

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

February 18, 2020

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

Call to Order – The Baldwin Township regular meeting of February 18, 2020 was called to order by Chairman Jay Swanson at 7:00 p.m.

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

Additions/Corrections to Agenda

- Add 'Approve/Disapprove/Discuss County Being a Second Amendment Sanctuary County' under New Business.

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

February 2020 Preliminary Treasurer's Report - The Clerk/Treasurer reported receipts of \$55,362.14 and disbursements of \$352,195.22 check numbers 23606 through 23669 and 9 EFT payments leaving an unaudited balance of \$1,583,458.53.

Fire Department Report:

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Adding Retirement Levy Request to Annual Meeting Agenda – Lawrence stated that he is disappointed that a fire department representative was no present. He did make the motion to increase the budget by \$20,000. He is not comfortable in adding another \$15,000 at this point for retirement. He is, however, in favor of increasing our payout. We are at \$3,000 today. There is room to do that. The \$15,000 does not affect that. He does appreciate their work and what they do. He expects increases in compensation. It was a huge step to add \$20,000 in the fire fund.

Rush stated that the City of Zimmerman contributes \$30,000. Princeton contributes \$21,500. Payout for Zimmerman is \$4,500 and Princeton is \$3,600. We used to contribute \$25,000. The \$20,000 increase is for wages. The reason for the \$15,000 is that they would like this every year. Swanson stated that neighboring towns do that every year. Hudson stated that it should be boosted even more to be more in line of what our neighbors are. He is in favor of letting the township residents vote on it. It is not hidden, and the residents understand what the fire department does for them. If the fire department was not here insurance would go up substantially. Lawrence stated that the residents already see it with the \$160,000 fund which does not include capital assets. Handshoe stated that if there are 25 people at the Annual Meeting and the rest are firefighters it will get approved. He doesn't think their will be enough representation. Lawrence stated that he would rather that the board vote on it. Swanson stated that at the last Annual Meeting there were more residents than firefighters. The \$20,000 we

added, at their request, is operating capital. This is 2 separate issues. He had wanted to put it on as a line item as he likes the unity between the board and the fire department. That did not happen. If it is on the agenda there are no surprises. The \$15,000 goes directly to the firefighters. Lawrence stated that all those numbers are costs to the residents for the fire department and viewed as an expense. However, he does not have a problem putting in on as an agenda item.

Lawrence/Hudson unanimous to add the question of adding to the agenda for the Annual Meeting the discussion/approval/disapproval of adding \$15,000 to the levy for the Relief Association. Hudson stated that he has a higher number in mind than the \$15,000.

Approve/Disapprove Resolution #20-02; Resolution Accepting Donations -

Lawrence/Hudson unanimous to approve Resolution #20-02; a Resolution Accepting Donations which was \$2,500 from the Santiago Lions Club to be used for turnout gear.

Road Report:

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Repairs

- #10 – 2016 Freightliner EGR sensor replaced and codes cleared
- #6 batteries replaced
- #20 – 2020 Freightliner to Boyer Truck for repair of leaking air lines, power steering leak and coolant
- Case 621D (Loader) developed steering column leak/quote, waiting to receive from/Ralph Beniek's Heavy Repair

Roads

- 125th St. needing repair/cold patch weather permitting
- 2 plow events, past 2 weeks/also clean-up and scraping and sanding operations

Trucks

- 2020 Freightliner repairs were addressed @ J-Craft
- 2020 Freightliner /quote for Township graphic and truck #s (Minuteman Press @ \$385/Lifestyle Tint @ \$360, these prices are installed)
- Working on paid holiday? (see handbook page 22)
- Benefit earning employees (see handbook page 7)
- Snowplow driver wage

Handshoe/Hudson unanimous to approve Lifestyle Tint for \$360.

Discuss TBEI (Crysteel Manufacturing) Work Done on 2020 Truck – See meeting minutes from February 18, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

Approve/Disapprove Check Number 23574, Payable to Crysteel Manufacturing,

Handshoe/Rush unanimous to approve check number 23574 payable to Crysteel Manufacturing in the amount of \$90,006.00.

Road Report (Continued) – Handshoe reported that the township was short for snowplow drivers for yesterday's plow session and the township needs to look at wages for next year. Zac Good reported that 3 employees showed up last night and everyone was caught off guard as 4-6 inches of snow was not forecasted.

Lawrence questioned if Good received a call from a resident regarding a string of mailboxes taken out last year and several more taken out this year. Lawrence will get Good the address and stated that the township does not expect to plow close to mailboxes.

Discussion on blowing snow onto township cemetery property and not onto a residents' property to the south of the cemetery. Good replied that the snow was blown well within cemetery boundaries.

