

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

March 17, 2015

Present – Supervisors Jay Swanson, Jeff Holm, Larry Handshoe, Tom Rush and Randy Atwood.

Call to Order – The March 17, 2015 regular meeting of Baldwin Township was called to order by Chairman Jay Swanson at 7:03 p.m.

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

Additions/Corrections to Agenda

- 'Approve/Disapprove Plow Truck' under Road Report

Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda With/Without Additions/Corrections

Handshoe/Rush unanimous to approve the regular meeting agenda as amended.

Treasurer's Report:

March 2015 Preliminary Treasurer's Report – The clerk reported receipts of \$45,296.16 and disbursements of \$36,069.49 (not including payroll), leaving an unaudited final balance of \$544,260.14.

2014 Annual Presentation – Sheriff Joel Brott presented a PowerPoint of the 2014 annual sheriff's department activity within the township,

Road Report:

Approve/Disapprove Princeton Township Grading 111-1/2 Street at a Rate of \$125.00 Per Time Graded - Holm/Handshoe unanimous to approve Princeton Township grading 111 ½ Street at a rate of \$125.00 per time graded.

Approve/Disapprove Plow Truck – Handshoe/Atwood unanimous to approve the purchase of a gate and paint for the plow truck which had been previously approved by the Town Board. The additional costs would be \$2,275.00.

7:30 p.m., Open/Review Bids for the Georgetown Addition Road Improvement Project

– Two bids were received. West Branch Construction submitted a bid in the amount of \$168,838.30. Helmin Construction Co. submitted a bid for \$149,106.10. Bogart said he has answered two letters received from Tony Flander. They would like to move the pond farther to the west which would generate a cost of a couple hundred more dollars. Everything else that is being planned is in the road easement. Atwood/Holm unanimous to proceed with Helmin Construction Co. pending review of the final quote by Bogart. Holm said that the bidding was appreciated by both contractors and stressed that both contractors have done very satisfactory work for the township.

Road Report Continued – The original copy of the purchase agreement needs to be signed by Swanson.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Approve Town Board 'Board of Audit' & Regular Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2015 – Holm/Rush unanimous to approve the Board of Audit and the regular meeting minutes of March 2, 2015.

CONDITIONAL & INTERIM USE PERMITS: None.

PLATS: None.

VARIANCES: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

County Planning & Zoning Report – Bryan Lawrence said that at the last meeting he reported on the gravel pit in Palmer Township. Hard Drives withdrew their application. There is nothing concerning Baldwin Township on the agenda for the County Planning & Zoning meeting.

Park Committee Report – Rush reported there is a joint meeting on March 19 to discuss plans for a baseball field at Young Park. Discussed will also be the basketball court, future trails and the Goose Lake Plans. Maintenance is at Young Park removing trees along the paths. Rush said he would like the town board and the park committee to meet at the park to review the trails. Another concern is how to handle parking beyond the parking lot.

Baldwin Planning Commission Update – Atwood said the planning commission is reviewing the Sherburne County ordinances. The commission is working towards goals and objectives with the comprehensive plan.

TCI Baldwin Volunteer Corps Update – Rush reported that the next meeting is Monday, March 23. The Volunteer Corps is discussing possible events for the FunFest, gardening and a beautification process. Request for a written financial statement be made available to the public. The BVC was asked to incorporate a ribbon ceremony for the boardwalks into the FunFest events.

Approve/Disapprove Resolution 15-05; Request for MnDOT Speed Zone Study on East Elk Lake Road – Holm/Handshoe unanimous to approve Resolution 15-05; a request for a MnDot speed zone study on East Elk Lake Road.

Approve/Disapprove Agreement to Pay Engineering Costs for Septic System Review, Frontier Trails and Frontier Trails 2nd Addition – Swanson reported that there was no opposition at the Public Hearing held on March 16. This agreement binds all the homeowners to pay for the feasibility study. The public hearing was recessed

until June 23, 2015 and, at that time, the township will have more information available on the engineering and financing. If they approve the subordinate service district these costs will be blended right in. Handshoe/Atwood unanimous to approve.

SBA Update – The town board will be meeting with township attorney Mike Couri on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. after the Joint Planning Commission Meeting. Supervisor Holm will not be present.

Approve/Disapprove Rescheduling Oath of Office & Reorganization Meeting - Mr. Schumacher is taking the oath of office with the clerk on March 19, 2015. Holm/Atwood unanimous to add to the April 6, 2015 regular meeting agenda the item of rescheduling the reorganization meeting.

TABLED ITEMS: None.

Open/Review Bids for the Georgetown Addition Road Improvement Project - See above.

NEW BUSINESS:

Award Bid for the Georgetown Addition Road Improvement Project - See above.

Approve/Disapprove Attending MAT Legal Short Course, Thursday, April 23, Otsego – Holm/Rush unanimous to approve any board members or clerks to attend the MAT Legal Short Course on Thursday, April 23, 2015 in Otsego.

Approve/Disapprove Signing 2015 Cleanup Day Event Grant Agreement – Holm/Atwood unanimous to approve the 2015 Cleanup Day Event Grant Agreement and to also request for more funds for 2016 at the discretion of the treasurer to cover deficits.

Approve/Disapprove Payment to Blue Line Club in the Amount of \$600.00 for 2014 Clean Up Day – Holm/Handshoe unanimous to approve payment to Blue Line Club in the amount of \$600.00 for the 2014 Clean Up Day.

Announcements:

- Workshop with Fire Relief Association, Tuesday, March 24, 7:00 p.m.
- Oath of Office & Reorganization Meeting, Wednesday, March 25, 7:00 p.m. – Cancelled.

Any Other Business: None.

Motion to Approve Bills for Payment – Handshoe/Holm unanimous to approve for payment check numbers 19178 through 19214 and 4 EFT payments totaling \$21,655.51.

Adjournment – Handshoe/Rush unanimous to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Cathy Stevens

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

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

4-6-2015
Date

Attendees: Lester Kriesel, Dick Marshall, Elaine Philippi, Paul Johnson, Bryan Lawrence, Brad Schumacher, Audrey Misiura