

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

November 18, 2019

Present – Supervisors Jay Swanson, Tom Rush, Bryan Lawrence, and Patrick Hudson. Supervisor Larry Handshoe arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Call to Order –The November 18, 2019 regular meeting of Baldwin Township was called to order by Chairman Jay Swanson at 7:02 p.m.

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

Additions/Corrections to Agenda

- Add 'Question Regarding Aspen Ponds and Private Drive' to Plats.
- Add 'Dave Jackson' after Road Report.

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

November 2019 Preliminary Treasurer's Report - The Clerk/Treasurer reported receipts of \$5,318.45 and disbursements of \$110,778.90 check numbers 23351 through 23408 and 5 EFT payments leaving an unaudited balance of \$1,543,460.72.

Fire Department Report – Rush reported that the department currently has 30 firefighters. Since they are approved to up to 35 firefighters, they are always looking for applicants. Rush reported that the department's commercial air compressor has quit working, and that the turnout gear dryer grant was not approved. Elections are December 1st with the positions of Captains 5 and 6 up for election. The Fire Relief has raised the limit for PERA from \$3000 to \$3200.

Road Report:

Zac Good's Road Report of November 18, 2019

M.P.C.A. Classes

- Collection System Basic November 19 – 21 (Zac and Phil)

Repairs

- Repaired Sand Shed

Roads

- Lake Diann Obstructions (See pictures)
 1. Cars parked in ROW
 2. Cargo Container Removed
 3. Construction Debris in ROW
- Highland Farms Obstruction in ROW (Basketball Hoop Permanently Installed) Removed
- Review / Responsibility of Residents & Plow Operations for Webpage

Trucks

- Truck #1 Recommended to use Fanberg Auction when replacement truck arrives
- Repairing #3 Low Air Warning / Not audible

- V-Plow Blades are LIVE on Auction currently ending @November 24 / 8 p.m. / <https://www.k-bid.com/auction/30192>
 1. 2007 Boss V-Plow \$1,425
 2. 2005 Boss V-Plow \$1,350

Parks

- Field @ Southwest location has been seeded.
- 'Handicap Sign' pulled out at Young Park

Determine if Road Right-of-Way Infractions Have been Removed – Good reported that the cars are still in the road right-of-way. A letter had been written to the resident and Good has tried knocking on the door. No contact has been made. Lawrence encourages another letter and try to make personal contact. Handshoe will stop out there.

The property on 133 ½ Street did remove the large storage container off the road right-of-way. The other property on 133 ½ Street did move the concrete but now there are substantial dirt piles on the end of the road. Another letter will be sent. The property on 121st Street has removed the basketball hoop.

Good drafted a list of 'Responsibilities of Residents' that he would like the board to review. It was decided that the Town Board would review and offer comments at their December 2, 2019 regular meeting.

Lawrence/Hudson unanimous to deliver Truck #1 to Fanberg Auction as soon as is possible and not wait until the new replacement truck is delivered.

Approve/Disapprove Wetland Delineation Application for 125th Street Road Project – Hudson/Handshoe unanimous to approve a fee of \$150 along with the signed application for the Wetland Delineation Application for 125th Street road project.

Public Comment/David Jackson – David Jackson who has a seasonal cabin abutting the landing at 287th Avenue on Elk Lake wanted it on record that his family is not in support of improving the landing. He further stated that there are already two public landings on Elk Lake that are already in place.

Approval of Consent Agenda – Rush/Handshoe unanimous to approve the Town Board meeting minutes of November 4, 2019.

CONDITIONAL & INTERIM USE PERMITS: None.

PLATS:

Aspen Ponds – Lawrence stated that there are 40 acres to the north of this development that appear to be landlocked. The roadway (114th Street) within the plat of Aspen Ponds has been designated a private road and is graded to be a driveway with no asphalt. The question if the residents in attendance, Jerry & Tammy Arnhalt, Big Lake, were to purchase the 40 acres on the north side what would be the repercussions of using this as a driveway? Would they have to improve it? It does seem like the neighbors are mowing it to keep it looking decent. The Arnhalt's would be willing to maintain also. They are

planning on putting 2 homes on the 40-acre parcel. Lawrence stated that the Arnhalt's are not asking the township to improve the road. Swanson stated that he would not see any trouble in using it accordingly with them maintaining it. Mr. Arnhalt stated that it would be a shared driveway with 2 residences. Lawrence stated that it would still be a public road to your property.

