

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP

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Approved Town Board meeting minutes
can be found at
<http://baldwintownship.govoffice.com>

Burning Permits at the town hall or
online at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us>.
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Baldwin Township Annual Meeting and Election is March 14, 2017

Polls open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

Precinct 1 & 2 will be combined and
voting will be held in the Town Hall

The Annual Meeting starts at 8:01 p.m.
The Annual Meeting will be held in the Maintenance Shop
right after the polls close.

Position is open for Supervisor 'C'
This position is for a 3 year term.



DO YOU KNOW HOW TOWNSHIPS ARE GOVERNED?

Like every local unit of government, township powers are derived from state statutes. The primary statutes directly governing townships are Minn. Stat. Chapters 365 - 368.

A town board of supervisors, elected to staggered three-year terms on an annual basis, make up the governing body for most townships. The annual elections are held on the second Tuesday of March each year in coordination with the township's annual meeting. The annual meeting is what really sets townships apart from other forms of local government. At this meeting, the residents of the township have a direct opportunity to have a voice in how the township will be run. They do this by voting on a variety of matters on which the town board must receive elector approval, and most importantly, by directly voting on and approving the township's tax levy for the next year. This means that, with very limited exception, the town board can only spend that which has been authorized by the voters.

Baldwin Township is seeking Park Committee volunteers.
Meetings are held the third Thursday of every other month.
If interested please contact the Town Hall to fill out a
Committee Application Form.
Appointments are made by the Town Board.

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**WINTER
ROAD MAINTENANCE
SNOW PLOWING AND
ICE CONTROL**

Winter road maintenance is one of the most important duties of the public works department. Providing the best service and the utmost safety to the public will always be the first consideration. As important is the safety of the snowplow operators. Although winter weather will always be unpredictable, every effort will be made to provide a consistent and high level of service.

In November of 2009 the Township of Baldwin adopted a snow and ice control policy. The policy set guidelines for snowplow operators to follow while performing winter road maintenance. Responsibilities of residents were also outlined in the policy. Prior to the winter season each year the snow and ice control policy will be reviewed and recommendations will be made for the Township to consider.

Go to <http://baldwintownship.govoffice.com/> ordinances for complete information.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

The Township will not be responsible for any of the following damage occurring during the normal course of snow removal from Township roads.

1. Mailboxes or fences damaged by thrown snow or from improperly placed mailboxes (closer than two feet back from the edge of the blacktop).
2. Landscaping within the Township road right-of-way.

Just a Reminder

Per Minnesota Statute 160.2715(a)1, it is unlawful to push or plow snow into or across any public road. When clearing snow from your driveways, snow must be directed on to your own property. Exercise caution in following or approaching plow trucks. Snowplows are not as maneuverable as smaller vehicles.

Any motor vehicle left on any roadway or road right-of-way in the Township that impedes the performance of the Township snowplow efforts shall be dealt with under the provisions of Baldwin Township policies. Your vehicle will be towed at the owner's expense.

Roads are plowed when snow accumulation reaches 2".

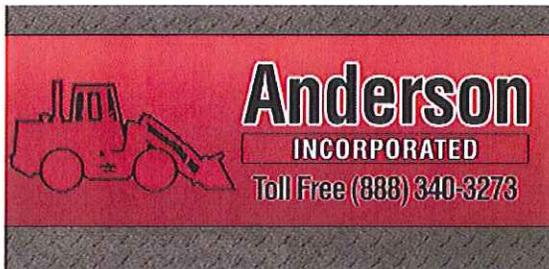
SNOW PLOWING RULES PROMOTE EFFICIENCY

Not only does complying with Baldwin Township's rules about its snowplowing policies increase its ability to quickly clear township roads resulting from accumulating snow and ice—it also strives to provide safe and accident free roadways. Baldwin's maintenance crews ask for your cooperation.

Our township staff is keenly aware of the importance of keeping its roads clear in a timely manner. It's goal is getting in and out as soon as possible, recognizing many of our residents are commuting to jobs outside of the township. In addition, the crew attempts to complete its work in a cost-effective method.

Remember the township is only responsible for township roads. If you live on a state or county road, please contact the state or county departments.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT



Anderson, Inc. is east-central Minnesota's leader for Crane service and Heavy Equipment sales. Currently owned and operated by Bill and Bjorn Anderson, we are a four-generation, family owned business that has been operating since 1940.

32032—125th Street
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We have great financing options available to aid with your equipment purchases!



CHILD SAFETY: Do not allow children to build snow forts in the cul-de-sacs or road right of way.

