

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

February 3, 2020

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

Call to Order – The February 3, 2020 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

- Move 'Discuss 139th Street Issue with the November 4, 2019 Approval of a 5' Variance in Setback from the Side Property Line for an Attached Garage and Sunroom on Existing Deck; Discuss 139th Street Issue with the November 4, 2019 Approval of a 6' Variance in Setback from the Side Property Line for an Attached Garage and Sunroom on Existing Deck; and Approve/Disapprove Rezone Zoning Map from Industrial to Commercial, Section 9' to after the Fire Department Report.
- Add 'Approve/Disapprove Three Firefighter Resignations' to Fire Department Report.

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

January 2020 Final Treasurer's Report – Receipts of \$9,083.35 and disbursements of \$204,602.83, check numbers 23494 through 23605 and 14 EFT payments leaving an unaudited balance of \$1,884,499.95.

February 2020 Preliminary Treasurer's Report - The Clerk/Treasurer reported receipts of \$54,580.28 and disbursements of \$335,589.04 check numbers 23606 through 23636 and 0 EFT payments leaving an unaudited balance of \$1,604,621.08.

Fire Department Report – Handshoe/Rush unanimous to approve the resignation of firefighters Justin Suckut, Joe Kiel and Brandon Stanek. The clerk will send them a thank you letter for their service.

CONDITIONAL & INTERIM USE PERMITS & REZONE REQUEST:

Approve/Disapprove IUP, Request for Business Selling Vehicles, Boats, Farm Equipment & Paintless Dent Removal Services, Section 9 – Chenny Auto, Inc.; and Approve/Disapprove Rezone Zoning Map from Industrial to Commercial, Section 9 – Chenny Auto, Inc. - Applicant Chenny Auto, Inc. is requesting approval of an Interim Use Permit for a business selling vehicles, boats and farm equipment; and a paintless dent removal service, PID No. 01-455-0115 in Georgetown Second Addition

as well as approval to rezone Section 9 from industrial to commercial, PID No. 01-455-0115 in Georgetown Second Addition. The business will mainly use internet sales, although an Interim Use Permit will be needed for the sale of vehicles. The applicant is intending to build a 10-unit building and potentially add mini storage. A drainage plan has not yet been submitted. Lawrence/Hudson unanimous to approve the request for an IUP to sell vehicles, boats and farm equipment as well as operate a dent removal service contingent upon a drainage plan reviewed by the township engineer. Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to approve rezoning the parcel, PID 01-455-0115 located in Georgetown Second Addition from industrial to commercial.

Sheriffs Report – Sergeant Wilson reported there were 143 calls for service in the month of January. Anoka County has extended animal control services to Sheriff Joel Brott. 3 entities have jumped on board. It looks like no cost to the Sheriff. Hudson stated that the last resolution was to run an ad in the paper.

VARIANCES:

Discuss 139th Street Issue with the November 4, 2019 Approval of a 5' Variance in Setback from the Side Property Line for an Attached Garage and Sunroom on Existing Deck. Required Setback is 10' – Bradley/Deborah Feero and

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Lawrence stated that they are tearing down an old garage and building on the same footprint and enlarging it a little bit. Private road that now a public road. Now they need a 62-foot setback from the road. He does not see any common sense in this as it is not sitting any closer to the roadway. He spoke with Mitch (Glimes, Sherburne County). The township has the option to vacate the entire road. It is a private roadway, but the township has a 30-foot variance. Is it beneficial to have a 30-foot variance? Vacating is a longer process. A lot of septic systems are on the other side of the roadway already. Common sense is to write a letter and leave it. Everyone else has improved their property. This is a commonsense issue. There is no guarantee that the Board of Adjustment will approve it. Lawrence questioned the homeowner if the impervious surface had been resolved. The homeowner replied that they are meeting with a surveyor on Wednesday and he feels it can be accomplished. Lawrence's recommendation is to move to approve the variance and send a specific letter stating that the township will maintain the 30-foot easement and we do not maintain the road as it matches the others on the roadway. The township wants to see the improvement made and approves a 62-foot variance. Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to send the letter in support of granting permission to build their garage despite needing a variance from our roadway.

Road Report:

Discuss TBEI (Crysteel Manufacturing) Work Done on 2020 Truck – It's requested that Brandon Oachs, Crysteel Manufacturing, attend the February 18, 2020 regular meeting of Baldwin Township to answer questions concerning the 2020 truck.

Approve/Disapprove Check Number 23574, Payable to Crysteel Manufacturing, \$90,006.00 – Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to table check number 23574 to Crysteel Manufacturing in the amount of \$90,006.00 until the February 18, 2020 regular meeting of Baldwin Township.

Approval of Consent Agenda – Lawrence/Rush unanimous to approve the Town Board regular meeting minutes of January 21, 2020; and to accept the retirement of Deputy Clerk Cheryl Dobson, effective June 12, 2020.

