

Baldwin Township Regular Meeting

March 16, 2020

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

Call to Order – The March 16, 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 'Discuss 136th Street' under Road Report
- Add 'Discuss Nordwall Estates' under Road Report
- Add 'Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Applications for Clerk/Treasurer' under New Business
- Add 'Approve/Disapprove Gambling License' under Fire Department Report
- Add 'Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Summer Help' under Road Report
- Add 'Discuss Jess Hall Bench' under Park Report
- Add 'Discuss Coronavirus Options re: Township and Staff' under New Business

Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda With/Without Additions/Corrections

Handshoe/Rush unanimous to approve the Baldwin Township regular meeting agenda of March 16, 2020 as amended.

February 2020 Final Treasurer's Report – Receipts of \$55,362.14 and disbursements of \$368,613.10, check numbers 23606 through 23676 and 15 EFT payments leaving an unaudited balance of \$1,637,525.46.

March 2020 Preliminary Treasurer's Report - The Deputy Clerk reported receipts of \$13,644.09 and disbursements of \$43,796.12 check numbers 23677 through 23734 and 4 EFT payments leaving an unaudited balance of \$1,610,154.30.

Sheriff's Report – There were 141 calls for service in the month of February. Deputy Wilson said it's important to follow the Center for Disease Control guidelines regarding the current virus situation.

Fire Department Report

Approve/Disapprove Payment to Danielle Artmann in the Amount of \$385 (Claim Dated July 15, 2019 – February 5, 2020) – Rush/Handshoe unanimous to approve the claim dated from July 15, 2019 to February 5, 2020 in the amount of \$385 to Danielle Artmann.

Approve/Disapprove Leave of Absence for Travis Carlson – Handshoe/Rush unanimous to approve a 4-month personal leave of absence for Travis Carlson.

Chief Case said he felt it necessary to address the concerns surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak, and that it was important to adhere to the Center of Disease Control and Minnesota Department of Health guidelines. The Minnesota Department of Health has recommended effective immediately that all Baldwin Fire Department personnel are wearing COVID-19 personal protective equipment for all patients with fever and cough or shortness of breath. Case stressed the importance of 'social distancing' and frequent hand washing.

The Baldwin Fire Department will continue necessary training, but the training will be contained to small groups.

Approve/Disapprove Gambling License - Rush/Lawrence unanimous to approve a gambling license for the Baldwin Fire Department. Andy Walker will be taking the gambling training.

Road Report

Approve/Disapprove Going Out for Bids for 125th Street – The site plan includes widening, resloping the draining ditches and reclamation of the road base of 125th Street. It appears that 125th Street went from a bad road in December 2019 to a disaster in April 2020. Lawrence/Hudson unanimous to approve going out for bids for 125th Street with the expectation to open bids at the April 20, 2020 regular meeting of Baldwin Township.

Discuss 136th Street – The township is aware of the cracking on 136th Street, although it's unclear on how to repair it. Nick Anderson will look at it and may take a soil sample. He said it could be that the subgrade is moving.

Discuss Nordwall Estates – At least 2/3 of the culverts are plugged in the Nordwall Estates area. The clerk will check the files to find out if the roads have been accepted. This item will be added to the next meeting agenda of April 6, 2020 to discuss further.

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Summer Help – Handshoe/Rush unanimous to approve posting for summer maintenance help in the Princeton Union at a wage of \$14.00 per hour.

Road Report / March 16, 2020 / Zac Good

Repairs

- #10 – 2016 Freightliner Auger Hydraulic Motor Replacement
- #20 – 2020 Freightliner Visor Installed / leaking air system repaired
- Cold patching 3+ tons on 125th and 305th

Roads

- 136th Street cracking very similar to previous road base failures
- Discuss Cleanout of Development stormwater collection drain systems schedule
 1. Hawk Ridge (Areas are 100% blocked)
 2. Nordwall
 3. Cumberland Creek
 4. Southern Pines
 5. Sandy Lake South Side (Collection basin / Ditch needs to be dug out)
 6. North Elk Lake Loop- (Collection basin)
 7. 142nd West Elk Lake (Collection basin) (Basin is clean, Drain field needs cleaning)
- 125th Street cold patching
- Nordwall Estates curb in need of repair

Vehicles

- Case 621D (Loader) developed steering column leak / Options
 1. Remove steering column and steering shaft, remove steering motor to be sent out to be resealed, \$1,160
 2. Disassemble steering column and steering shaft, remove seal and replace seal. Put back together. \$612.50

Approve/Disapprove Hiring Bruce Hooker for Snowplow Driver Position

Item not addressed by the town board.

Approval of Consent Agenda – Rush/Handshoe unanimous to approve the Town Board Special Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2020, the Special Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2020, the Board of Audit Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2020 and the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2020.

Conditional & Interim Use Permits:

Approve/Disapprove IUP, Auto Mechanical and/or Body Repair Shop, Section 4 – Richard Arlen Properties, LLC/Shipwreck Boat Repair

– Shipwreck Boat Repair is requesting an Interim Use Permit for an auto mechanical and/or body repair shop located at 32227 – 124th Street NW in Princeton. The commissioners at their February 26 Planning Commission meeting recommended supporting the business with the understanding that the business for boat repair to be included under car repair. Swanson said the business has been trashed and abandoned twice before; and that there are no assurances that it won't happen again. He said that comments to the county would have to include a yearly inspection and the stipulation that the property be 100% cleaned up with the guarantee there is no soil contamination.

