

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

April 15, 2019

Present – Supervisors Bryan Lawrence, Tom Rush, Larry Handshoe and Patrick Hudson. Supervisor Jay Swanson absent.

Call to Order – The April 15, 2019 regular meeting of Baldwin Township was called to order by Vice-Chairman Tom Rush at 7:00 p.m.

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

Additions/Corrections to Agenda

- Remove 'Airport Advisory Board Report' from the agenda
- Remove 'County Planning & Zoning Report' from the agenda
- Move 'Discuss Young Park Easement' to after Fire Department Report
- Add 'Public Comment/Douglas Loye' to after the Treasurer's Report
- Add 'Public Comment/Peter Jensen' to after Road Report

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

Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to approve the regular meeting agenda as amended.

April 2019 Preliminary Treasurer's Report - The clerk/treasurer reported receipts of \$36,968.55 and disbursements of \$48,611.18 (not including payroll), check numbers 22871 through 22920 and 5 EFT payments leaving an unaudited balance of \$1,371,241.79.

Fire Department Report – Chief Scott Case reported there were 25 total calls for March. The department is getting ready for the spring fire season. The lockers have been installed and he thanked the Town Board. The old lockers are broke down and he would like to sell them along with extra fire equipment that the department no longer needs. Lawrence questioned the payment made for the upgraded water tender and asked if the vehicle was complete. Case replied that was done under the prior administration and he believes it is complete except for regular maintenance costs. All equipment is working well for the fire season. The apparatus committee is working on replacing the ambulance and their information will be brought to the board.

Discuss Young Park Easement – Ernest Goldenman was present. He owns the property west of Young Park. The land is in a trust and they will not be growing any more trees on that property. It will be difficult to obligate his daughter as the land will be going to her. If they continued to grow trees there it would be feasible. He doesn't know if the township wants to pursue it anymore. Rush stated that the township engineer, Nick Anderson, was out there and looked at the trail and the situation going across as the township wetland mitigation ran out. Mr. Goldenman stated that he is not really against the trail going through his land; however, he does not feel right to obligate that person who is taking the trust. Anderson stated that it is simple to get an easement

through a trust. Mr. Goldenman stated that he cannot speak for her. Anderson stated that it will cost \$2,400 to redo the wetland credits. We will have to mitigate them which will cost more than \$1,000 to do that and we will have to delineate. Anderson provided a map which showed 4 options and the cost to do each option. It is not inexpensive to make trail connections. The easiest trail would be through the Goldenman property. Rush stated that he will run the findings through the Park Committee at their meeting on Thursday. If the Township is going to pursue then he would like to see the Township sit down with Mr. Goldenman and his daughter. Discussion on grants available. Mr. Goldenman asked Anderson which was the preferred way with Anderson responding that he likes the ease of constructing on Mr. Goldenman's land. The Town Board thanked Mr. Goldenman for attending.

Doug Loye, 133rd Street – Mr. Loye stated that the road grade on the north end is high and, when he moved there, the grade was lower. At the end of the road the grade was down below and now it has been raised up. He was wondering if there is something that can be done to change the grade. He provided photos which the Town Board reviewed. Nick Anderson and Zac Good will go out and review the situation.

Pete Jensen, 136th Street – Mr. Jensen stated that he thought the 136th Street project went pretty fast and he appreciated the work the township did. He has noticed a fair amount of cracking and his question is: is the amount of cracking unusual and, if so, he does not want to see the township on the hook for mediation. Rush stated that the township is looking at the warranty. Anderson stated that there were 2 different contracts: Knife River and Hardrives. To him it looks like it is normal thermo cracking when the highs and lows of the temperature. The oil did not hold up. "C" oil is \$9.00 more a ton than what was used so the cost of the road would be \$63,000 more than what it was. Lawrence stated that the township did 136th Street in conjunction with County Road 45. Is County Road 45 showing the same amount of cracking? Anderson replied 'no as County Road 45 is much thicker than 136th Street'. Rush stated that, as a taxpayer of the township, he would like to see both contractors come in or have Anderson talk to them. Anderson stated that he had Jon Bogart look at the road and he agreed that it was due to thermo cracking. The project was finished in July. Mr. Jensen stated that all of us have vested interest and questioned if there was any benefit to bringing someone in from the state or a third party. Lawrence stated that we may have to include the county as they were the general contractors. Anderson stated that the state has a couple of bituminous engineers. He will have an answer by the next meeting. Anderson will write a letter and send it to the clerk to be put on letterhead and he will also contract the county. Rush stated he would like to get the contractors in for the next meeting.