PLATS: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Park Committee Report – Rush reported that the committee met January 21st. He thanked Hudson for adding 6 areas of parks on Facebook. The committee will go out for a visual in the spring. They are looking at placing signage or a bench. They will work on the future comprehensive plan and are looking at having a meeting or two with the Planning Commission. Hudson stated that Facebook has maps and aerials. The Park Committee has a Facebook page also.

TCI Baldwin Volunteer Corps Update – Rush reported that the FunFest is tentatively set for September 26. More committee members are desperately needed. The next meeting date is set for February 24, 2020.

Planning Commission Report – Lawrence reported that the Planning Commission discussed the issues stated above concerning IUP, rezoning and variances. They also reviewed park dedication fees and were unanimous that Baldwin Township take over the fees from the county but were undecided on how much to increase the fees. Also discussed were criteria regarding temporary driveway permits.

City of Princeton Council Report – Handshoe reported that the City of Princeton is going out for proposals and engineering services for Riebe Park. A DNR Legacy Grant Application will be submitted.

Airport Advisory Board Report – Handshoe reported that there is discussion on shutting down the airport for runway improvements. The placement of solar panels is still under discussion.

Facebook Update – Hudson created a new email account that Baldwin Township which can use for social media. He then created new Facebook page for the township as well as one for the Park Committee. Under consideration is creating a Facebook page for the Baldwin Volunteer Corps.

TABLED ITEMS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss Midco Request to Expand into Township and Permitting Process - Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to table to the February 18, 2020 regular meeting of Baldwin Township. It was suggested that a representative of Midco attend a meeting with two members of the Baldwin Township board to discuss options.

Approve/Disapprove House Rescuers, LLC Invoice Dated January 21, 2020 (Dates of Service are September and October 2019) – Hudson/Handshoe unanimous to approve payment for the final invoice from Craig Hilburn for animal control.

Review/Approve/Disapprove Responding to the State of Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings Notice of Appearance Regarding CenterPoint Energy Authority to Increase Natural Gas Rates – Lawrence/Hudson unanimous to send a letter to the State of Minnesota saying that Baldwin Township is not in favor of CenterPoint Energy increasing natural gas rates.

Review/Approve/Disapprove Clerk/Treasurer Job Description – Lawrence stated that the goal is to have someone hired by summer and the board needs to talk about benefits. Discussion on where to post the job. Lawrence stated that he believes the deputy clerk position is a non-issue now. Hudson suggested running an ad as soon as possible. Hudson/Lawrence unanimous to approve the job description for the clerk/treasurer position. Discussion on timeline and pay/benefits. Lawrence would like to see what the current clerk/treasurer's yearly compensation is for the Town Board to review. Lawrence/Hudson unanimous to request that the applicants submit a resume and not a job application. Lawrence/Hudson unanimous for Supervisors Swanson and Rush as well as the Cathy Stevens to sort through the resumes and conduct any interviews that may happen.

Review/Approve/Disapprove Deputy Clerk Job Description – Lawrence/Hudson unanimous to modify the deputy clerk job description to be Deputy Clerk/Treasurer.

Appoint Election Judges for Presidential Nomination Primary, March 3 - Lawrence/Rush unanimous to approve the highlighted names on the list submitted as election judges for the Presidential Nominating Primary on March 3, 2020 with Cheryl Goetz Dobson and Sharon Matz as head judges.

Appoint Election Judges for Township Election, March 10 – Lawrence/Hudson unanimous to recommend approval of the list submitted minus Terry Carlile for election judges for the March 10, 2020 township elections.

Schedule Board of Canvass (To Certify Election Results) – Lawrence/Rush unanimous to schedule the Board of Canvass immediately after the Baldwin Township Annual Meeting.

Review/Approve/Disapprove Annual Meeting Agenda – Rush/Hudson unanimous to approve the Annual Meeting agenda.

Review Monthly Building Permits – The December 2019 building permit list was reviewed.

Announcements:

- Special Town Board Meeting, Monday, February 10th, 7:00 p.m.
- Town Office Closed Monday, February 17th, President's Day
- Board of Audit, Tuesday, February 18th, 6:30 p.m.
- Next Regular Town Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 18th, 7:00 p.m.
- Meeting with Brandon Oachs, Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

Any Other Business:

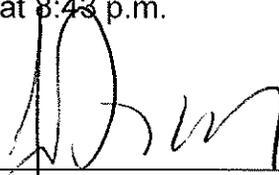
Rush recommended that if the Town Board has any questions before the meeting with the Fire Department that they be in writing, so the department has answers ready.

Motion to Approve Bills for Payment – Handshoe/Rush unanimous to approve for payment check numbers 23606 through 23636 totaling \$335,589.04.

Adjourn – Rush/Handshoe unanimous to adjourn at 8:43 p.m.



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



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

2-18-2020

Date

Attendees: Tim Hennagir, Lester Kriesel, Mike Sandin, Brad Feero