

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

May 18, 2020

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

Call to Order – The May 18, 2020 regular board 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/Approve/Disapprove Fixing a Patch on 283rd and Hwy 169' to Road Report.
- Add 'Discuss/Approve/Disapprove to Add Decking for Boardwalk' under Park Committee Report.
- Add 'Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Having USSA Softball Team Meetings at Young Park' under Park Report
- Move 'Discuss Noise Ordinance, Scott Berg' under Road Report.

Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda With/Without Additions/Corrections - Rush/Handshoe unanimous to approve the regular meeting agenda, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

May 2020 Preliminary Treasurer's Report - The Clerk/Treasurer reported receipts of \$15,860.56 and disbursements of \$27,165.06, check numbers 23810 through 23859 and 5 EFT payments leaving an unaudited balance of \$1,537,369.89.

Fire Department Report - No report.

Road Report:

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Fixing a Patch on 283rd and Hwy 169 – Handshoe stated that both sides of the road, 64 feet long, are holding water. He received a quote of \$3,000 for fixing the issue. Handshoe motioned to approve Jeremy Woods Contracting. The clerk stated that a certificate of insurance was required. Handshoe stated that he will ensure that a certificate is received by the township. Hudson seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion carried.

Discuss Noise Ordinance – Scott Berg was present along with Gary Greenwood. The issue is in the Preserve at Baldwin, Lot 3, Block 1. Mr. Greenwood owns Lot 1, Block 1 and there is 2-1/2 acres between us. That landowner uses very loud music to drive away potential buyers. Mr. Greenwood stated that vulgar signs that show toward his property have been installed. Mr. Berg stated he is very impressed with the sheriff's

deputy, but they cannot stop it due to lack of a noise ordinance. Rush stated that the Town Board, at that time, told the landowner to call the sheriff and treat it as a public nuisance. The sheriff put caution tape up so the neighbor would not cross. Mr. Berg asked the Town Board if they had any other ideas. Swanson stated that the Town Board has discussed noise ordinances in the past and this board has always said that we do not want to adopt an ordinance for a few people. He does not know if it would help them mid-day. Rush stated that he wanted the board to be aware of the problem. Lawrence asked if it would be in order to invite Joel Brott out as there is stuff on the books that could be used to address these issues, however his gut will say it is a civil issue between neighbors. Swanson asked how there would be proof that this guy is actually turning up his music? Mr. Berg stated that he asked the realtor to get an email from one of the clients. Swanson stated that they should get an attorney and take him to court. The Town board will also talk to the sheriff's department and let him know that we do not want this happening in our town and then we will have record. Hudson asked if there were any trail cams set up. Mr. Greenwood replied 'no'. Rush will contact Sheriff Brott. Swanson stated that the board will ask the clerk to talk to MAT to see if they have any advice for us. Lawrence suggested going out to the property to see if we get the same situation.

125th Street and 320-1/2 Avenue – Swanson stated that it is not too late to go another 20-30 feet into that road to fix it. If it is a \$10,000 number, it will not happen. Swanson/Lawrence unanimous to approve not to exceed \$8,000.

Approval of Consent Agenda – Rush/Hudson unanimous to approve the Town Board regular meeting minutes of May 4, 2020 and Resolution #20-11; A Resolution Finding Certain Work to be Within the Scope of the Role of a Supervisor and Authorizing the Work to be Performed on Behalf of the Town.

CONDITIONAL & INTERIM USE PERMITS: None.

PLATS: None.

VARIANCES: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

County Planning & Zoning Report – Lawrence informed the board that the Board of Adjustment approved the solar farm to have trees on one side. All 3 of Feero's variances were approved. The Planning Commission is meeting this Thursday with a simple plat and an IUP for a solar farm. There is a new aerial that shows the flight zone of the airport and it only catches the corner of the solar farm. He had assumed that the flight zone went over the entire solar farm. Their request for all 90 acres of rezoning is going to the county. The old schoolhouse off County Road 19 has a hole in the roof.