Road Report:

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove 305th Culvert Emergency Replacement – According to Nick Anderson 305th Avenue would need to be closed for one day for the emergency culvert replacement. Maintenance will take the sign down. The clerk will send TD Hauling a permit to be signed. Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to approve the 305th Avenue culvert emergency replacement.

Long Pond – The road is breaking up due to a semi that is trying to get into a driveway that is no wide enough. Lawrence suggested adding gravel to the shoulder and send a letter to the resident. Anderson stated that he will talk to TD Hauling about saw cutting and gravel and will obtain a quote. Lawrence stated that he though the township employees would do the work. Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to send a letter to the resident and possibly meet with the road supervisors to widen the driveway to quit damage to the road.

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Roads for Striping – Last year's price per mile of striping was \$840. The township had approved up to \$10,000, but the estimate for the project is \$11,592. Lawrence suggested not changing the approval until the price is firm. Anderson said the numbers are about 6 weeks away; and that it would be for 4-inch strip and not 6-inch.

100th Street - Anderson has spoken with the DNR about moving the creek, and it was determined that it was not an issue. Anderson will speak to the residents along 100th Street to get their feedback.

125th Street – Anderson stated that Swanson had talked to him about the drainage on 125th Street. Swanson discussed possibly adding lighting and some sort of trail or sidewalk. Rush stated that he believes the businesses would have to put some skin in the game. Handshoe stated that Swanson has not said anything to the Town Board about this.

Approve/Disapprove Summer Help Applicants – Brody Johnson has again submitted an application for employment as summer maintenance. This will be his third year working for Baldwin Township. Zac Good suggested raising his wages from \$14/hour to \$16/hour. After discussion, Hudson/Lawrence unanimous to raise Johnson's summer help wages to \$15/hour. Johnson will start summer employment on May 13, 2019.

Road Report (submitted by Zac Good):

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Shop

- Summer Help / Brody Johnson. Start date: Monday, May 13, 2019
- Recommend hiring 1 more additional Summer Helper

Repairs

- Sand/Salt Shed: See Quote. \$3,850 (Replace Lower 10' of T&G)
- V-Plows on F-550's; 12-14 years old / Extremely worn out. Need to be replaced. (See Quote: \$15,087.98. This is for 2 plows)

Update: Boss plows undercarriage are worn out and bent. Only \$500 trade-in value for each plow.

See total plow replacement cost comparison:

Boss V-Plow vs. Western Wide-Out (See print-out)

Boss V-Plow total replacement cost: \$16,864.36

Western Wide-Out total replacement cost: \$17,196.00

Total replacement cost difference: \$331.64

Difference of: \$2,108.02. More than was approved at April 1st meeting.

Roads

- Spring snow storm plowing developed a few ROW roadside damage areas. (Maintenance will take care of this spring)
- North Sandy Lake culvert blocked / plugged. This culvert drains spring fed pond. Culvert runs under the boat launch across 99 ½ Street. Will keep board updated of this issues. (This is only culvert known to be failing at this time.)
- Road striping purposed mileage 13.8 miles (See map)
- Resident concern (Lake Diann loop) 27944 – 133rd Street concerned with the grade of road leaving standing water at driveway entrance (See pictures)

Parks

- Wahl Wildlife, Inc. Quote for Young Park gopher control. Playground and ballfield areas. Quote: \$350
- Goose Lake maintenance adjusted proposed parking lot 15' north
- Goose Lake stump grinding quote: \$1,530.00 (See Quote)

Lawrence said he would like to have more time to review the salt/sand shed. The V-Plow status will be put on the May 6, 2019 agenda. Good will ask the salesman to be at the meeting between 6 to 6:30 p.m.

Handshoe/Lawrence unanimous to approve up to \$350 to Wahl Wildlife, Inc. for gopher control at Young Park.

