

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 11, 2014

Baldwin Township Deputy Clerk Cheryl Goetz Dobson called the 2014 Annual Meeting for the Town of Baldwin to order at 8:02 p.m. All citizens present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The deputy clerk accepted nominations for moderator. Kim Good/Elaine Byker motioned to nominate Bryan Lawrence. Jeff Holm/Dennis Lindberg unanimous to close nominations. With no further nominations Betsy Wergin/Dick Marshall unanimous to install Bryan Lawrence as moderator.

Bryan Lawrence welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the Baldwin Township Annual Meeting.

Additions/Corrections to Agenda

- Elaine Philippi/Kim Good unanimous to add to "X(a)" 2014 Projects Funding for FunFest of \$1000
- Chuck Nagle/Nancy Erbst unanimous to move item "XVII" Election Results to above "XV" Approve 2015 Budget/Levy if the results of the election are available at that time.

Approve Agenda

Betsy Wergin/Kim Good unanimous to approve agenda as amended.

Approve Dispensing with the Reading of the March 12, 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes

Dave Patten/Kim Good unanimous to approve dispensing with the reading of the March 12, 2013 Annual Meeting minutes.

Approve March 12, 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes

Dave Patten/Michelle Ashe unanimous to approve the March 12, 2013 Annual Meeting minutes.

Reading of Board of Audit Report as Posted

After explaining the purpose of the Board of Audit Report, Lawrence read the report in its entirety.

2013 Treasurer's Report/2013 Audit (if available)/2013 Recap

Tom Kaliher of KBP & Co, LTD. was not in attendance, and the audit report is not yet available. The Deputy Clerk read the cash balances ending for the current period of December 2013 with beginning balance of \$625,173.12; receipts of \$1,194,123.04; disbursements of \$1,073,853.37; journal entry payroll of \$141,363.30; and ending balance of \$604,079.49. Betsy Wergin/Dennis Lindberg unanimous to approve the 2013 Treasurer's Report.

2014 Projects

Supervisor Swanson presented an in depth PowerPoint overview that included explanations of a 4 year levy history, property tax payments, the breakdown of general fund, road and bridge fund, the 2013 road projects as well as the 2014 and 2015 proposed road projects, fire fund, special revenue fund, park fund, cemetery fund, debt service fund, and capital reserve funds income and disbursements. Swanson stressed that if there were any questions on any of the financials that the clerk/treasurer would be available to address the inquiries.

Swanson further clarified the road projects proposed for 2014 and 2015 explaining that because of the cost they may need to be spread over a period of a few years. He also explained the definition and purpose of a subordinate service district when residents request an improvement in their roads before it's on the proposed road project list.

As part of the PowerPoint presentation Swanson presented the proposed levy/budget proposal for 2015:

General Fund	\$205,000
Road & Bridge	\$481,000
Capital Fund	\$ 42,082
Fire Fund	\$ 95,000
Capital Fund (Fire)	\$ 20,000
Park Fund	\$ 35,000
Debt Service	\$ 53,050
Total	\$931,132

Elaine Philippi/Elaine Byker unanimous to approve \$1000 for the Baldwin FunFest as a line item fund to the entire levy. Tim Kane proposed a friendly amendment to take the \$1000 out of the Park Fund instead of adding it to the entire levy. Philippi refused the friendly amendment. It was discussed that the FunFest was working towards self-sufficiency, and wouldn't necessarily need to be a future line item. Cal Watson/Tim Kane unanimous to amend the previous motion to advise the town board to take \$1000 from the Park Fund for the FunFest. It was decided that more information was needed from the Park Board liaison before a decision could be made.

Baldwin Park Committee Progress Report

Tom Rush detailed the revenue generated and expenses incurred for Young Park. Projects proposed for the next two years are a shaded pavilion, boardwalk installation, a park welcome sign, sandlot baseball, grills, basketball half court and rock monument. Nothing so far has been done with the Goose Lake Park, but proposed is a canoe rack, trails and a fishing pier. Rush said a good portion of the money for the parks have come from grant money. Addressing the stated

motion on whether dollars could come out of the Park Fund for the FunFest, Rush said yes it could.

Open motion on the floor is *amend the previous motion to advise the town board to take \$1000 from the Park Fund for the FunFest*. With a show of hands the motion fails.

Open motion on the floor *approve \$1000 for the Baldwin Funfest as a line item fund to the entire levy*. With a show of hands motion carries. With a show of hands it was decided to add \$1000 to the entire levy to be dedicated to the Baldwin FunFest.

