

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

June 1, 2020

Present – Supervisors Jay Swanson, Patrick Hudson, Tom Rush, Larry Handshoe, Bryan Lawrence. Because of COVID-19 health concerns, social distancing was observed.

Call to Order – The June 1, 2020 regular meeting of Baldwin Township was called to order by Chairman Jay Swanson at 7:00 p.m.

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

Additions/Corrections to Agenda

- Add 'Approve/Disapprove quote to maintenance the well' under Fire Department
- Add 'Discussion on door entry keypad for Fire Department' under Fire Department
- Add 'Discussion on signs for new developments' under new business
- Add 'Approve/Disapprove cleanup day again
- Add 'Approve/Disapprove chairman and vice chairman signatures on bank documents' under any other business
- Add 'presentation for outgoing employee' after sheriff report
- Add 'Discussion on Arnholt sign/address change' after presentation

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

Treasurer's Report:

May 2020 Final Treasurer's Report – Receipts of \$15,860.56 and disbursements of \$38,203.16, check numbers 23810 through 23859 and 8 EFT payments leaving an unaudited balance of \$1,532,881.77.

June 2020 Preliminary Treasurer's Report - The clerk/treasurer reported receipts of \$0 and disbursements of \$17,151.13, check numbers 23860 through 23891 and 0 EFT payments leaving an unaudited balance of \$1,522,249.76.

Sheriff's Report – Officer Wilson reported that there were 157 calls for service with one burglary in the business district. Supervisor Swanson wanted to know, with everything going on in Minneapolis it was heard that Elk River businesses were told to shutter their doors by Elk River police. Mobs/riots were very fluid. Officer Wilson responded that it was up to business to shut down. We have not had anything to the magnitude of Minneapolis. Swanson wanted to know what the official stance was, and Officer Wilson replied, we believe in due process and did not know why knee was on Floyd's neck and that is not what we do here. Our agency would not turn out like that.

Rush stated that he did talk to the Sheriff regarding a neighbor on 98th Street who is causing some issues when a lot is being shown to potential buyers.

Hudson said social media reported mobs were heading out to the suburbs and were going to enter residences this time, which turned into a rumor, but people were frightened and scared. Question was asked if these mobs were connected with antifa, and is there any intelligence from the sheriff department? Officer Wilson responded that, that their intent to cause fear and unease. It is important to distinguish those groups, but we have not heard anything and if we do sheriff Brott will do his due diligence. Swanson went on record stating that we support protesters right to protest.

Presentation to Deputy Clerk – Cheryl Dobson officially retired from Baldwin Township today and was presented with a plant, card and a thank you. Dobson responded that it was an honor and privilege working with each and every one of you. Said thank you to the Town Board and was going to enjoy her retirement.

Discussion on Arnholt Sign/Address Change (Aspen Ponds) – Jerry Arnhalt was present. He explained that they own two 20-acre parcels. We come in on 306th Avenue the private road is 114th Street. The county gave them an address of 10404-306th Avenue. The private 114th Street sign is there, and they will maintain it. They would like to change their address to 114th Street or remove the sign. The Town Board determined that 114th Street is actually a township easement but is not maintained by the township. Lawrence/Hudson unanimous to approve changing the address to 114th Street but to check first if the house number also has to change with the county. They will check with the post office and see where the mailbox should be installed.

Property Valuation Report - Jon Mocol, MATIT, recommended to always use the agreed value. There was one mistake with premium listed at \$1622 because it is actually less than that. Should agree to insure at appraised values on each property or take a lesser amount, there is a surcharge for having an agreed value. Swanson was taken aback that boardwalks were not covered and Mocol explained that the boardwalks are going through a bog and we do not cover anything going through water. Swanson said the boardwalks are actually on footings above the water and they are inspected every year. Mocol replied that it is an exclusion in our policy, but liability is covered. Mocol stated that the ATV that is purchased by the fire relief association for raffle purposes can be treated as a lease/loan/borrowed from the association then it would be covered up to \$20,000 but it would need to be in writing to MATIT. There is a 5% surcharge for agreed upon values. Hudson questioned what the rationalization was for the surcharge. Discussion regarding agreed upon values.

Fire Department Report – Chief Case reported that there were 18 calls in May.

Approve/Disapprove Quote to Maintenance the Well – A quote received from M. Praught Drilling in the amount of \$1,210 was received. Handshoe/Rush unanimous to approve as long as they scrape it.

Discussion on Door Entry Keypad for Fire Department - Case reported that the door entry lock has been there forever, and south side does not work at all. He will explore options and come back with numbers. Hudson volunteered to work with Case.

Discussion on Signs for New Developments – Case would like to see signs in new developments installed where you can't see the house from the road. Swanson asked if it could be added to the address signs. Case stated that if house is more than 200 feet from the road, they should have that sign.

