers 17495 through 17551 and 6 EFT payments leaving an unaudited balance of \$706,276.21.

July 2013 Preliminary Treasurer's Report – The clerk reported receipts of \$0 and disbursements of \$17,725.56, check numbers 17552 through 17576 and 1 EFT payment leaving an unaudited balance of \$690,940.81.

Sheriff's Report – Officer Wilson reported 197 calls for service for the month of June. He said they followed up and monitored the rush hour traffic on County Road 38, which was an issue brought up at the last meeting, and the commercial vehicle inspector did monitor the business district. They did not observe any overweight vehicles. Good reported the port-a-potty at the park had been tipped over.

Fire Department Report - The fire department was on call. See below.

Approval of Consent – Rush/Good unanimous to approve the Town Board meeting minutes of June 18 and June 20, 2013

Open Forum for Citizens – Gary Crandall, 284th Avenue, stated that with any significant rains water is cascading around his property and was wondering if the town board would consider dealing with that portion of the problem. When he purchased the property, 37 years ago, they were even with the road. Now the road is about 2 feet higher than his property. Good questioned if the problem is new since the regrading with Mr. Crandall responding that it was less of an issue last year and feels that the grading is not done appropriately. Jon Bogart stated that the drainage of the entire area needs to be looked at as there are all sorts of little drainage issues and there is stuff going on with the grading. Last year, the township took out 4 inches of road and added 4 inches of gravel so it should be about the same. Handshoe asked Mr. Crandall if water was still running to his house even after the road grading done the previous week. Mr. Crandall replied yes.

Darla Cruz, 284th Avenue/99 ½ Street, stated that she owns property next to the public access and has owned it for 52 years. She stated that she totally agrees with Mr. Crandall and the issue has been on the township agenda for 2-3 years with survey after survey being done out there and nothing happens. They did get one drainpipe but it is completely plugged with leaves and debris. She feels that the township never finished what was intended. She has been hearing that the township has money in its budget but the project has not been finished. She stated that they have been waiting 2 years to put up a split rail cedar fence, which was ordered by the township to be moved, but they are waiting for the township to finish what they need to do. The bottom line is that they want an honest answer. Where is the budget truly at? We hear nothing until we call the township. They want it fixed right. Swanson replied that the township graveled last year and we have been looking for a number from the township engineer to determine if we can go out for quotes to determine what the true number would be. It would be at that time that the township can do the project or not.

Fire Department Report - Chief Rademacher reported 12 calls for the month of June with 7 medicals and the 5 remaining calls consisted of grass fire, CO alarms and downed power lines.

Approve/Disapprove Wall Plaque for Annual Scholarship Award – Good/Handshoe unanimous to table until the July 16, 2013 meeting.

Relief Association Report – Rush/Handshoe unanimous to table until the July 16, 2013 meeting.

Request Fire Department Presence at Funfest, September 21st – It was requested that Chief Rademacher attend the next Baldwin Volunteer Corps meeting to discuss having the smoke trailer and the helicopter landing for the FunFest.

Approve/Disapprove Opening Walmart Account – Good/Handshoe unanimous to approve opening an account at Walmart having the fire department captains on the signature list. Accepted is a friendly amendment to also add the assistant chief, the chief and Don Larsen.

Chief Rademacher also stated that there are issues with E3, although the truck is operational. Chief Rademacher's employee review will be July 17th at 6:30 p.m.

CONDITIONAL & INTERIM USE PERMITS:

Clarification of I.U.P. Town Board Comments – Pat Fitzpatrick, Wholesale Auto, Inc., was present asking for clarification of town board comments made at the May 21, 2013 town board meeting which made the comment of “no auto body”. Mr. Fitzpatrick informed the board that he met with the county planning commission on June 20th and wanted to address some of the comments made based on their draft meeting minutes. In part, the draft meeting minutes stated, “Lawrence commented there appears to be three auto body repair businesses to the north of this property. He asked why this permit does not allow painting or sandblasting.” Also, “Fitzpatrick agreed and said that it would be good if the permit could specify that spray painting and auto-body could be a permitted use. Riddle explained that part of the difficulty is that the township has made the recommendation not to allow it, and this board does not know how much it mattered to them. She suggested Fitzpatrick go back to the township prior to the County Board, to see if they would approve the change. Fitzpatrick said that it really didn't matter to them, and he believed they made that comment simply because he didn't have a paint booth at this time. Lawrence suggested they could say that no spray painting or auto-body could be allowed without meeting all county and state regulations.”
Good/Handshoe unanimous to approve body work if all state and county requirements are met.

PLATS: None.

