

## BALDWIN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

JULY 1, 2019

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

**Call to Order** – The July 1, 2019 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**

- Add 'Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Pavement Marking Quote' under Road Report
- Add 'Discuss/Approve/Disapprove SBA Cell Tower Tenant' under New Business
- Add 'Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Garage Doors at Fire Station' under Fire Department Report
- Add 'Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Grading Permit on County Road 38' under Road Report
- Add 'Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Frontier Trails Pumping Issue' after Consent Agenda
- Add 'Public Comment Form Regarding 136<sup>th</sup> Street North of Highway 42' after Consent Agenda

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

**June 2019 Final Treasurer's Report** – Receipts of \$476,395.53 and disbursements of \$64,312.54, check numbers 23000 through 23050 and 8 EFT payments leaving an unaudited balance of \$1,720,245.06.

**July 2019 Preliminary Treasurer's Report** - The clerk/treasurer reported receipts of \$0.00 and disbursements of \$93,207.50 (not including payroll) check numbers 23051 through 23086 and 0 EFT payments leaving an unaudited balance of \$1,627,037.16.

**Sheriff's Report** – Officer Wilson reported 151 calls for service in June. The speed study report for 136<sup>th</sup> Street should be available for the next meeting. He is working to obtain surveillance on 125<sup>th</sup> Street for vehicles cutting corners.

**Fire Department Report:** Chief Case reported 25 calls for service in June.

**Approve/Disapprove Resolution #19-10; A Resolution Governing Congruent Memberships of Northeast Sherburne Fire & Rescue Department's Firefighters Gaining Employment on Other Fire Departments** – Rush stated that he wants it on record that the fire department has the representation on this. Case stated that any Town Board resolutions will be in the handbook. Handshoe stated that this will tie

everyone down over there and he is not for that. Case stated that they can be on both fire departments but just can't be an officer. He personally understands the board's concerns, but he has a concern of having an officer that is on another fire department and comes to a scene with that fire department with our department there. How does it work? It is divided loyalty. He is going off on what the previous Chief did. Handshoe/Hudson unanimous to table until July 15.

**Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Garage Doors at Fire Station** – Good informed the Town Board that the circuit boards are no longer available and door #3 is the one with the issues. All 4 doors are from 2001. Case stated that door #1 and door #3 needs to be repaired. The dollars will come out of the General Fund. The quote from Gave Garage Door for 3 doors is \$3,150 plus \$35.00 for each remote for a total cost of \$3,255. There is a 2-year manufacturer's warranty and a one year install warranty. Hudson would like the Chief to look at the remotes. Hudson/Handshoe unanimous to table until July 15 pending the Chief's review.

#### **Road Report:**

**Discuss 305<sup>th</sup> Avenue Road Patch** – Good reported that the road has been patched and graveled. It is much improved.

**Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Pavement Marking Quote** – Nick Anderson, township engineer, stated that road striping has experienced a 30% increase. Handshoe stated that the Town Board had approved \$10,000. The quote from Sherburne County is at \$13,836 for the roads that the Town Board had marked off. Handshoe/Hudson unanimous to approve up to \$14,000.

**Discuss/ Approve/Disapprove Grading Permit on County Road 38** – The permit has been pulled by TS Dirt Works, Inc. Handshoe/Rush unanimous to approve

**Approval of Consent Agenda** – Handshoe/Hudson unanimous to approve the Town Board regular meeting minutes of June 3, 2019 and June 17, 2019.

**Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Frontier Trails Pumping Issue** – Rush informed the Town Board that a resident in Frontier Trails had their septic emergency pumped prior to the sell of their home. The resident was not in attendance. Chairman Swanson was not in attendance (Frontier Trails Liaison). Handshoe/Hudson unanimous to disapprove the reimbursement for the pumping.

**Public Comment Form Regarding 136<sup>th</sup> Street North of Highway 42** – Josh Krenz. 136<sup>th</sup> Street was present. He lives north of County Road 42 on 136<sup>th</sup> Street. Since the Walmart came in there has been a significant amount of traffic and, when Aldi came in, it got significantly worse. Right now we are really feeling it with the County Road 45 detour. Whether we stripe it or fix potholes that road is a long-term issue. Spending large of amounts of time to be the Princeton city bypass for the long term. We have County Road 1 and County Road 45 to take people into town. The unique thing with

136<sup>th</sup> Street is that the road ends before it hits County Road 3. The last 200 feet is Mille Lacs road. He would like to suggest that 136<sup>th</sup> Street is studied. The road is set up perfect to be a cul-de-sac and end it before it gets to County Road 3 and Mille Lacs County. Rush stated that the board can talk to the sheriff for police presence with people going through the construction signs. Handshoe stated that we have done what we could. Nick Anderson stated that it is only illegal if it is a "closed" road otherwise it is not ticket able. Mr. Krenz stated that the road is unsafe. If it is going to be a township road long term we have to fix it. Hudson stated that there are 2 issues: condition of the road and the speed. Mr. Krenz stated that right now it is the speed. Rush stated that we have his concerns and will talk to the township engineer to see what we can do. We will look at options. Anderson stated that the maximum length of a cul-de-sac is 1400 feet due to emergency vehicles. Rush stated that the Town Board will follow up with a workshop item and contact Sergeant Wilson.

