

## BALDWIN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

July 18, 2016

**Present** – Supervisors Brad Schumacher, Jay Swanson, Tom Rush, Jeff Holm and Larry Handshoe.

**Call to Order** – The July 18, 2016 regular meeting of Baldwin Township was called to order by Chairman Brad Schumacher at 7:00 p.m.

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

### **Additions/Corrections to Agenda**

- Add "North Sandy Lake Boat Launch" to Tabled Items
- Add "Discuss Water Tender Potential Buyers" to New Business

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

### **Treasurer's Report:**

**July 2016 Final Treasurer's Report** – The clerk reported receipts of \$183,777.77 and disbursements of \$90,821.07, check numbers 20285 through 20385 and 7 EFT payments leaving an unaudited balance of \$985,904.15.

**Road Report** – Terry Carlile reported that the 4" well at the fire station was squirting water out at the back of the station. He shut it down and called Praught Well Drilling. They are the ones that originally put it in. He thinks there is a crack in the main pipe in the ground or between the building and the 8" well. He called the Fire Chief and explained it to him. He shut off the 4". Both wells are on separate circuits. Swanson stated that they are separate but tied together and the question is whether it is the 4" or 8" but the 8" can still be used. Carlile stated that he has called the locators. Swanson stated that it was never done correctly as there is no pressure switch on the 8" well and it has to be changed and done the right way. Rush asked if the neighboring fire departments knew with Carlile responding that he did talk to the Chief.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** None.

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

**PLATS:** None.

**VARIANCES:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**County Planning & Zoning Report** – Bryan Lawrence stated that there are 3 items on the agenda for this Thursday: 1) A preliminary and final industrial plat in Clear Lake Township; 2) A request to change the ordinance in regards to solar farms and IUP's; and 3) A solar farm in Big Lake that will be developed in two phases.

**Park Committee Report** – Rush reported that there will be meeting this Thursday. West Branch Construction would like to start in 2-3 weeks and estimates it will take 2-3 days to finish. He doesn't want to grade until the sod or seed is installed. 10 foot fencing is expensive. He would like to get a 16 foot backstop and run an 8 foot fence past the benches. It does not need to go all the way down the county road. It may be feasible to put fencing around the benches. The field has been scaled back to 350 feet.

**Approve/Disapprove Red Lime from Bryan Rock** – Rush reported that they require about a weeks' notice before delivery. 433 tons would be about 18 loads at \$29.50/ton delivered for a total of \$12,773.50. Rush/Handshoe unanimous to approve up to \$13,000 pending approval of the invoice.

Carlile asked if they should continue to pile the dirt being hauled from the Flanders place where it was or do we even want it. Rush stated that it may not be needed. Carlile stated that it could be used to get in from the field. Swanson stated that they should wait to see what happens with the ballfield. Rush stated crushed gravel is needed between the two bridges for the Funfest run. Swanson stated that 20 yards will result in 4 inches of chips. Schumacher instructed Carlile to call St. Cloud and get it right from the quarry and obtain a quote from Knife River for the Class 5.

Rush reported that the county will be redoing County Road 38 in 2 years. Their standard county road is 100 feet and they will be taking 17 feet on each side. Jon Bogart is aware and has told the county administrator. Bryan Lawrence stated that when they redid County Road 19 they put up a guardrail and suggested asking the county to make it a 4-way stop. Swanson stated that the county said no as it did not warrant the update. Lawrence suggested making it part of the bargaining chip. Holm stated that a lot of the grave sites are recent and there are a lot of families still around. He feels it is an ill-advised plan by the county. Swanson stated he feels it is a lousy use of county tax dollars to widen the road.

**Baldwin Volunteer Corps Update** – Swanson stated he filled in for Rush and the meeting was rescheduled to last Wednesday. They talked more about the run. Thanks to Handshoe Marv's will deliver and set up and take down the bouncy house and other items. The Volunteer Corp will be asking businesses for their support for the walk/run.

**OSHA Update** – Schumacher reported that he has contacted the representative and now the issue has moved from his desk to another. He hasn't received anything yet.

**Discuss Water Tender** – Rush asked, since the season is winding down, if we have potential buyers that would like to purchase the rig \$1,000-\$2,000 short of the anticipated fee if it could be sold. Schumacher stated that he would rather it be put on

the government website for rural communities. It is not rotting off its wheels. Fire department season is year round. Swanson stated that we can sell it to anyone who makes an offer. We tried to do it at Pikes. We have sold other things on K-Bid. His opinion is if they put it on K-Bid that potential buyer would either get it or not.

**Recess** - Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to recess the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**Open/Review/Award Young Park Well Quote** – Three (3) quotes were received:

Able Well: Amended well quote with a 4" pipe: \$10,636.95.

Traut Companies: 6" well with same pump: \$7,000 with a total well price of \$14,990.00.

Bill's Well Drilling: 4" pipe \$14,980 up to 100 feet and 4" well up to 200 feet: \$18,780.00.

McAlpine did not reply.

