

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING

March 21, 2018

Present – Supervisors Brad Schumacher, Jay Swanson, Bryan Lawrence, and Larry Handshoe. Supervisor Tom Rush absent.

Call to Order – The Baldwin Township Special Meeting of March 21, 2018 was called to order by Chairman Schumacher at 7:00 p.m.

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

Discuss Fire Department Equipment/Building Needs – Chief Scott Case stated that he had asked for this meeting partially because the department is cramped for space. The bathroom pipes freeze every year. The maintenance department asked him if was interested in a storage building and he decided to talk to the Town Board and do a long range plan. Discussion on the Legacy Grant and green money available for building fire stations. The current station was built in 2003. He would like to see a joint town hall/fire station/maintenance building. What is the long range plan for the township? He presented photos and an example of a fire station built with a town hall. He also presented a map that showed all of the fire department runs in 2017. A station at Highway 169 and County Road 9 makes sense and having shared space saves overhead. He had found plans on what should have been the fire station and the current station is half the size it was going to be. We are cramped. We are side parking rigs and having maintenance issues. We have \$150,000 building and almost a million dollars of replaceable equipment.

Discussion on taking what we have right now and expanding the current building. The issue is the roof line and septic area but it can be made to work. Case stated that if a meeting room and another stall that would suffice their needs for now and questioned what the price on that would be. Case stated that he would like a hose tower and every stall is a drive through. Extension of the building north and south would be more appropriate than east and west. The height of the hose tower would need to be 40 feet. Discussion on green money being used for additions. Discussion on fire stations needing to last 75 years. Discussion on having to give one year notice to the county if utilizing Legacy Grant.

Discuss Maintenance Department Equipment/Building Needs – Zac Good stated that a few years ago at the Annual Meeting it was determined to move forward on building a new town hall. The Legacy Grant has a lot to offer. He got a couple of quotes for different size buildings. A 40x60x14 addition attached to the end of the shop was quoted at \$29,200. That includes no concrete and no electrical. Strictly cold storage. The quote for a 60x102x14 building was \$65,892. The quote for a 60x80x14 building was \$54,495. Swanson stated that the 40x60 addition is not deep enough. Jansen Earthworks quote for dirt work ranges from \$4,400-\$5000 to prep the site. Reliance Electric quote for a shed detached from the Town Hall was \$2,575. Regarding equipment Good stated that having a welder would be nice for the shop. A replacement truck for #1 was quoted by Boyer Truck with State of Minnesota pricing at \$91,477. The quote for the truck body was at \$75,329. The quotes are good until the end of March.

The current packer has no brakes and is unusable. They are unable to get it on and off the trailer. A quote for an asphalt plate compactor is \$1,500. There is a \$500 model from Harbor Freight. In regards to a skid steer: Livonia Township utilizes the Olson Equipment deal with a cost of \$35,800 with a yearly exchange replacement program for \$2,000. They would need a better tandem axle trailer if a skid steer was purchased.

A water trash pump for spring drainage ranges from \$669.-\$1,400. This would be the pump only and not hoses.

Lawrence questioned what could go out of the maintenance department. Good replied signage as it could be placed in cold storage. The roller packer is on its way out. Hardly anything is non-essential. They have 2 pressure washers but each serves its own purpose. We have an extra small utility trailer that is at the park right now. Discussion on what could fit into the park garage.

Discuss Town Hall Equipment/Building Needs – The Clerk stated that the township has over 4,100 registered voters and discussed election and record retention needs.

Swanson discussed meeting rooms and thinking about County Road 9 and 120th Street as a possible location for a new town hall and fire station and leaving this current site for the maintenance location. It would be a city center. Case agreed, stating that the idea was along the lines he was looking for and it would provide a safety aspect for a modern building and location. Schumacher stated that it would be decided as a Town Board if the process is short term to gain just what we need or go long term and change the dynamic. Swanson stated that we can make do with what we have for 3 years and if we want to investigate a 10,000-15,000 square foot building. Lawrence stated that he does not disagree with Swanson's vision but is not certain of the need at this time. He is not convinced of the need to spend \$3 million to get our \$600,000. We should rethink on how we do some things and evaluate what is needed and what we can get rid of. What is cost effective for the township? Do we utilize what we have or go another route? Case stated that the schematic with the current fire hall is the issue. How long will it last and serve its purpose? Lawrence stated if the township built and made that investment why not keep the municipal investment together. Why split it up? Market this parcel and help pay for new. And then ask what is necessary for maintenance. Schumacher stated that more discussion on this would be on a township agenda.

Adjourn – Handshoe/Swanson unanimous to adjourn at 8:43 p.m.


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


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

4-16-18
Date

Attendees: Scott Case, Zac Good, Terry Carlile, Phil Fadden