

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING
March 13, 2018

Baldwin Township Deputy Clerk Cheryl Goetz Dobson called the 2018 Annual Meeting for the Town of Baldwin to order at 8:01 p.m. All citizens present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The deputy clerk accepted nominations for moderator. Kim Good motioned to nominate Jay Swanson; seconded by Terry Carlile. Motion carried. With no further nominations heard, Jay Swanson accepted the nomination and was appointed as moderator for the Baldwin Township Annual Meeting of March 13, 2018.

Jay Swanson welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the Baldwin Township Annual Meeting. He said this is the peoples' meeting and that everyone would have a chance to voice their concerns. Informational material was made available to everyone present.

Additions/Corrections to Agenda

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

Approve Agenda

Kimberly Good / Terry Carlile unanimous to approve agenda.

Approve Dispensing with the Reading of the March 14, 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes

Kimberly Good / Terry Carlile unanimous to approve dispensing with the reading of the March 14, 2017 Annual Meeting minutes.

Approve March 14, 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes

Kimberly Good / Terry Carlile unanimous to approve the March 14, 2017 Annual Meeting minutes.

Reading of Board of Audit Report as Posted

The 2017 Board of Audit Report was posted as required and available for the public, but was not reviewed.

2017 Treasurer's Report / 2017 Audit (if available) / 2017 Recap

Schlenner Wenner & Co. 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 2017 with beginning balance of \$1,012,675.78; receipts of \$3,545,933.82; disbursements of \$2,173,369.36; and ending balance of \$2,226,835.27.

2017 Projects

Supervisor Schmacher presented an in-depth PowerPoint overview that included explanations of a 4 year levy history. The 2018 difference in levy approved at the

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2017 Annual Meeting was an increase in Debt Service to cover a \$2,235,000 bond for the 136th Street road improvement and new grass rig and pumper truck for the fire department. Of that \$2,235,000 bond \$458,220 was used to cover Frontier Trails septic improvement, of which only the residents of Frontier Trails are responsible for. Also presented in the overview was the an explanation of the property tax payments, the breakdown of the general fund, the road and bridge fund, the 2018 road projects. The breakdown of the fire fund, the special revenue fund, the capital fund, the fire capital fund, the park fund, the cemetery fund, the debt service fund, the FunFest Fund and the capital reserve funds income and disbursements were also included in the PowerPoint.

Of interest is the topic of MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems). The MS4 Permit regulates stormwater discharges from townships, colleges and universities, prisons, counties, watersheds and cities. It's stated that it impacts Baldwin Township in the fact that potential discharges drain into a common body of water namely the Rum River. Currently the MS4 is covered under the Sherburne County plan although in a period of 2 years it may become a burden to Baldwin Township with a preliminary cost of \$10,000 a year which may cause financing issues. Thus far Baldwin Township has been successful in staving off on having to comply with the regulation.

Included with the PowerPoint is a copy of a Sherburne County Property Tax Statement showing the portion of property taxes paid to Baldwin Township. Swanson stressed that if there were any questions on any of the financials that the clerk/treasurer would be available to address the inquiries.

2019 Budget / Levy Proposal

The proposed 2019 Baldwin Township levy is:

General Fund	\$230,000
Road & Bridge	\$440,000
Capital Fund	\$ 45,000
Fire Fund	\$140,000
Capital Fund (Fire)	\$ 25,000
Park Fund	\$ 50,000
Debt Service	\$316,428
Special Revenue	\$ 15,000

For a total of \$1,261.428

Fire Department Report

Chief Case reported there were 260 calls in the year 2017; an increase of 17% over the previous year. There are now 28 firefighters on the Northeast Sherburne County Fire and Rescue Department with one of those firefighters being an EMT, two being paramedics and one doctor. The Baldwin firefighters have put in excess of 2500 hours in training in 2017 including both fire and

emergency medical training. 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, early childhood education registration, the Princeton Block Party and establishing a Baldwin Fire Department Relief Association Scholarship. Case 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.

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

The Fire Department firefighters were acknowledged for their dedication and service.

Baldwin Park Committee Progress Report

The Park Committee meets every other month on the third Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Serving on the committee is an opportunity to be involved and to serve the Baldwin Township community.

The Young Park ball field which was paid for mostly by grants and in-kind donations has now been put to use by the baseball and softball youth associations. There is a basketball court as well as a pavilion picnic area that is available for rental. The committee is looking into grants to improve and / or replace the playground equipment.

The progress at Goose Lake Park has been slow because of easement concerns, but proposed is a canoe rack, trails and a fishing pi

Planning Commission Update

The Planning Commission is looking for interested citizens to join the commission. An aspect of the Planning Commission is that the commissioners are able to offer a different perspective on the different projects in the community. Baldwin Township is one of a few townships to have the privilege of having a planning commission.

