

**BALDWIN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING****January 20, 2015**

**Present** – Supervisors Jay Swanson, Larry Handshoe, Tom Rush and Randy Atwood. Supervisor Jeff Holm arrived at 7:18 p.m.

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

**Additions/Corrections to Agenda** – Add to the agenda:

- Picture with Fire Department and Agstar.

**Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda With/Without Additions/Corrections** – Handshoe/Rush unanimous to approve agenda as amended.

**Treasurer's Report:**

**January 2015 Preliminary Treasurer's Report** – The clerk reported receipts of \$870.26 and disbursements of \$96,660.19 (not including payroll), leaving an unaudited preliminary balance of \$549,153.73.

**Road Report** – Handshoe reported there were 5 salt/sand sessions and 2 plow sessions. Per the contract there is 92 tons of salt left to purchase; although there still is approximately 50 ton left in the bin. Equipment repairs for the month of December were \$2,906.05. Equipment repairs for the month of January to date is \$1,642.34.

**Approve/Disapprove Quote for Tree Trimming** – Two quotes were received to perform tree work along the east side of 116<sup>th</sup> Street. Aurandt Tree Service submitted a quote of \$4,800.00 with no tax; Jesse Ewert submitted a quote for \$9,200 plus tax. Rush/Atwood unanimous to approve the quote from Aurandt Tree Service.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

**Approve Town Board Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2015** – Rush/Handshoe unanimous to approve the Town Board meeting minutes of January 5, 2015.

**CONDITIONAL & INTERIM USE PERMITS:** None.

**PLATS:** None.

**VARIANCES:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**County Planning & Zoning Report (see below)** – Bryan Lawrence is not present. Swanson said that the county was going to talk about outbuildings at their January meeting.

**Park Committee Report** – Rush said that at the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting Lester Kriesel was appointed by the Park Committee for another 3-year term. Rush/Atwood unanimous to approve the appointment of Lester Kriesel to the Park Committee for a 3-year term.

Other items discussed were:

- An application for rental was discussed for Young Park. Rush said the figure of \$75.00 for rental with a \$75.00 damage deposit was discussed. The deputy clerk will work on a rental form to have for approval at the February meeting.
- Looking into grants for a ball field. Will investigate as well as find out if there would be any fees.
- Talked to Mr. Olson about working on the south end of the boardwalks.
- Talked about Goose Lake Park. Get driveway staked and perhaps paved.
- Would like to contact Gina Hugo regarding overgrown trees in some areas of Young Park. Swanson suggested contacting Prairie Restoration to see if they would like to burn.
- The Park Committee voted against having the informal minutes of park meetings put on the Baldwin Township website.

**County Planning and Zoning Report** – Bryan Lawrence gave a brief summary of what has been discussed at the county level even though he was out of town as well as Jay Swanson. He did ask that no action be taken on the personal storage structures, however, they moved to approve and will move on to the county board. There was no decision on the size of the structure and the board may want to make more comment or give more thought to it. Homes need to be built first than an accessory structure. Approved were around lakes and large acreage parcels. Lawrence suggested that the board discuss the size factor at a workshop and send to Jon Sevald. Atwood stated that this may be an agenda item for the Baldwin's Planning Commission.

**Baldwin Planning Commission Update** – Atwood said that there have been no applications received; hence at this time it is a 4-member commission even though it is allowed up to 7 members. The commission meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month. Bryan Lawrence said he would be willing to attend a meeting. The commissioners are familiarizing themselves with county ordinances, and would like to start doing recommendations to the town board. Swanson/Rush unanimous to approve asking the Baldwin Planning Commission for their recommendations on accessory structures.

**TCI Baldwin Volunteer Corps Update** – Rush reported that the next meeting is Monday, January 26, 2015.

**BR&E Update** – Holm said he is still waiting for response to Resolution 12-11.

#### **TABLED ITEMS:**

**Approve/Disapprove Newsletter** – A picture with the town board members, the fire department with the Agstar grant will be made available to the deputy clerk for the newsletter. Rush/Handshoe unanimous to table approval for the final newsletter copy until the February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Determine Annual Meeting Location** – Rush/Handshoe unanimous to approve conducting the annual meeting in the old maintenance shop.

**Approve/Disapprove Transfer of \$30,000 from Fund 400, Capital Projects Fund to Fund 401, Capital Fund-Fire** – Rush/Atwood unanimous to approve the transfer of \$30,000 from Capital Projects Fund to the Capital Fund-Fire.

**Schedule Clean Up Day** – Handshoe/Rush unanimous to schedule Clean Up Day for May 16, 2015. Lawrence suggested that an increase in the amount of the SCORE grant possibly could be available since prices have increased. It may be worth checking into.

**Approve/Disapprove Mezzanine Material for Old Shop/Storage** – A quote of \$475.96 was given from Marv's True Value for the cost of materials to build a mezzanine in the old shop for storage purposes. There was discussion regarding building a fire proof storage area. Rush/Handshoe unanimous to disapprove the idea of a mezzanine in the old shop. Swanson will work with maintenance personnel and the clerk about a fire proof building.

**Approve/Disapprove Final Payment of \$1,970.95, ML Schendzielos & Sons, Inc. for 142<sup>nd</sup> Street Project** – Handshoe/Atwood unanimous to approve the final payment of \$1,970.95 to ML Schendzielos & Sons, Inc.

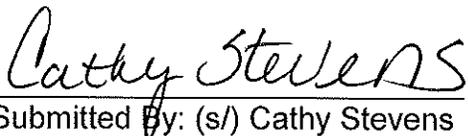
**Announcements:**

- 2016 Budget Workshop, Tuesday, January 27, 7:00 p.m.
- Scharber & Sons Government/Commercial Day, Wednesday, January 28, 8:00 a.m.
- Sherburne County Association of Townships, Wednesday, January 21, Big Lake Township

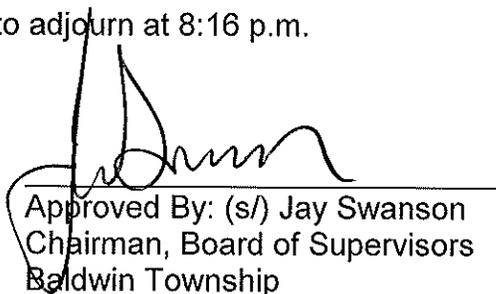
**Any Other Business:** None.

**Motion to Approve Bills for Payment** – Handshoe/Atwood unanimous to approve for payment check numbers 19009 through 19093 and 7 EFT payments totaling \$104,395.82.

**Adjournment** – Holm/Handshoe unanimous to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.



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



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

2-2-2015  
Date

Attendees: Audrey Misiura, Emily Misiura, Lester Kriesel, Bryan Lawrence