

**BALDWIN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING**  
**July 16, 2013**

**Present** – Supervisors Kimberly Good, Larry Handshoe, Tom Rush and Randy Atwood. Supervisor Jay Swanson absent.

**Call to Order** – The July 16, 2013 Baldwin Township regular meeting 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 'Approve/Disapprove Submitting a Cost Share Application to the Elk River Watershed Association for 2011 Clean Water Funds to Address Sedimentation and Phosphorous Loading to Little Elk Lake for 142<sup>nd</sup> Street' to Road Report.
- Move 'Approve/Disapprove 100<sup>th</sup> Street Soil Borings' to Road Report.
- Add 'Discuss Boardwalks' under Road Report.

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

**Treasurer's Report:**

**July 2013 Preliminary Treasurer's Report** – The deputy clerk reported receipts of \$152,640.81 and disbursements of \$91,906.09, check numbers 17522 through 17547 and 5 EFT payments leaving an unaudited balance of \$746,040.21.

**Road Report** – Taking only 32 hours, Handshoe reported that the ditch mowing is done; whereas last year it took over 60 hours to finish. Seven sinkholes have been located to repair and three ton of blacktop has been put down. Calcium chloride will be applied in the Elk Lake area in the next couple weeks. After discussion and input from Jon Bogart, Good/Handshoe unanimous to approve waiting until November for cracksealing when the weather is cooler and the cracks have opened.

**Approve/Disapprove Submitting a Cost Share Application to the Elk River Watershed Association for 2011 Clean Water Funds to Address Sedimentation and Phosphorous Loading to Little Elk Lake for 142<sup>nd</sup> Street** – With funds of over \$7000, and the potential for more funds available, it was suggested by Bronder that the cost share application be signed in order for the Township to lock in the money. Bronder stressed by signing the agreement it would only lock in the money at this time, but does not commit the township to the project. Good/Handshoe unanimous to approve signing the cost share application to the Elk River Watershed Association for the 2011 Clean Water Funds to address sedimentation and phosphorous loading to Little Elk Lake for 142<sup>nd</sup> Street.

**Approve/Disapprove 100<sup>th</sup> Street Soil Borings** – Good/Handshoe unanimous to approve having Bogart do soil borings on 100<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Discuss Boardwalks** – Since there is still two feet of standing water, an alternate plan of putting down post/auger footings was discussed for the boardwalks. It would not be changing any of the impact areas, and the township may already have some of the equipment. Bogart, Swanson and Rush will do further research and have a report at the August 5 meeting. At that time the town board can decide which plan to use, and consequently go out for bids.

**Approval of Consent Agenda** - Good/Handshoe unanimous to approve the Town Board meeting minutes of June 26, 2013 and July 1, 2013.

**Open Forum for Citizens** – Christi Miller of 285<sup>th</sup> Avenue addressed the town board regarding drainage issues and the road washing into her driveway every time it rains. She showed video of the affected area. The town board assured her they are aware of the drainage issues. Bogart, Handshoe and Good will meet at location on Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. to discuss ideas on eliminating the problem.

**CONDITIONAL & INTERIM USE PERMITS:**

**Approve/Disapprove Conditional Use Permit Amendment (Auto Body-Repair Shop), Abra Auto Body & Glass** – Kedrick Johnson requested to amend the current Conditional Use Permit #25918 and Amended Conditional Use Permit #40404 to allow auto body work specific to Abra Auto Body and Glass of Princeton. The Town Board recommends approval with no comments.

**PLATS:** None.

**VARIANCES:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**County Planning & Zoning Report** – Bryan Lawrence was present to report the highlights of the county planning and zoning meetings.

**Baldwin Planning Commission Update** – Atwood reported Judy Thorson has been given the Oath of Office as a Baldwin commissioner. There still is a desire for another person; the commission has the ability to appoint someone without going through the application process if a person is interested in the position. The comprehensive plan is in the second half of completion with the commissioners now working on goals and actions. Commissioner Harris has been appointed by the commission to represent Baldwin at the 4R Board meetings. Good/Handshoe unanimous to approve the commissioners attend at a cost of \$70.00 each and mileage a land use planning workshop in Little Falls on October 16, 2013 entitled *A Practical Guide to Variances in Shorelands and Floodplains*.

**Joint Meeting with City of Princeton Status** – Since there has been no response from the City of Princeton, the clerk will send a letter to the city inquiring about the status of a joint meeting.

**Approve/Disapprove Submitting a Cost Share Application to the Elk River Watershed Association for 2011 Clean Water Funds to Address Sedimentation and Phosphorous Loading to Little Elk Lake for 142<sup>nd</sup> Street – See above.**

**TABLED ITEMS:**

**Approve/Disapprove Wall Plaque for Annual Scholarship Award –** The goal of the fire department, according to Jim Oliver, is to give back to the youth of the community through a yearly scholarship stating that the department is in a position to give a yearly \$500 scholarship. The first award was given to Kenneth Cowles. Oliver said that the fire department would buy a plaque with the hopes that the town board would consider a place within the town hall to hang it. Rush/Atwood unanimous to approve securing an area in the town hall to display a plaque.

**Relief Association Report –** The audit of the NE Sherburne Fire and Rescue Relief Association report of June 10, 2013 had been presented to the board of directors. Jim Oliver reported on the status of the fund stating that it's in excellent condition.

**Approve/Disapprove Newsletter –** Atwood/Good unanimous to approve the newsletter with minor changes. Atwood/Good to review the newsletter before it is sent to the printer.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approve/Disapprove 100<sup>th</sup> Street Soil Borings – See above.**

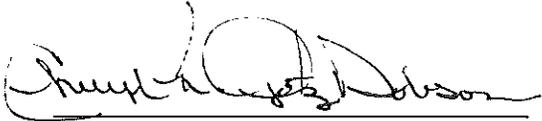
**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Employee Review, Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.
- Sherburne County Association of Townships Quarterly Meeting, Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Haven Township

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** The Town Board thanks Lester Kriesel for his hard work and dedication to the upkeep and maintenance of the Baldwin Township Cemetery.

**Motion to Approve Bills for Payment –** Good/Atwood unanimous to approve check numbers 17577 through 17641 and 5 EFT payments totaling \$95,445.67.

**Adjourn –** Good/Atwood unanimous to adjourn at 8:47 p.m.



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



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

Date 8/5/13

Attendees: Lester Kriesel, Audrey Misiura, Christi Miller, Kedrick Johnson, James Lee,  
Bryan Lawrence