Road Report:

Road Report (From Zac Good Dated June 1, 2020)

REPAIRS

- Back-pack blowers repaired
- Installed conveyor #7 for graveling

ROADS

- 9 tons of black top patches since last meeting
- 3 tandem dump truck loads of gravel material/shouldering
- Grade all gravel roads

VEHICLES

- Clutch fan problems #7
- No air conditioning #7
- Truck #5 hard starting/quote for repair coming soon/Absolute Auto

PARKS

- Boardwalk decking material has been ordered (Marv's)
- Brought in 15-ton load of crushed granite for Young Park

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- 8 inches well/has become extremely smelly cleaning option from well installed (see quote). Another option is to shock well with bleach

Swanson stated they were asphaltting 125th street today. Anderson thought there should be another culvert by finish line. It should happen but we are not going to pay for it. Handshoe said that culvert needs to be pulled out and it has not been pulled out yet. Have talked to Anderson about it. Handshoe will check in the morning.

Approval of Consent Agenda – Swanson/Rush unanimous to table approval of Town Board regular meeting minutes of May 28th, 2020 until the June 15th, 2020 regular Town Board meeting.

CONDITIONAL & INTERIM USE PERMITS: None.

PLATS: None.

VARIANCES: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Park Committee Report – Rush reported they are waiting for decking material. Using 15 ton of crushed granite for trails. PYSBA has been cancelled. There is interest from some of the club teams. Will be meeting at Young Park on Thursday the 18th at 6:00 PM (clerk will send out email). The committee will identify parks.

TCI Baldwin Volunteer Corps - Update from Rush stating that they will be meeting on June 22nd.

Planning Commission – Lawrence reported the Planning Commission will be meeting on June 24th.

City of Princeton Council Report – Handshoe stated they zoomed the meeting.

Airport Advisory Board Report – Handshoe stated that they also zoomed the meeting.

TABLED ITEMS:

Review/Approve/Disapprove MATIT Property Valuation Report and Determine if ‘A Resolution Approving Replacement Cost Coverage’; ‘A Resolution Approving Agreed Value Coverage’; or ‘A Resolution Approving an Increased Property & Casualty Deductible’ Will be Used – After discussion, Rush/Handshoe unanimous to approve the appraised value. Lawrence will look into getting a quote from a private firm to explore coverage for the boardwalks.

Approve/Disapprove Support Letter for County on US169 and CSAH4 – Swanson said there would be no monetary incentive but still time to do a support letter. Rush/Hudson unanimous to approve

NEW BUSINESS:

Review/Approve/Disapprove Sale of Tax Forfeited Land – After discussion, the Town Board determined prices for the two lots would be needed before any decision was made. The clerk will get the prices from the county. Rush/Handshoe unanimous to table until June 15.

Approve/Disapprove Renewal of Tobacco License, Ridgewood Bay Resort - Handshoe/Lawrence unanimous to approve

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Hiring IT Firm –Hudson informed the board that he has attempted to find one in Princeton but has had no luck. He is still looking.

Approve/Disapprove Request to Governor to Allow Businesses the Freedom to Decide on Their Own to Open Their Doors for Business - Both Chairman Swanson and resident Richard Harris submitted draft letters for the Town Board to review. Lawrence moved to send both letters from Baldwin Township and date one for today

and one for Wednesday. Have letters signed by all Supervisors with cc to all senators and house representatives for Baldwin Township. Lawrence/Hudson unanimous to approve.

Discuss PPE Purchase for Election Judges – Handshoe/Hudson unanimous to approve \$400.00 to purchase PPE supplies for the election judges.

Review Monthly Building Permits – The Town Board reviewed the April 2020 building permit list.

Clean Up Day – Rush would like to reconsider having it at a later date. The clerk will check with county to see if SCORE grant money is still available. Swanson asked if we could still get team participation. Rush will check with football team, and the maintenance department will check with the hockey team

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

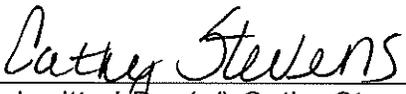
Lawrence announced made the that he has put his name down to run for County Commissioner.

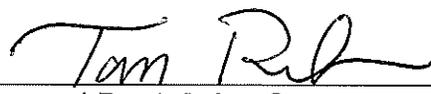
ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Approve/Disapprove Chairman and Vice Chairman Signatures on Bank Documents - Handshoe/Lawrence unanimous to approve chairman and vice chairman to sign bank documents

Motion to Approve Bills for Payment – Rush/Handshoe unanimous to approve check numbers 23860 – 23891 totaling \$17,151.13

Adjourn – Rush/Hudson unanimous to adjourn at 8:57 p.m.


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


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

Date 6/15/20

Attendees: Cheryl Goetz Dobson, Jon Mocol, Tammi & Jerry Arnhalt, Justin & Samantha Mikel, Zac Good