

## BALDWIN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

May 6, 2019

**Present** – Supervisors Jay Swanson, Patrick Hudson, Tom Rush and Larry Handshoe. Supervisor Bryan Lawrence arrived at 7:01 p.m.

**Call to Order** – The Baldwin Township regular meeting of May 6, 2019 was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Jay Swanson.

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

**Additions/Corrections to Agenda** – None.

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

**April 2019 Final Treasurer's Report** – Receipts of \$37,118.75 and disbursements of \$65,495.12, check numbers 22871 through 22927 and 10 EFT payments leaving an unaudited balance of \$1,359,979.44.

**May 2019 Preliminary Treasurer's Report** - The clerk/treasurer reported receipts of \$4,812.83 and disbursements of \$15,990.30 (not including payroll) check numbers 22928 through 22965 and 2 EFT payments leaving an unaudited balance of \$1,348,801.97.

**Sheriff's Report** - Officer Wilson reported there were 130 calls for service in the month of April. A resident had approved him at the last meeting asking him about speed reading on 136<sup>th</sup> Street north of County Road 9. We will coordinate with Zac on where to set it up. It does depend on the availability of the sign. He will report back to the Town Board with the findings. Swanson asked to have 125<sup>th</sup> Street and 313<sup>th</sup> Avenue monitored as vehicles are cutting the corner and ripping it up.

**Fire Department Report:**

**Approve/Disapprove Copy Machine Maintenance Protection Plan** – See below.

**Approve/Disapprove Resolution #19-09; Resolution Accepting Donations & Signature on LG555 Government Approval or Acknowledgement for Use of Gambling Funds Form** - See below.

**Presentation on Sherburne County 6-Month Moratorium on IUPs for Solar Farms and Solar Energy Systems** – Marc Schneider, Sherburne County Planner, and Lynn Waytashek, Assistant Zoning Administrator, provided a PowerPoint handout on the Solar Moratorium that was adopted by Sherburne County on March 26, 2019. Interim Ordinance No. 235 will place a moratorium on zoning permit applications for Solar Energy Systems for 6 months. The moratorium will allow the County the opportunity to

review the potential impacts and examine appropriate locations for such uses with the identified areas one-half miles on either side of highway 169 in the unincorporated area of Baldwin Township. The Ordinance would last for 6 months from start of approval date from Sherburne County. Comments from Baldwin Township regarding the Solar Moratorium are requested to be into Sherburne County no later than June 3, 2019.

#### **Road Report:**

**Discuss 136<sup>th</sup> Street Excessive Cracking** – Nick Anderson, Bogart, Pederson, stated that he talked with Knife River and did not talk to Hardrives. The project was bid with the county and there is no warranty language. Lawrence stated that there is very little cracking south of Dale Mark's property. Anderson stated that fabric was removed from the plan where there was standing water. Lawrence questioned if Knife River was willing to crack seal. Anderson stated that Knife River's response is it is normal thermo cracking. It is the design and it is the b oil. Anderson stated that they did driveways when the weather was cooler. Swanson asked if c oil would prevent cracking. Anderson replied that it would cost \$63,000 more if c oil was used. The county builds a 9 ton road so they have more base than yours. 136<sup>th</sup> Street has a lot of wetlands around it. Swanson stated that it is very unfortunate to not have been told about c oil beforehand and, moving forward, would like to see c oil as part of the bids that we do. 136<sup>th</sup> Street was \$1.2 million and he had hoped that jumping on board with the county would save us money. Why would we want to continue with the county as it doesn't seem to work. He would like to talk to Knife River. Anderson stated that Bogart did not think it was worth the c oil and the road would be crack sealed later. Let the cracks develop and in a year or two assess again. Rush/Lawrence unanimous to send the letter to Knife River.

Dale Marks stated that the cracks are pathetic and it is too bad we went with the county. We learned an expensive lesson and now we have to pay for somebody to crack seal. Discussion on a high spot in the ditch. Anderson stated that the high spot is there to protect the integrity of the swamp. Zac asked if the swale of the ditch was adjusted if that would be a solution. He will talk to Zac at the county.

Anderson handed out 125<sup>th</sup> Street estimates. This item will be added to the June 3<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting agenda.

**Discuss Shipwreck Property** – The Shipwreck property is out of compliance with their CUP. Baldwin Township had been trying to coordinate with the owner to have the property cleared of its excess remnants from of the property. Schneider said two options are available. The county could file a civil process and/or revoke their CUP. Schneider will follow up on this issue. Swanson said it would be advantageous to have the property cleaned up. As far as its known there are no pollution concerns.

Anderson recommends sending a letter to Hardrives also.