**RESPONSIBILITY OF
RESIDENTS**

Snowstorms create numerous problems and inconveniences. The residents will also have certain responsibilities. These include clearing their own driveways, clearing areas for trashcans, clearing around mailboxes, and newspaper delivery tubes. These areas should be cleared without depositing any snow into the street. There also must not be any large piles, which obstruct vision of driveways. Trash cans must not be placed on the street surfaces. The Township will not clear private drives.

Snow plowing can cause additional snow to be deposited in driveway approaches and around roadside obstacles. Operators are instructed to attempt to minimize these instances; however, it is not practical to eliminate this situation. Residents should be aware they might have to clear their driveways a second time after their street has been plowed.

If you're a local business and would like to be featured in our next newsletter, please contact us.



Meet Your Commissioners

From left to right: Scotty Harder, Kimberly Good, Richard Harris, Deborah Guy, Richard Marshall, Bryan Lawrence and Baldwin Town Board Liaison Larry Handshoe.

The Oath of Office was administered to Scotty Harder on November 30, 2016. He has been appointed to a 3-year term. Scotty said he wishes to become more involved in the community that he lives in ... especially interested in being involved in the planning of growth.

The Planning Commission members are a volunteer group whose purpose is to plan for the future of Baldwin Township. If you are interested in being a active member of your community contact Baldwin Township at 763-389-8931.

LET'S GO GREEN!

To save money on paper and postage

If you send a message to cheryl.dobson30239@gmail.com, we will have your email address for the green edition of the newsletter.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Unless otherwise noted, all meetings start at 7:00 p.m.)

February 6	Town Board Regular Meeting
February 20	PRESIDENT'S DAY (Office Closed)
February 21	Town Board Regular Meeting
February 22	Planning Commission Meeting
March 6	Town Board Regular Meeting
March 14	ANNUAL ELECTION / ANNUAL MEETING
March 16	Park Committee Meeting
March 20	Town Board Regular Meeting
March 27	Baldwin Volunteer Corps Meeting
March 29	Planning Commission Meeting
April 3	Town Board Regular Meeting
April 11	Local Board of Appeal 3:00 p.m.
April 17	Town Board Regular Meeting
April 24	Baldwin Volunteer Corps Meeting
April 25	Planning Commission Meeting

IN THE KNOW

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) monitors environmental quality, offers technical and financial assistance, and enforces environmental regulations. The agency finds and cleans up spills or leaks that can affect our health and environment. Staff develop statewide policy, and support environmental education.

The mission of the MPCA is to protect and improve the environment and enhance human health.

The vision of the MPCA is to promote **clean water, air and land support healthy communities and ecosystems, and a strong economy in Minnesota.**

The MPCA has made Minnesota a national model for environmental protection. The results are obvious: the air, land and water are cleaner now than they were 40 years ago, in spite of a growing population and rising industrialization. These results were possible because the agency partnered with the state legislature, the U.S. EPA, local governments, industry, environmentalists, educators and the public.

To contact MPCA by phone, call 651-296-6300 in the Twin Cities area, or toll free at 800-657-3864.

YOUNG PARK

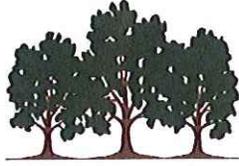
It's been brought to the attention of the township that snowmobilers and ATV's have been damaging the property at Young Park. The Township reminds residents who observe this kind of activity at the park to please call law enforcement. Consequently there has been increased patrol at the park as well as security cameras are going to be installed. Anyone under surveillance, and doing damage to the park, will be prosecuted.

Parks & Recreation - Parks, Trails & Open Space Plan

The Sherburne County Parks, Trails and Open Space Plan was adopted by the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners on June 21, 2005. This plan will be used as a guideline for the development of Sherburne County's parks, trails, and open spaces.

For more information visit
<http://www.co.sherburne.mn.us/publicworks>





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Greetings Baldwin Residents.

My name is Scott Case and I'm the new Baldwin Fire Chief. Robin Fischer is the new Baldwin Assistant Chief.

I would like to thank former Fire Chief Mike Rademacher for his outstanding and dedicated service over the last few years as well as Assistant Chief Joe Kiel for the same fine service. The good news is that both are continuing as fire captains with the department.

If anyone should have any questions or inquiries for the fire department, please call 763-389-7976 to leave a message and someone will get back to you.

Thank you.

Scott Case
Baldwin Fire Department



Baldwin Relief Association

Information on the 2017 raffle ticket:

"Once again the Baldwin fire department will be holding its raffle at the fire dance in August of this year. The grand prize will be a 2017 Polaris sportsman 570 2nd prize will be \$750 cash and third prize will be \$250 cash a portion of the proceeds is given back to the Baldwin community in the way of scholarships and donations to various activities. There are only 1500 tickets so please contact a Baldwin firefighter or you may call Jim Oliver at [\(612\) 598-5062](tel:6125985062)."



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