Road Report

The road and bridge report presented by Brad Schumacher outlined the 2018 road projects and costs. The project status for the Georgetown Wear Course was bid in 2017 with early 2018 construction at a cost of \$45,619.03. The 136th Street reconstruction is completed except for a wear course in which the county bid opening is in March of 2018. Construction on sealcoating will begin in August 2018 at a cost of \$187,509.20; construction on cracksealing will begin in April 2018 at a cost of \$57,198.70; and striping at a cost of \$6,418.00 will have a construction done in July and October of 2018.

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The Township has tag teamed with Sherburne County on 136th Street saving a consideration amount of money on the project.

Approve 2019 Budget/Levy

	<u>PROPOSED FOR 2019</u>	<u>CERTIFIED FOR 2018</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$230,000	\$207,679
ROAD & BRIDGE	\$440,000	\$481,000
CAPITAL FUND	\$ 45,000	\$ 42,000
FIRE FUND	\$ 140,000	\$120,000
CAPITAL FUND (FIRE)	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
PARK FUND	\$ 50,000	\$ 35,000
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$316,428	\$119,321
SPECIAL REVENUE	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
TOTAL	\$1,261,428	\$1,346,137

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With a decrease of \$84,709 to the proposed 2019 budget, the residents were asked to approve the budget / levy.

Kim Good / Dillion Howard unanimous to approve the proposed 2019 budget/levy for \$1,261,428.

General Discussion of Items of Concern

There were no general items of concern.

Legal Publisher/Depository/Public Postings

The moderator stated that the current legal publisher is the Princeton Union Times, the depository is Bremer Bank and the public postings are the town hall and Marv's True Value. Kimberly Good / Scotty Harder unanimous to continue using the Princeton Union Times as the legal publisher, Bremer Bank as the official depository and the public postings continue to be the town hall and Marv's True Value.

Election Results

Deputy Clerk Cheryl Goetz Dobson provided the unofficial election results to attendees at the Annual Meeting. The Board of Canvass will meet immediately after the Annual Meeting to certify the election results.

For the Baldwin Township Supervisor "A" position for a three (3) year term Candidate Scotty Harder received 30 votes; Candidate Brad Schumacher received 109 votes; and Write-In Joe Kiel received 2 votes. Total votes cast were 139 votes.

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The election results were signed by all election judges: Sharon J. Matz, Joyce Mueller, Lester Kriesel, and Cathy Stevens.

For the Baldwin Township Supervisor "E" position for a three (3) year term Candidate Jay Swanson received 79 votes; Write-In Joe Kiel received 45 votes; Write-In Brad Schumacher received 3 votes; Write-In Kim Good received 1 vote; Write-In Jeff Holm received 2 votes; Write-In Anybody But received 1 vote; Write-In Mickey Mouse received 1 vote; and Write-In Jimmy Palmborg received 2 votes. Total votes cast were 134 votes.

The election results were signed by all election judges: Sharon J. Matz, Joyce Mueller, Lester Kriesel, and Cathy Stevens.

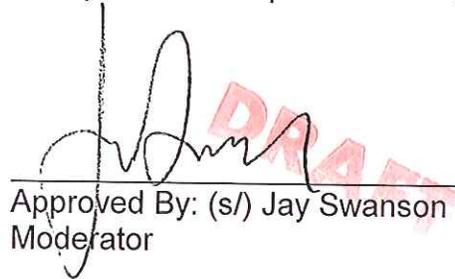
Motion to Set 2019 Annual Meeting, 2nd Tuesday in March, 2019, 8:01 p.m.
Tom Rush / Larry Handshoe unanimous to set the 2019 Annual Meeting for the 2nd Tuesday in March 2019 at 8:01 p.m.

Adjourn

Kimberly Good / Cal Watson unanimous to adjourn at 8:49 p.m.



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



Approved By: (s/) Jay Swanson
Moderator

3-21-2018

Dated

Attendees: Phil Fadden, Dennis Lindberg, Scott Case, Larry Handshoe, DeNice Janssen, Terry Carlile, Zac Good, Kim Good, Tom Rush, Scotty Harder, Julius Dorweiler, Dean McDevitt, Carol Swanson, Brad Schumacher, Cory Magnuson, Jay Swanson, Cal Watson, Donna Kriesel, Justin Sucket, Andy Walker, Mike Rademacher, Jay Johnson, Ryan Kreft, Dan Zellner, Jeremy Peterson, Pat Skarahlid, Mark Otis, Robin Fischer, Joe Kiel, Lance Soderholm, Chad Miller, Gene Ludwig, Phil Holland, Anita Schneider, Dale Hurni, Rich Harris, Dylan Howard

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