

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP BUDGET MEETING

January 27, 2020

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

Call to Order – The January 27, 2020 Baldwin Township budget meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Tom Rush at 6:01 p.m.

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

Approve/Disapprove 2021 Levy/Budget Proposal – Vice-Chairman Rush stated that **Debt Service Fund** must be \$311,475.

Swanson returned as Chairman at 6:05 p.m.

Fire Chief Case recommended keeping the Fire Capital Fund at \$30,000. Regarding the Fire Fund Case is proposing increasing to \$160,000 due to less money coming back from the state for training. The reduction is approximately 1/3 and he would like to keep the training level where it is at. The department would like to start up a smoke detector program. Case would like to increase staff to 35 and increase training. Brian Torborg stated that all the departments in Sherburne, Isanti and Anoka counties. All the chiefs are salaried except for us. The minimum was \$20,000/year. The officers would like to change it to a salary of \$15,000 for the Chief with no pay for calls. Baldwin had more calls than Zimmerman. Case stated that the net effect would be about a \$8,000 increase. Case does foresee a small increase in hourly wages. Lawrence stated that even if the board increased the budget today it doesn't mean that we would support salary of the chief. That would be a separate issue for the board. Discussion on how many households were added in the township the past calendar year.

Fire Fund: Lawrence/Hudson unanimous to increase the Fire Fund to \$165,000 for 2021.

Case stated that in the previous 2 years the board was kind enough to put \$15,000 to the Relief Fund which amounts to \$500 for each firefighter. Lawrence stated that the board left it up to the residents at the Annual Meeting and was placed under the Special Revenue Fund. Case stated that we are lower than most other fire departments, but they are overfunded right now. Swanson/Hudson motion to add \$15,000 to the Fire Relief for the 2021 levy. Hudson stated that he would like to see a cost benefit analysis for the training facility.

General Fund: Hudson/Lawrence motion to approve \$260,000. Upon voice vote the motion carried with Rush opposed.

Road & Bridge Fund: Lawrence/Hudson unanimous to approve \$475,000.

Capital Fund: Rush/Hudson unanimous to approve \$50,000.

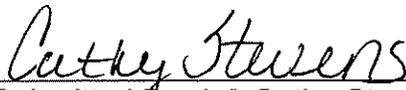
Special Revenue Fund: Lawrence stated that the board never voted on Special Revenue. Swanson/Hudson motion to add \$15,000 to the relief fund for the 2021 levy. Upon voice vote, the motion failed with Lawrence, Handshoe and Rush opposed.

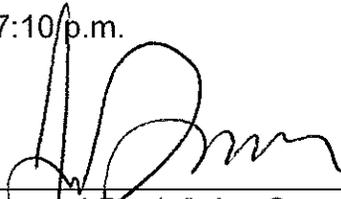
Capital Fire: Swanson/Rush unanimous to approve \$30,000.

Park Fund: Rush stated that there is about \$23,000-\$25,000 at the county in park funds. Hudson stated he would like to see a development plan to see where the money will be spent for 2021. Rush/Lawrence unanimous to approve \$60,000.

The total proposed levy is \$1,351,475. Lawrence/Hudson unanimous to approve as presented.

Adjourn – Rush/Hudson unanimous to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.


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


Approved By: (s/) Jay Swanson
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Baldwin Township
2-18-2020
Date

Attendees: Scott Case, Brian Torborg, Marybeth Torborg, Andy Soderholm

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP LEVY/BUDGET PROPOSAL

	<u>PROPOSED FOR 2021</u>	<u>CERTIFIED FOR 2020</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$ 260,000	\$ 236,500
ROAD & BRIDGE	\$ 475,000	\$ 475,000
CAPITAL FUND	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
FIRE FUND	\$ 165,000	\$ 145,000
CAPITAL FUND (FIRE)	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
PARK FUND	\$ 60,000	\$ 55,000
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 311,475	\$ 359,831
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 1,351,475</u>	<u>\$ 1,351,331</u>