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

**PLATS:**

**Approve/Disapprove Installation of Driveways into the Lots, Misty Hollow** – Greg Wersal was present. The first lift of 135<sup>th</sup> Street into the development is in. Hudson/Handshoe unanimous to approve Lots 1-8, Block 1 in Misty Hollow for permitting.

**Approve/Disapprove Reduction in Letter of Credit, Misty Hollow** – Greg Wersal was present. He is asking for the Letter of Credit to be reduced to \$60,000. He has a performance bond that names the township. Nick Anderson stated that the performance bond is not with the township as we do not have a contract with Family One Homes. Handshoe/Hudson unanimous to table until July 15 to get every Town Board member opinion.

**VARIANCES:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Park Committee Report** – Rush reported that the committee recommended approval of Ruth Rolfes as a new Park Committee member. The committee discussed increasing the park dedication funds and recommended that be tabled for now. The nets are up at the ballfield and new chain nets are coming in this week. Mosquito barrier has been put down. He has talked to Good about staining the boardwalks a cedar color. West Branch has completed the driveway approach and striping of the parking lot at Goose Lake. The next newsletter should include that the trails are ready. Next steps would be installing electric and a sign. The comprehensive plan was discussed by a few Park Committee members as the plan is 20-22 years old. It was suggested that we look at an RFP to determine what it would cost. Discussion on what location do we want to put in another park. Maybe go out with a survey to the residents. An RFP was done 8-10 years ago. Rush does not know if the Park Committee has the time or energy to put

into the comprehensive plan. Hudson asked what were the members of the Planning Commission opposed to. Rush replied 'going out for professional services'. Hudson stated that he shares that concern. The next meeting is July 18.

**Approve/Disapprove New Park Committee Member** – Hudson/Handshoe unanimous to approve Ruth Rolfes for a 3-year term.

**Approve/Disapprove Playground 1<sup>st</sup> Safety Quote for Chips** – Handshoe/Hudson unanimous to approve up to \$2,943.00.

**Approve/Disapprove Change in Park Dedication Fees** – Handshoe/Hudson unanimous to table until the August 5, 2019 meeting.

**TCI Baldwin Volunteer Corps Update** – Rush reported that a face painter was approved, and Andie Bumgarner has been contacted for a run. Rush will let the clerk know if there will be a meeting on July 22.

**Planning Commission Report** – No report.

**City of Princeton Council Report** – Handshoe reported that the main issue is the fees that public utilities are charging.

**Airport Advisory Board Report** – Handshoe reported that they are working on a raffle to raise funds.

#### **TABLED ITEMS:**

**Approve/Disapprove Comments to County Regarding Solar Moratorium** – Hudson stated that this may be negatively impacting resident's property values. Hudson/Handshoe unanimous to table until the July 15, 2019 regular meeting.

**Approve/Disapprove Final Pay Request, \$7,928.35, to Sherburne County for 136<sup>th</sup> Street Project** – Hudson/Handshoe unanimous to approve.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approve/Disapprove Final Pay Request, \$57,769.74, to Sherburne County for 136<sup>th</sup> Street Project** – Handshoe/Hudson unanimous to table until the July 15, 2019 meeting.

**Approve/Disapprove Town Hall Closed for Friday, July 5** – Handshoe/Hudson unanimous to approve the Town Hall closure for Friday, July 5.

**Review Monthly Building Permits** – The Town Board reviewed the May 2019 building permit list.

**Discuss/Approve/Disapprove SBA Cell Tower Tenant** – Hudson/Handshoe unanimous to deny as they need to use the easement. Hudson/Handshoe unanimous that Windstream does not have access off of County Road 45 and must use the legal easement. The Town Board approves the Chairman talk to the township attorneys, Couri & Ruppe.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. Town Hall Office Closed, Thursday, July 4, Independence Day
- b. Special Meeting with Township Engineer, Monday, July 15, 6:00 p.m.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Hudson handed out information on wastewater operator training. We could potentially do this with our municipal workers. The handout came off the MPCA website. Hudson suggested possibly doing a cost benefit analysis. This item will be added to the July 15 agenda.

**Motion to Approve Bills for Payment** – Handshoe/Hudson unanimous to approve check numbers 23051 – 23086 minus check #23069 in the amount of \$57,769.74 totaling \$42,020.54.

**Adjourn** – Handshoe/Hudson unanimous to adjourn at 8:33 p.m.



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



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

Date 7/15/19

Attendees: Lester W. Kriesel, Greg Wersal, Zac Good, Tim Hennagir, Nick Anderson, Josh Krenz