Approval of Consent Agenda – Rush/Hudson unanimous to approve the Town Board meeting minutes of January 27 & February 3, 2020; and to approve the Sherburne County 2020 City and Township Recycling Day application.

CONDITIONAL & INTERIM USE PERMITS: None.

PLATS: None.

VARIANCES: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

County Planning & Zoning Report – Lawrence reported that there was nothing at the county planning and zoning this month that pertained to Baldwin Township.

Park Committee Report – Rush reported that once the snow melts, the Park Committee will look at the various parks within the township. Hudson created a Facebook page and added parks as one of its links. Hudson and Rush have been looking at Baldwin Township's Developer Agreement. Lawrence noted that park dedication fees are part of the agreement; and that Baldwin Township should send a resolution to the county saying that the township will be taking over the park dedication fees.

Baldwin Volunteer Corps Update – Rush reported that the next scheduled meeting for the Volunteer Corps is February 24. The tentative date for the FunFest is September 26 from noon to 4:00 p.m. The committee needs members. It was asked what can be done to generate more interest in the committee; and what can the township board do to promote. Rush said that money to finance the FunFest is taken out of the Park Fund.

City of Princeton Council Report – Handshoe reported that all council members set up goals. None of the council members are interested in annexing south. They are

annexing part of Princeton Township. There was a public utilities resignation with the mayor appointing a council member.

Airport Advisory Board Report – No report.

TABLED ITEMS:

Discuss Midco Request to Expand into Township and Permitting Process - Rush/Handshoe unanimous to table the request from Midco to expand into Baldwin Township to the regular meeting scheduled for March 16, 2020 in order to obtain further information.

Discuss Adopting Planning & Zoning – Lawrence agreed to make contacts in order to assemble potential costs associated with adopting planning and zoning.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss North Metro Animal Care and Control Letter of Introduction – Lawrence stated that this would be a private entity contracting with Baldwin Township. Swanson stated that the board was able to set fees and how would we protect our residents from not being gouged. Hudson stated that he will continue to take calls. The board decided to invite North Metro Animal Care and Control to one of the regular town board meetings in April.

Approve/Disapprove/Discuss County Being a Second Amendment Sanctuary County – More information is needed on the topic. Discussion will continue at the township's next regular scheduled meeting.

Announcements:

- Presidential Nomination Primary, Tuesday, March 3rd, Polls Open 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Township Election, Tuesday, March 10th, Polls Open 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Annual Meeting, Tuesday, March 10th, 8:01 p.m., Baldwin Maintenance Garage
- Next Regular Town Board Meeting, Monday, March 16th, 7:00 p.m.

Any Other Business:

Swanson asked for his name be removed from the Annual Meeting agenda behind the Road Report.

Hudson questioned if there were services that the fire department can offer to another township that doesn't have fire service. Swanson suggested talking to the fire chief. Lawrence stated that he was not sure we could legally solicit. Swanson suggested determining if they would accept bids. Hudson motioned to have the clerk pen a letter. Lawrence stated that he would like Hudson to rescind his motion for future business. Hudson rescinded his motion.

Hudson yielded the floor.

Lawrence asked what the next step is for hiring a deputy clerk. Swanson stated he wants the ad in the paper tomorrow. The interviews will be done by the clerk.

Lawrence yielded the floor.

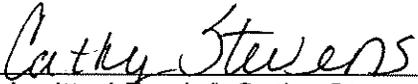
Hudson stated that, in the future, the township will need more technical skills with camera systems and more technology with residents. He would like to see a high school intern brought in to work on AV and filing. Maybe 2 hours a day.

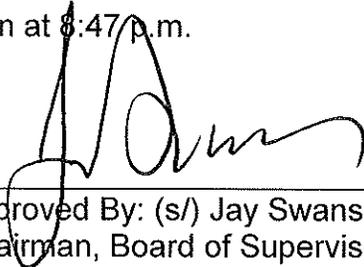
Hudson stated there are some grassland areas in Goose Lake, Lake Diann and Young Park and he would like to have the fire department burn off the grasslands and seed in native seeds. Swanson stated that he knows Prairie Restorations can do running grass fires but is not sure if our fire department can. Lawrence suggested asking Prairie Restorations.

Hudson yielded the floor.

Motion to Approve Bills for Payment – Hudson/Lawrence unanimous to approve for payment check numbers 23637 through 23669 and 9 EFT payments totaling \$24,174.92 including check number 23574 payable to Crysteel Manufacturing in the amount of \$90,006.00.

Adjourn – Lawrence/Hudson unanimous to adjourn at 8:47 p.m.


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


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

4-6-2020
Date

Attendees: Zac Good