VARIANCES: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Park Committee Report – At last month's meeting, Rush said, they went through the regulations for a sign. He also stated that the regulations need to be simplified before being presented to the board. Children have been tearing plants out of the rain garden. Rush also wants to clarify that Young Park is not a dog park although dogs are welcomed on leash.

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Going Out for Bid for Boardwalks – Atwood/Swanson unanimous to approve having Jon Bogart look into options/prices for installation of the boardwalks at Young Park and return to the board with a price estimate.

Approve/Disapprove Spraying of the Trails – Good/Handshoe unanimous to approve a bid of \$370.00 given by ARC Irrigation to spray the trails at Young Park.

TCI Baldwin Volunteer Corps Update – Good reported that the Baldwin's Going to the Dogs event was a success with over 100 people attending. Princeton Veterinarian Clinic has agreed to continue the discount of \$25 for micro chipping dogs. The Volunteer Corps is now working on the FunFest.

Joint Committee with City of Princeton Status – There has been no meetings scheduled.

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Bidding 284th Culvert – Jon Bogart stated that the plans cost estimate is \$15,500 with a guarantee to help the problems, but not solve. It will not solve the problems heard tonight from Gary Crandall. Good suggested adding this to facilitate helping the other issues. Bogart stated that the road grading needs to be addressed first. Swanson questioned if any part of this project would still be useful if the township takes care of the issues on 99 ½ Street. Bogart will check the contours and identify all the contributing areas. Good/Handshoe unanimous to table until the August meeting. Atwood suggested making this a two part project and not a temporary solution.

Cracksealing Update – The rain has delayed any progress on cracksealing. It is hoped that work can start in the next couple of weeks.

TABLED ITEMS:

Approve/Disapprove Utilizing Grant Money for 142nd Street – Jon Bogart reported that he had found about a SFL baffle option with the new estimate coming in at \$23,796.74. The grant with the SWCD is \$12,433.81 and only covering 75% of the project cost. Baldwin's share would be \$11,300.00. if the area was paved contaminants would be flowing into the lake. Residents Brian Bumgarner and James Lee Sr. gave a history of the project and the issues with the current drainage system. The SWCD grant is only good for this year. Good/Handshoe unanimous to approve. Bogart will return to the August meeting for design approval with construction anticipated to begin in September. Good will contact STS to determine if they can be utilized in cleaning out the drainage system.

Discuss Utilizing Agreement to Support Recreational Program Document – Handshoe/Good unanimous to table until the August 5, 2013 meeting in order to find out if the other high school sport teams can provide specified insurance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove \$2,000 from the Initiative Foundation Grant for Funfest Budget – Handshoe/Rush unanimous to approve \$2,000 from the Initiative Foundation Grant for the FunFest budget.

Approve/Disapprove Clerk Signing Initiative Foundation Phase II Grant Agreement – Rush/Handshoe unanimous to have the clerk sign the Initiative Foundation Phase II Grant Agreement.

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Hiring Maintenance Employee With a 90 Day Probation Period with Review After 90 Days – Good/Handshoe motion to approve hiring Gary Kubisweski pending a drug test with a 90-day probation period with review after 90 days starting at an hourly wage of \$11.00 per hour. Voice vote taken with

Swanson, Atwood, Handshoe and Good in favor; Rush abstained. The clerk will send letters to the other applicants.

Approve/Disapprove Transfer of \$10,000 from General Fund to Road & Bridge Fund – Handshoe/Good unanimous to approve the transfer of \$10,000 from the General Fund to the Road and Bridge fund.

Approve/Disapprove Developer Escrow Transfers to Developers Account – Rush/Atwood unanimous to approve transferring the developer escrow monies to the developers account.

Review/Approve/Disapprove Newsletter – Good/Handshoe unanimous to table until July 16th meeting.

Approve/Disapprove Town Hall Closed July 5th – Swanson/Atwood unanimous to approve closing the Town Hall on July 5th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Township Office Closed, Thursday, July 4th and now the 5th for Independence Day.
- City of Princeton Annexation Public Hearing, Thursday, July 11, 7:00 pm, City Hall.

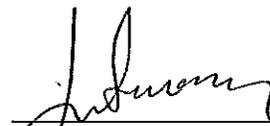
ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None.

Motion to Approve Bills for Payment – Good/Rush unanimous to approve for payments check numbers 17552 through 17576 and 1 EFT payment totaling \$17,725.56.

Adjournment – Rush/Handshoe unanimous to adjourn at 9:16 p.m.



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



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

7-22-2013

Date

Attendees: Lester Kriesel, Gary Crandall, Ray Peters, Audrey Misiura, Brian Bumgarner, Chuck Nagle, James Lee Sr., Darla Cruz, Elaine Philippi, Jon Bogart