

Baldwin Township Workshop

August 18, 2014

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

Call to Order – The August 18, 2014 Baldwin Township workshop was called to order by Chairman Jay Swanson at 7:00 pm.

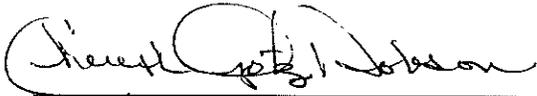
Pledge of Allegiance – All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discuss Possible Plow Truck(s) Purchase – In order for the town supervisors to be able to make informed decisions on the purchase of plow trucks, Bill Fischer representing Boyer Trucks, and Patrick Iwan representing Crysteel Truck Equipment, were present to give a presentation on what they have to offer. They each presented specifications and quotes for review. There was discussion on the benefits of buying new trucks versus used trucks, or the possibility of repairing the vehicles already owned by the township, maintenance costs and possible resale value, as well as the different possible methods of financing. It was agreed that time is of the essence since snow season is getting closer, but with the additional information, decisions will be easier to make.

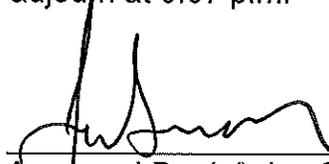
Discuss 125 ½ Street Road Projects and Road Projects in General – It was brought to Swanson's attention that bid numbers were given creating 10 ton roads rather than 9 ton. He said if the town board is thinking about moving forward to a 10 ton road then there needs to be a change in the road policy and standards although he said he personally doesn't feel it necessary. Swanson also feels that the road project costs and repairs are feasible without raising the levy if projected over a 2 to 4 year period with the rest of the board generally agreeing with this idea. With the drainage issues with 125th Street, gravel roads in the business district, and general road projects Swanson stressed using as wisely as possible the Road and Bridge budget. He also thought it wise to consult with Bogart in order to get the most bang for the dollar. He commended the board on the great job that has been done on the roads this far from 11 miles of class 'a' road to 62 miles of class 'a' road.

It was discussed to prioritize the road projects as well as to think ahead and make a game plan for the entire area as well as deliberate on the future of the townships business district. The next steps possibly are do an update, set priorities, take the results to the Annual Meeting, plan for the next 5 years and educate the residents. Holm said we need to make decisions on what roads to do, then plan accordingly.

Adjournment – Handshoe/Rush unanimous to adjourn at 9:07 p.m.



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



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

9-8-2014

Date

Attendees: Bridget Chard, Elaine Philippi, Terry Carlile, Chuck Nagle, Mark Otis, Phil Fadden, Ross Perry