Goose Lake – Good stated that the parking lot has been straightened out and he would like to see the Park Committee discuss if they want to tree to be cut or not. Lawrence stated that he thought that the stumps would be pulled and not ground.

Approval of Consent Agenda – Handshoe/Hudson unanimous to approve the Oath of Office & Reorganization Meeting of March 26, 2019, the Special Closed Employee Performance Review of March 26, 2019, the Regular Meeting minutes of April 1, 2019 and the Board of Review & Equalization minutes of April 9, 2019.

Approve Revised Town of Baldwin Organization List – Handshoe/Lawrence unanimous to approve the revised Town of Baldwin Organization list.

Approve Sherburne County Interim Ordinance No. 235; Moratorium on IUP's for Solar Farms – Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to disapprove the Sherburne County Interim Ordinance No. 235; Moratorium on IUP's for Solar Farms.

Approve Resolution #19-08; A Resolution Finding Certain Work to Be Within the Scope of the Role of a Supervisor and Authorizing the Work to Be Performed on Behalf of the Town – Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to approve Resolution #19-08; A Resolution Finding Certain Work to Be Within the Scope of the Role of a Supervisor and Authorizing the Work to Be Performed on Behalf of the Town.

Approve Clerk Vacation Day, Thursday, April 18, 2019 – Handshoe/Lawrence unanimous to approve Thursday, April 18, 2019 for a vacation day for the clerk.

CONDITIONAL & INTERIM USE PERMITS: None.

PLATS: None.

VARIANCES: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

County Planning & Zoning Report – No report.

Park Committee Report – Rush reported that the next Park Committee meeting is going to be held at Goose Lake at 7:00 p.m. He asked Good to follow up with Swanson on the poles.

Baldwin Volunteer Corps Update – Rush reported that the next meeting is Monday, April 22, 2019.

City of Princeton Council Report – Handshoe reported that township money for new fire trucks are being collected.

Airport Advisory Board Report – No report.

TABLED ITEMS:

Approve/Disapprove Gambling Permit – Donna Larson is not present. Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to table until the May 6, 2019 meeting.

Approve/Disapprove Quote for Salt/Sand Shed Repair – Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to table until the May 6, 2019 meeting.

Approve/Disapprove Resolution #19-03; County Road 38 Project – Nick Anderson will obtain more information from the county for the town board to review. Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to table until the May 6, 2019 meeting.

Approve/Disapprove Cemetery Recording – Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to table until the May 6, 2019 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve/Disapprove Newsletter – Rush/Hudson motioned to approve the newsletter after proofreading by Lawrence. With a voice vote Hudson, Handshoe and Rush in favor; Lawrence opposed. Motion carried.

Approve/Disapprove Termination of Seasonal Snowplow Drivers – Lawrence/ Handshoe motioned to terminate the seasonal snowplow drivers. Lawrence withdrew the motion with Handshoe seconding the withdrawal. Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to table the above item to the May 6, 2019 regular meeting of Baldwin Township.

Schedule Spring Road Tour – Handshoe/Lawrence unanimous to table scheduling the spring road tour to the May 6, 2019 regular meeting of Baldwin Township.

Approve/Disapprove Clean-Up Day Free Items and/or Reduced Prices – Handshoe/Lawrence unanimous to approve using the same 2018 prices for the 2019 Baldwin Township Clean-Up Day.

Approve/Disapprove Attending Township Legal Seminar, Thursday, June 13, Albertville City Hall – Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to approve attending the Township Legal Seminar on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at the Albertville City Hall.

Announcements:

- SCAT Meeting, Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 p.m., Becker History Center
- MAT Town Law Review, Thursday, April 18, 8:00 a.m., Otsego

Any Other Business: None.

Motion to Approve Bills for Payment – Handshoe/Hudson unanimous to approve for payment check numbers 22890 through 22920 and 5 EFT payments totaling \$31,581.06.

Adjourn – Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to adjourn at 8:54 p.m.



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



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

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Date

Attendees: Lester W. Kriesel, Scott Case, Douglas Loye, Pete Jensen, Dale Mark, Ernest Goldenman, Nick Anderson, Zac Good