2015 Budget Proposal

See above

Fire Department Report

Chief Rademacher reported 232 calls in the year 2013. There are now 29 firefighters on the Northeast Sherburne County Fire and Rescue Department with two of those firefighters being an EMT, two being paramedics and one doctor. The Baldwin firefighters have put in over 2500 hours in training in 2013. Outreach and exposure to the community includes participating in Baldwin Township Cleanup Day, Princeton High School STEM Day, the FunFest at Young Park, daycare visits, participation in the Make a Wish program, and establishing a Baldwin Fire Department Relief Association Scholarship. Rademacher said to contact the chief or the town hall if there are any activities that the residents would like the fire department to be a part of.

Last spring the Baldwin Fire Department went through an ISO review. The Townships PPC was lowered from a 9/10 to a 7/10. Rademacher informed the residents because of the lower ISO rating to be sure to contact their insurance companies since this could effectively change their premiums.

Presented with the PowerPoint was a list of the current equipment along with the year of the vehicles, mileage and estimated replacement year.

The firefighters in attendance were acknowledged for their service.

Road Report

The road and bridge report presented by Kimberly Good outlined the amount of salt/sand, hot tar and class 5 used by the township in 2013. It also outlined the number of plow sessions, and dollars spend on ditch mowing, sink holes, rebuilding 112th Street, soil borings, crack sealing, gravel, calcium chloride and dollars spend on equipment repairs.

Election Results

Deputy Clerk Cheryl Goetz Dobson provided the election results to attendees at the Annual Meeting.

For the Baldwin Township Supervisor "C" position for a three (3) year term, candidate Kimberly Good received 62 votes. Candidate Jeff Holm received 107 votes. Candidate Tim Kane received 30 votes. Candidate Chuck Nagle received 22 votes. Total votes cast were 221 votes. The election results were signed by all election judges: Nancy P. Dorweiler, Sharon J. Matz, Jerry Mueller, Lester Kriesel, and Richard Harris.

Approve 2015 Budget/Levy

	<u>PROPOSED FOR 2015</u>	<u>CERTIFIED FOR 2014</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$205,000	\$185,000
ROAD & BRIDGE	\$481,000	\$480,256
CAPITAL FUND	\$ 42,082	\$ 45,000
FIRE FUND	\$ 95,000	\$110,000
CAPITAL FUND (FIRE)	\$ 20,000	\$ 0
PARK FUND	\$ 35,000	\$ 25,000
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 53,050	\$ 85,876
FUNFEST	\$ 1,000	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$932,132	\$931,132

A motion was made by Betsy Wergin; seconded by Dave Patten to approve the 2015 budget/levy as amended.

Chuck Nagle motioned an amendment to the proposed levy by adding \$20,000 to the entire levy in order to increase the general fund to \$40,000 by taking \$20,000 from the road and bridge fund and adding the proposed \$20,000. Nancy Erbst seconded the motion. With a show of hands the motion fails.

Voting on the motion on the floor to approve the 2014 budget/levy as amended with a show of hands the motion carries.

General Discussion of Items of Concern

None.

Legal Publisher/Depository/Public Postings

The moderator stated that the current legal publisher is the Princeton Union-Eagle, the depository is Bremer Bank and the public postings are the town hall and Marv's True Value. Chuck Nagel/Nancy Erbst unanimous to use the Princeton Today periodical for the official posting newspaper. Discussion ensued that the Princeton Today does not qualify as an official publication format. With

vote taken, the motion fails. Kim Good/Ross Perry unanimous to continue using the Princeton Union Eagle as the legal publisher with the stipulation that the town board will continue to make sure that any publication serves the township well. With vote taken, the motion passes.

2015 Annual Meeting, 2nd Tuesday in March, 2015, 8:01 p.m.

Adjourn

Jeff Holm/Cal Watson unanimous to adjourn at 10:29 p.m.

Submitted By: (s/)
Cheryl Goetz Dobson
Deputy Clerk
Baldwin Township

Approved By: (s/) Bryan Lawrence
Moderator

Attendees: Nancy Erbst, Elaine Philippi, Chuck Nagle, Julius Dorweiler, Dennis D. Lindberg, Michelle Ashe, Gregg Ashe, Betsy L. Wergin, Dick Marshall, Michael Rademacher, Dean McDevitt, Tom Rush, Kimberly Good,, Judy Thorson, Dale Hurni, Pat Skarohlid, Bonnie Zurek, Carol Swanson, Jay Swanson, Michael Brinwall, Justin Suckut, David Patten, Lance Soderman, Amy Soderman, Kristina Carlson, Travis Carlson, Bill Swigart, Cal Watson, Joe Kiel, Brad Schumacher, Jake McGlynn, Nicholas Cole, Shane Jacobsen, Randy Atwood, Elaine Byker, Tim Enger, Bryan Lawrence, Jeff Holm, John Smith, Mike Lambrecht, Valerie Lambrecht, Audrey Misiura, Ron Misiura, Ross Perry, Tim Kane, Steve Conklin