Handshoe stated that we should get by with a 4". Schumacher added "above bedrock". Schumacher stated that Bill's wanted to show the town board a price to ensure water by going into the bedrock. Handshoe stated that the city went down 166 feet with an 8". Swanson stated that this will not be a water source for the fire department even though it was discussed. Holm stated that the fire department said no. Swanson stated that now is the time to talk about it. Rush stated that they said water is not an issue with mutual aid and this was lower on their radar. Rush asked if this well would be sufficient for irrigation, restrooms and drinking water? The remainder of the board replied 'yes'. Schumacher read the Request for Quote that was sent out. Rush asked when these contractors could start and if they knew where the well was to be located. Schumacher replied that township engineer, Jon Bogart, would need to show them. Swanson stated that there is no electrical in the quotes and it would be another couple of thousand for electric.

Schumacher motioned to approve this subject to Jon Bogart's review of location.

Motion died for lack of a second. Swanson stated we are looking at \$10,600 from Able and Traut now at \$15,000 for a 6 inch well. Is there any reason to spend \$4,000 more? Handshoe stated that it would cost more to change it later and he feels people are not bidding the same thing. Schumacher stated that the township sent out this is what we want and asked how they would produce it and that is why we don't have apples to apples. Swanson stated that there are only two that match with a 4" well. Schumacher respectfully disagreed. Rush asked where the money was coming from.

Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to use Able Well at \$10,636.95 for a 4" casing and the money coming out of the cell tower settlement. A friendly amendment was made by Schumacher that the location to be determined by the township engineer. Swanson and Handshoe accepted the friendly amendment.

**Reopen Regular Meeting** – Handshoe/Holm unanimous to reopen regular meeting at 7:49 p.m.

**Discuss Water Tender (Continued)** – Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to put on the government website and either take the bid or not with bids submitted to the clerk and opened at the next board meeting.

**TABLED ITEMS:**

**Approve/Disapprove RBs Quote for Computer Services** – Rush/Handshoe unanimous to table until October 3, 2016 in order to obtain more information.

**Approve/Disapprove Revised Swimming Pool Waiver and Release** – Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to table until August 1, 2016 in order to obtain more information from the assistant fire chief.

**Schedule Quarterly Meetings with Chief/Assistant Chief** - Rush/Handshoe unanimous to table until August 1, 2016.

**Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Employee Wage Increases** – Rush stated that we discussed at the last meeting and it was determined that we were capped out. The board needs to look at the positions. Cathy is the only full time clerk in the county. Look at neighboring cities also for deputy clerk and maintenance personnel as well. Basically go by grade level. By increasing every year is not the right way to do it. Schumacher stated that Swanson brought up Maintenance Worker A and Maintenance Worker B. Swanson stated that plow drivers and maintenance workers are listed and we always run our maintenance department on a small budget. Moving forward with Goose Park and the ballfield we will have much more maintenance and maybe a groundskeeper. He totally agrees with some kind of schedule. We get audited every year and we are within state guidelines. Rush stated this board has been very generous in the past 5 years with vacation time and a health stipend and whatever ways it goes down tonight the clerk, deputy clerk and maintenance are all maxed out. There is no justification for a raise and sometime we need to stop unless there is a promotion. He would like to see what other townships and cities make at our size. Handshoe stated that Carlile used to get holidays too. The clerk reviewed with the board what Livonia Township and Princeton Township pays their clerk/treasurers. Rush stated that COLA raises were 1-2% this year. Swanson stated that we have had conversations for a 3% raise but we have been asked for more.

Swanson motioned for a 3% raise across the board. That would include the clerk/treasurer, maintenance and the deputy clerk. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Handshoe/Holm unanimous to table until August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**North Sandy Lake Boat Launch** – Schumacher stated that this was tabled at the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. They wanted us to make a repair on the boat launch. We need to continue on the same track and they need to do it on their own through DNR permitting. The town board agreed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discuss What Fund LED Lights for Fire Department Are Coming Out Of (\$600)**

Rush asked what fund these lights would be taken out of as there are two more for the back of the building. It was determined that they would be paid for out of the General Fund.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Couri & Ruppe Rate Increase From \$180/Hour to \$185/Hour
- Public Accuracy Test, Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m., Sherburne County

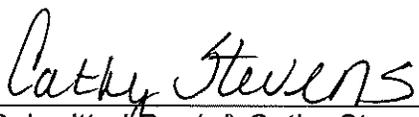
**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Swanson asked about the electric at the park. Quotes are needed for electric from the brown building and well and trenching of electric lights to light posts at the parking lot. Swanson/Rush unanimous to have quotes come back in by August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Swanson will obtain the quotes.

**Fire Department Updates** - Rush asked if the bullying training was completed by the fire department. The clerk responded she has not had time to check. Rush stated that he did tell the department that with no receipts there would be no payment. They will be meeting 6 times a year on Tuesdays for the Relief Association. He talked to both Jim's about the Relief Association minutes. He talked to the chief about late charges. Schumacher suggested that the computer quote should include the fire department as well.

**Motion to Approve Bills for Payment** – Holm/Rush unanimous to approve payment of bills, check numbers 20370 - 20385 and 6 EFT payments totaling \$22,728.22.

**Adjourn** – Holm/Handshoe unanimous to adjourn at 8:32 p.m.



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



Approved By: (s/) Brad Schumacher  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Baldwin Township

8-1-16

Date

Attendees: Lester W. Kriesel, Gary Kubiszewski, Brody Johnson, Terry Carlile, Bryan Lawrence