Park Committee Report:

Approve/Disapprove Decking for Boardwalk – Rush stated that towards the pines on the east side the maintenance guys used leftover lumber and spent approximately \$500 in material for a 100-foot section, but we do not have decking material. The trail would be complete on this side. There will be disturbance of the wetland. Swanson stated he would have liked to see the posts put 4 feet into the ground with cookies. The county is aware. Rush stated that the price for the decking at Menards is about \$2,600 and the monies would come out of the Park Fund. Lawrence questioned why they were built so wide. Swanson replied that they are 8 feet. Swanson stated that before they put the decking on, they need to install joist hangers. At least 30-40 of them and put them in with galvanized screws. It should happen at all the ends. Rush stated he will talk to the maintenance department about finishing off the west side and will meet them out there. Swanson stated that he believed summer help was hired for potholes, etc. and now we are building boardwalks. Rush stated that usually summer help starts after Memorial Day. Swanson stated that there is patching and shouldering that the township needs to do. He had no idea they were building boardwalks. There are things that we have at Goose Lake too. Rush stated that it has been mowed down by Goose Lake. Swanson stated that 2 years ago they were building a shed at the park. Hudson asked if there was a list of roads that need to be patched or repaired. Handshoe replied 'no'. Hudson stated that there are several roads in the NE quadrant of the township that needs attention. Swanson stated that, in the Spring, we need to concentrate on mowing and roads. Handshoe stated that he authorized purchasing crushed asphalt from Plaisteds. Rush/Handshoe unanimous to approve up to \$2,700 from Menards. Hudson stated he would be curious to see what the cost of material would be from an independent (like Marv's). Good will get another quote.

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Having USSA Softball Team Meetings at Young Park – Rush stated that the park is open, and the field can be used for practices and games. Legion baseball is cancelled. Swanson questioned if they would be willing to do the same at \$5.00/kid. Rush stated there would be one team with probably a dozen kids. It is a Monticello team with some Princeton kids. Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to open the field up with the standard fee of \$5.00/kid. young park is still open. Use the field for practices and games. Cost associated with it.

Rush informed the Town Board that the split rail fence at Young Park is complete, trails by Goose Lake have been cleared and park benches and picnic tables will be installed.

Baldwin Volunteer Corps Update – Rush reported that a meeting was not held.

City of Princeton Council Report – Handshoe reported that he has not been attending the meetings as they are using Zoom.

Airport Advisory Board Report – Handshoe reported that a meeting was not held.

TABLED ITEMS:

Approve/Disapprove Main Septic Pumping at Frontier Trails – Swanson stated that he recommends disapproving. It specifies in our maintenance manual that tanks will be pumped once every 4 years. One was pumped when it first started. It needs to get on a 4-year schedule. Swanson/Hudson unanimous to disapprove the main pumping. Hudson stated that he would like to know what the level of sludge is.

A portion of Septic Check's bill was for Micro C at a cost of \$2,750. Swanson had asked maintenance to go out there to see what was there. We as a town cold call Hawkins chemical to see what the cost would be. We would not pay tax on it and there would be no markup. Discussion for going out for bids. Hudson stated that Micro C is sold via sales representative. He will provide the clerk with contact information. He had sent out to the board an email with 3 documents which were an operating procedure for that system using our people. What caused us to pause was COVID. They need to go get subsurface certification, but the class was cancelled. They also need to work with someone for 2 years before obtaining a license. Our people can take the test anytime. Swanson stated that we are moving in the right direction.

Approve/Disapprove Support Letter for County on US169 and CSAH4 – Hudson/Handshoe unanimous to table until June 1, 2020 meeting.

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Holding One Regular Meeting a Month & Resuming Committee/Commission Meetings – Lawrence/Rush unanimous to resume all committee/commission meetings for June and continue normal meetings for the Town Board.

Establish Yearly Township Goals – The Town Board reviewed their 2019 goals and adjusted them for 2020.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve/Disapprove Renewal of 2 Subscription Based Managed Firewalls, Microsoft Office 365 Business, 4 Microsoft Office Essentials Subscription and 1 Year Domain Registration at a Total Cost of \$5,223, RBs Computer Service – Hudson/Handshoe motion that the township accept a portion of the quote: Microsoft Office 365 Business subscription, Microsoft Office 365 and the 1 year domain registration and not renew the 2 subscriptions based on managed firewalls. Upon voice vote the motion carried with Lawrence opposed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Office closed Monday, May 25, Memorial Day

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion regarding an off-road vehicle ordinance for 4-wheelers. The Town Board took no action at this time.

Motion to Approve Bills for Payment – Rush/Handshoe unanimous to approve check numbers 23836 – 23859 and 5 EFT payments totaling \$21,559.79 minus check #23849 in the amount of \$5,223.00 payable to RB's Computer Service.

Adjourn – Rush/Handshoe unanimous to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Cathy Stevens

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

Tom Rish

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

6/15/20

Date

Attendees: Scott Berg, Gary Greenwood