Hudson/Handshoe unanimous to table until Sherburne County is contacted; and to attain assurances there is no soil or water contamination

Plats:**Approve/Disapprove Preliminary & Final Simple Plat, Section 14, Parkview Acres**

David and Deborah Hedburg are requesting a residential preliminary and final simple plat approval of 'Parkview Acres' consisting of three lots. The Planning Commission recommended approval since the Hedburg's have complied with all requests.

Lawrence/Hudson unanimous to approve the preliminary and final simple plat for Parkview Acres with no comments.

Variances:**Approve/Disapprove 60' Variance in Setback from the Right of Way of 139th Street NW for an Attached Garage and Sunroom on Existing Deck. Required Setback from the Right of Way is 67'**

– Bradley Feero applied for a 3rd variance for his proposed project at 28318 – 139th Street NW to the road right of way. The Planning Commission recommended approval. Handshoe/Lawrence unanimous to approve a 60' variance in setback from the right of way of 139th Street NW for an attached garage and sunroom on an existing deck.

Rezone Request:**Approve/Disapprove Rezone Request for Approximately 23 Acres from Urban Expansion to General Rural**

– Ian Schonwald of EDF Renewables is proposing to construct a solar farm on 23 acres of property within a 90-acre parcel owned by Ron Bowen of Prairie Restorations. The commissioners at their February 26, 2020 Planning Commission meeting recommended approval of the rezoning from urban expansion to general rural subject to the strong belief that the entire 90-acre parcel be included in the rezoning request. Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to approve contingent that the property remains a solar farm after the rezoning; and that all 90 acres is included in the rezoning.

Old Business:

Park Committee Report – The Park Committee is planning on meeting at Young Park for their meeting on March 19th in order to go over the walking paths.

Discuss Jess Hall Bench – The town board has questions on what the Young Park deed says. Other options are to place the bench at Goose Lake Park or in front of the town hall.

Baldwin Volunteer Corps Update – More members are needed. So far the committee is making preparations for the FunFest.

Planning Commission Report – Lawrence felt there was no need to form a road planning committee in conjunction with surrounding townships and the City of Princeton since no Baldwin Township streets join in with any of the city streets.

County Planning & Zoning Report – Lawrence informed the town board on what was happening at the county planning and zoning level.

City of Princeton Council Report – Handshoe said that the City of Princeton has aspirations of expanding into the Princeton Township area.

Airport Advisory Board Report – A study was conducted to see how much revenue the airport generated for the City of Princeton.

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Second Amendment Sanctuary Letter – Hudson/Handshoe unanimous to table above item to the April 6, 2020 regular meeting of Baldwin Township.

Tabled Items:

Discuss Midco Request to Expand into Township and Permitting Process

The township is waiting on a response from the township attorney. If the attorney doesn't provide a resolution by the April 6, 2020 regular meeting of Baldwin Township, it's requested that the clerk write up a resolution.

New Business:

Approve/Disapprove Resolution #20-03; Request for MnDOT Speed Zone Study on 136th Street NW Commencing at Sherburne County Road 42 and Continuing North to Sherburne County Road 3 (325th Avenue NW) and There Ending

A motion was made by Lawrence; seconded by Handshoe to approve Resolution #20-03; Request for MnDOT Speed Zone Study on 136th Street NW Commencing at Sherburne County Road 42 and Continuing North to Sherburne County Road 3 (325th Avenue NW) and There Ending. With a voice vote taken Lawrence, Swanson, Rush and Handshoe in favor; Hudson opposed. Motion carries.

Schedule Oath of Office & Reorganization Meeting (Must be after March 18)

The Oath of Office and Reorganization Meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Approve/Disapprove Attending MAT Spring Short Course, Tuesday, March 24, St. Cloud – Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to disapprove attending the MAT Spring Short Course scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2020 in St. Cloud.

Schedule Spring Road Tour – Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to have the Spring Road Tour scheduled for April 7, 2020 to take place immediately after the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting.

Review Monthly Building Permits – The monthly building permits were reviewed.

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Applications for Clerk/Treasurer – Tabled to the April 6, 2020 regular meeting of Baldwin Township. The clerk is requested to submit a proposal.

Discuss Coronavirus Options re: Township and Staff – Safety of the employees is imperative. Adhering to the Center of Disease Control and Minnesota Department of Health guidelines is very important.

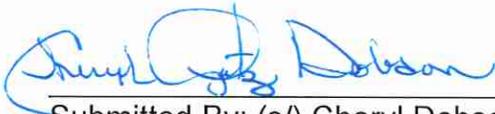
Announcements:

- Put Clean-Up Day information on the website.

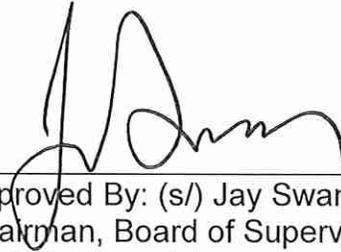
Any Other Business: None.

Motion to Approve Bills for Payment – Hudson/Handshoe unanimous to approve for payment check numbers 23677 through 23734 and 4 EFT payments totaling \$43,796.12.

Adjournment – Rush/Handshoe unanimous to adjourn at 9:33 p.m.



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



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

4-6-2020

Date

Attendees: Zac Good, Lester Kriesel, Andy Walker, Scott Case, Michele Caron, David Hedburg, Brad Feero, Mike Sandin, Cal Sclies