

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

April 15, 2014

Present – Supervisors Jay Swanson, Larry Handshoe, Tom Rush and Jeff Holm.
Supervisor Randy Atwood absent.

Call to Order – The April 15, 2014 regular meeting of Baldwin Township was called to order by Chairman Jay Swanson at 7:01 p.m.

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

Additions/Corrections to Agenda

Added to New Business:

- Approve/Disapprove Park Building Roof Replace by Glenn Roofing
- Approve/Disapprove Calcium Chloride Bid
- Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Latest Offer by SBA

Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda With/Without Additions/Corrections –
Rush/Holm unanimous to approve regular meeting agenda as amended.

Treasurer's Report:

April 2014 Preliminary Treasurer's Report – The clerk reported receipts of \$1,638.05 and disbursements of \$61,998.12, check numbers 18284 through 18354 and 7 EFT payments leaving an unaudited balance of \$272,460.14.

Road Report – Handshoe reported there were 10 plow sessions and 1 salt/sand session. Salt has been ordered for next year. One of the trucks has issues with a cracked frame. Quotes for cement slabs for Young Park have been obtained. There's a road at Sandy Lake that needs gravel especially if calcium chloride is added. More information regarding that is coming from the township engineer. Maintenance has just started working on either blowing or sweeping the sand from the intersections.

Approve/Disapprove Revised Snow Plowing and Ice Control Policy –

Handshoe/Rush unanimous to approve revised snow plowing and ice control policy. Handshoe will check to see if MnDot or Ford will allow welding the cracked frame on the plow truck.

Approval of Consent Agenda – Rush/Handshoe unanimous to approve the Town Board Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2014

Open Forum for Citizens – Elaine Philippi, 127th Street, addressed the Town Board concerning the Baldwin Comprehensive Plan open house meetings.

Robert Freese, 133rd Street, stated his concerns regarding having the streets tarred in Lake Diann Acres. He did not make the March meeting and the neighbors told him it

would cost a lot of money. He did not think it should cost more than other subordinate service districts. He was told by the clerk that the rules have changed. Swanson stated that for a subordinate service district the past boards would do some cost sharing but, as a recommendation made to this board by the planner, all costs should go to the people. Mr. Freese questioned what township rules have changed from 2004 to 2014. Is there a township law that states that? Swanson stated that the people decided at the meeting as the cost put to the people was a rough estimate. The people in attendance decided that regravelling, fixing some areas and dust control would be enough and the residents would not be assessed for the work. Mr. Freese stated that when a part of Lake Diann was done we were told that it would be done the next year and it never happened. How can we change to go back to the old way? Swanson suggested talking to his board members. Holm asked if there was a written opinion with Swanson replying yes. Mr. Freese stated he would like a copy.

CONDITIONAL & INTERIM USE PERMITS: None.

PLATS: None.

VARIANCES: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

County Planning & Zoning Report – Bryan Lawrence reported that Ray's Auto Body is expanding and will be requesting an IUP and stated that recommendations that the county planning and zoning commission made. The Township had given favorable comment. Holm asked if there was any conversation regarding possible zoning changes. Lawrence replied no. Lawrence said the Planning and Zoning are proposing to move the meeting time up to 6:00 p.m. from 6:30 p.m.

Baldwin Planning Commission Update – Swanson filled in for Atwood at the last meeting. Discussed was the comprehensive plan. Judy Thorson is now chair and Peggy Patten is vice-chair. Peggy Patten and Ross Perry were sworn in for another 3-year term.

Review Sample AWAIR Program – Handshoe provided both a city sample and the sample from the Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT). Handshoe said the MAT sample is better suited to the township's purposes. Add to the May 5, 2014 regular meeting agenda to approve/disapprove.

TABLED ITEMS:

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Selling Old Ambulance – Rush/Handshoe unanimous to approve to table to the May 5, 2014 meeting.

Discuss County Zoning Ordinance/Potential Amendments and Provide Comments
The Planning Commission is reviewing and will make a recommendation to the County

Zoning and potential amendments. Swanson/Rush unanimous to table until the May 5, 2014 regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve/Disapprove Termination of Seasonal Snowplow Drivers –
Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to disapprove the termination of the seasonal snowplow drivers.

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Letter to Road Grader Company – Handshoe/Rush unanimous to approve sending a letter of appreciation from Baldwin Township to Bob Essig for his years of road grading for the township.

Approve/Disapprove Park Building Roof Replace by Glenn Roofing –
Handshoe/Rush motion to approve. Swanson suggested to match as close as possible. There was discussion regarding the possible addition of a pavilion. The insurance has already approved Glenn Roofing for the job. A decision on the pavilion should be made first. Holm/Handshoe unanimous to table until the May 5th regular meeting.

Approve/Disapprove Calcium Chloride Bid – Handshoe/Rush unanimous to table for further information.

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Latest Offer by SBA – Swanson reviewed and email received from Bob Vose, Kennedy & Graven. SBA will agree to the following:

1. Payment of \$25,000. This payment will be settle the prior breaches and it not meant to replace rent
2. Rent will remain at \$615 per month with 3% annual escalations
3. Rent will be increased by \$150 a month for each additional occupant on the tower
4. Payment to the town for all back rent owed for the past 4-5 months
5. Reimburse town's legal fees
6. Remove any unused equipment
7. Provisions will be added to address when and how they can access site

Holm/Swanson motion to counter with \$32,500. The motion fails with Rush and Handshoe opposed. Rush/Handshoe unanimous to counter with \$35,000. The clerk will inform the attorney via email.

Announcements:

- Sherburne County Association of Townships Meeting, Wednesday, April 16th, 6:30 p.m., Livonia Town Hall
- Sherburne County Economic Development Strategic Planning Session, Monday, April 21st, 1:00 p.m., County Board Room
- Local Board of Appeal, Tuesday, April 22nd, 3:00 p.m.
- Urban Short Course, Thursday, April 24th, Burnsville
- Road Tour, Thursday, April 24th, 3:00 p.m.

Any Other Business – None.

Motion to Approve Bills for Payment – Holm/Handshoe unanimous to approve for payment check numbers 18338 through 18354 and 6 EFT payments totaling \$28,272.92.

Adjournment – Holm/Handshoe unanimous to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.

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

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

5-5-14
Date

Attendees: Lester Kriesel, Elaine Philippi, Audrey Misiura, Bryan Lawrence. Chuck Nagle