**May 6, 2019 Road Report from Zac Good  
Shop**

- Summer help hire. Bob Sormek
- Open Kwik Trip Fleet Account for fuel purchases while round-about project this summer
- Skis Steer quote from Olson Power Equipment

### Repairs

- Sand/Salt shed quote. \$3,850 (Replace lower 10' of T&G)
- V-Plows on F-550's / 12-14 years old / Extremely worn / Need to be replaced. (quote for 2 plows / \$15,087.98)
- Update: Boss plows undercarriage are worn out and bent. Only \$500 trade-in value for each plow.

**See total plow replacement cost comparison:**

#### **Boss V-Plow vs Western Wide-Out**

**Boss V-Plow total replacement cost: \$16,864.36**

**Western Wide-Out total replacement cost: \$17,196.00 (state bid)**

**Total replacement cost difference \$331.64**

**Difference of: \$2,108.02. More than was approved at April 1 meeting.**

### Roads

- Hawk Ridge storm water collection basins 100% blocked. (Quotes being acquired) or maintenance can take care of under \$500
- 285<sup>th</sup> (West Elk Lake). Something to spread on road
- 136<sup>th</sup> Street ditch needs to be reshaped for proper drainage
- North Sandy Lake culvert blocked / plugged. This culvert drains spring fed pond. Culvert runs under the boat launch across 99 ½ Street.
- Worked with Fire Department to blow out culvert. Found bottom of culvert is rusted out. Culvert is functional and clearly marked.
- Resident concern (Lake Diann loop) 27944 – 133<sup>rd</sup> Street. Concerned with the grade of road leaving standing water at driveway entrance. Approved for Nick Anderson and Zac to meet with resident when all schedules work out (Monday's) (Doug Loyle 612-616-xxxx.) (Determined to be resident's responsibility)

### Parks

- Goose Lake Trail Project / Under \$600 for rentals needed
- Goose Lake stump grinding quote: \$1,530.00. Park Board meeting – April 18<sup>th</sup> / Can remove alternate tree.

**Approve/Disapprove Purchase of Wide-Out Plows Instead of V-Plows – Zac** believes that wide-out plows would be more effective and more efficient than V-Plows. Handshoe/Lawrence unanimous to approve the \$17,196.00 for the Western Wide-Out plows and terminate the bid of \$16,864.36 for the Boss V-Plows.

**Approve/Disapprove Sherburne County 38 Right-of-Way Claim & Reconstruction (Replaces Resolution #19-03) – Handshoe/Lawrence** unanimous to table action on the Sherburne County 38 Right-of-Way Claim & Reconstruction until a September regular meeting of Baldwin Township.

**Approve/Disapprove Princeton Township Grading 111-1/2 Street at a Cost of \$125/Time Graded** – Lawrence/Rush unanimous to approve having Princeton Township grade 111 ½ Street at a cost of \$125 per time. It was suggested to look into chip sealing this street since it is a cul-de-sac.

Handshoe/Lawrence unanimous to approve hiring Bob Sormek for summer help in the maintenance department.

Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to continue using Marathon gas station for fuel purchases rather than open an account at Kwik Trip.

There was discussion on the necessity of purchasing a skid steer at this time. No other manufacturers have been contacted except for Olson Power Equipment.

It was decided that maintenance should take care of the Hawk Ridge water collection basin for a cost of under \$500.

The North Sandy Lake culvert is now unplugged. The fire department helped blow it out.

Zac and Nick Anderson looked at Doug Loyle driveway. Everyone is having drainage problems in that area, and it's damaging the roads. Maintenance will patch the area.

Rush/Handshoe unanimous to approve renting machines for the Goose Lake Trail project keeping the cost to under \$600 as well as renting a stump grinder for \$1,530.

The roller (packer) will be moved back inside the garage until it can be disposed of.

**Approval of Consent Agenda** – Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to approve the Town Board Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2019 and to approve Clerk Vacation Days, May 9 & May 10.

#### **CONDITIONAL & INTERIM USE PERMITS:**

**Approve/Disapprove IUP, Request for Business Selling Vehicles, Section 4 – Mason Mathieu** – Applicant Mason Mathieu is requesting an Interim Use Permit for a business selling vehicles to the public on PID #01-004-4240. M2 Auto LLC will be engaging in the sales of vehicles to the general public mainly through the use of on-line sales and by appointment only. The property will be used for a customer / sales office. The applicant does not plan on having more than five (5) vehicles on site at any one time. The Baldwin Planning Commission recommended approval of an IUP for Mason Mathieu's request to sell vehicles. Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to approve the request with no other conditions except for assuring the tenants are aware of parking arrangements.

**PLATS:** None.

**VARIANCES:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Park Committee Report** – Rush reported that the Park Committee met at Goose Lake for their meeting. They discussed the layout of the trail and the proposed parking lot recommendations. The top end of the cost for the netting for the ball field won't be over \$1500. Two twenty- foot poles with brackets will be needed at the ends. Swantec will make and donate them. Rush/Handshoe unanimous to approve up to \$1500 for the netting.

**Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Change in Park Dedication Fees** – Handshoe/Rush unanimous to table action on change in Park Dedication Fees to the June 3, 2019 regular meeting of Baldwin Township.

**Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Reduction in Park Pavilion Rental Fee Due to Road Construction** – Lawrence/Swanson unanimous to disapprove a reduction in Park Pavilion Rental Fee due to road construction.

Lawrence questioned if the role of rusty wire by the walking path in Young Park could be brought here for clean-up day. Lawrence questioned the role of the old park equipment. Rush stated that it is used for backup for the existing playground equipment. Lawrence asked if there was a better place to store the equipment. Discussion regarding the light poles.

Rush reported that a potential new park committee applicant will be at the next park meeting and will be added to the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Town Board meeting agenda.

**TCI Baldwin Volunteer Corps Update** – Rush reported that the date of the FunFest has been moved to September 28, 2019 from noon to 4:00 p.m. A Car Show is being planned. Handshoe will reach out to Marv's True Value for the games and popcorn machine. The Fire Department will be selling food to benefit the Relief Association. An annual softball tournament is being organized.

**Planning Commission Report** – Lawrence stated that the Mathieu IUP was discussed at the last meeting.

**Discuss Shipwreck Property** - See above.

**Approve/Disapprove Planning Commission Special Meeting, Wednesday, May 15**  
Lawrence/Rush unanimous to approve May 15, 2019 for a special meeting of the Baldwin Planning Commission.

**City of Princeton Council Report** – Handshoe reported that the city does not have any numbers yet for the roundabout assessment and they did not say who they would be assessing. The police secretary retired after 30 years.

**Airport Advisory Board Report** – Handshoe reported that the airport will be doing rebuilding in 2020.

**Review/Award Frontier Trails SSD Wastewater Proposal** – Rush/Lawrence unanimous to table until the June 1, 2019 regular meeting of Baldwin Township.

**TABLED ITEMS:**

**Approve/Disapprove Sale of Tax Forfeited Land** – Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to table until the May 20 meeting. The clerk will find out the cost of the parcels and grace period information and, if needed, a special meeting will be called to make a decision before May 20.

**Approve/Disapprove Gambling Permit** – Handshoe/Rush unanimous to table the request for a gambling permit by Donna Larson until the June 3, 2019 regular meeting of Baldwin Township.

**Approve/Disapprove Quote for Salt/Sand Shed Repair** – Handshoe/Lawrence unanimous to table action on the salt/sand shed repair until the regular Baldwin Township meeting of June 17, 2019 in order to look into all the options available.

**Approve/Disapprove Resolution #19-03; County Road 38 Project** – Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to disapprove Resolution #19-03; County Road 38 Project.

**Approve/Disapprove Termination of Seasonal Snowplow Drivers** – Rush/Handshoe unanimous to approve the termination of the seasonal snowplow drivers.

**Schedule Spring Road Tour** – The Spring road tour is scheduled for May 13, 2019 starting at 6:00 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Review Monthly Building Permits** – The March 2019 building permit list was reviewed.

**Approve/Disapprove Copy Machine Maintenance Protection Plan** – Rush/Lawrence unanimous to approve maintenance on the fire department's copy machine through Metro Sales at a cost of \$71.00/quarter.

**Approve/Disapprove Resolution #19-09; Resolution Accepting Donations & Signature on LG555 Government Approval or Acknowledgement for Use of Gambling Funds Form** - Handshoe/Lawrence unanimous to approve Resolution 19-

09; a resolution accepting a donation from the Santiago Lions Club for \$2500.00 for Turnout Gear, flashlights and mustang suit for the Baldwin Township Fire Department.

**Announcements:**

- Household Hazardous Waste Event, Monday, May 13, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Town Hall Parking Lot
- Clean-Up Day, Saturday, May 18, 8:00 a.m.-Noon

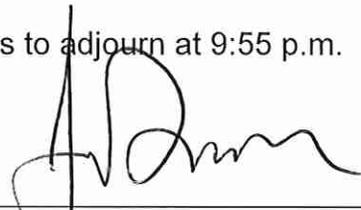
**Any Other Business:** None.

**Motion to Approve Bills for Payment** – Rush/Handshoe unanimous to approve for payment check numbers 22928 through 22965 and 2 EFT payments totaling \$22,317.87.

**Adjournment** – Handshoe/Lawrence unanimous to adjourn at 9:55 p.m.



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



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

5-20-2019

Date

**Attendees:** Lester Kriesel, Lisa Fobbe, Dale R. Mark, Zac Good, Nick Anderson, Mason Mathieu, Marc Schneider, Lynn Waytashek