VARIANCES: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Presentation from Jon Mocol, MAT Insurance – Mr. Mocol, Director of Agency Operations, was present. He was present to discuss the Town Board's interest in raising the deductible to save money. Mr. Mocol stated that he would recommend keeping the lower deductible. The board reviewed the spreadsheet that was provided by Mr. Mocol. The increase of the deductible would result in a savings of approximately \$1,700/year. Swanson stated that the board believed that a reduction in the premium of 10% would be what would happen. Mr. Mocol stated that MAT does not cover piers or docks or boardwalks. He is working on finding a carrier to cover that. They also do not cover fields (baseball).

Suspend Regular Meeting - Lawrence/Rush unanimous to suspend the regular meeting of Baldwin Township at 7:32 p.m.

Open Public Hearing – Lawrence/Rush unanimous to open the public hearing to certify delinquent community sewer treatment fees and review 2020 budget for Frontier Trails at 7:32 p.m.

Public Hearing to Certify Delinquent Community Sewer Treatment Fees and Review 2020 Budget for Frontier Trails – Andrew Ekker, 316th Avenue, was present. He had questions on the penalty fee (\$25) and if there was a grace period. The clerk stated that the Town Board implemented a 10-day grace period if the homeowner called within that 10 days. Mr. Ekker asked what was covered with the \$72/month payment. Swanson stated that he is in a subordinate service district in Baldwin Township. It is for the community septic system that is hooked up to 41 homes and was rebuilt. The cost to rebuild was \$450,000. The township bonded for it and split it by 41 homes over 10 years. The district needs monthly reports to the EPA about nitrate counts. We are working to reduce costs as best we can. Every 2 years your tanks will be pumped, replacement parts purchased along with required chemicals. Discussion regarding people who have paid in full their assessment and if the monthly rate can be reduced. Swanson will check with the township attorney. Lawrence stated that everyone pays their fair share. Hudson stated that the Town Board is very sensitive to what is charged and is working on reducing fees. Swanson stated that he will get back to Mr. Ekker on what he finds out from the township attorney.

Joe Kiel, association president for Frontier Trails, stated that it is better than what it was.

Close Public Hearing - Handshoe/Rush unanimous to close the Public Hearing to Certify Delinquent Community Sewer Treatment Fees and Review 2020 Budget for Frontier Trails at 7:47 p.m.

Open Regular Meeting - Rush/Handshoe unanimous to reopen the regular meeting of Baldwin Township at 7:47 p.m.

Continuation of Presentation from Jon Mocol, MAT Insurance – Mr. Mocol stated that insurance is not on structures only. The township has liability insurance for everything in Baldwin Township. He reiterated that he is working on finding coverage for the park boardwalks. Rush stated that he would like to review in depth and determine if it is worth the risk to increase the deductible. Discussion on cemetery headstones and determining that MAT does not cover the individual headstones but if the township damages a headstone then insurance would cover it.

Approve/Disapprove Revised Insurance Plan from MATIT – Hudson/Handshoe unanimous to table to the December 2, 2019 regular meeting of Baldwin Township.

County Planning & Zoning Report – No report.

Park Committee Report – Rush asked the clerk to send a reminder email to the committee about the November 21st meeting. He reported that a lot of people are taking pictures at the park with motorized vehicles being used. He told Zac (Good) to install some t-posts. He has noticed parking at the pavilion and has asked to have t-posts installed for the winter. There are security cameras installed.

Baldwin Volunteer Corps Update – Rush reported that the next meeting is scheduled for January 2020.

City of Princeton Council Report – Handshoe reported that the Princeton community garden is not working out since people pick the produce that others plant.

Airport Advisory Board Report – Handshoe reported that there was no Airport Advisory Board meeting.

Approve/Disapprove Resolution #19-15; Resolution Certifying Delinquent Community Sewer Treatment Service Fees and Related Interest – Swanson read Resolution #19-15. Lawrence/Rush unanimous to approve Resolution #19-15; a Resolution Certifying Delinquent Community Sewer Treatment Service Fees and Related Interest.

TABLED ITEMS:

Approve/Disapprove New Cell Phone Plan – Handshoe/Lawrence unanimous to table to the December 2, 2019 regular meeting in order to draft a resolution for a new cell phone plan.

Facebook Update – In order to purchase another email address for a Facebook account it would cost \$72 per year since it would have to go through RB's Computer. Hudson will look for other alternatives.

NEW BUSINESS:

Schedule Budget Meeting (Review 2019 Budget/Line Items and Establish 2020 Budget/Line Items for Each Fund) – The meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Approve/Disapprove 2020 Meeting Schedule – Rush/Hudson unanimous to approve the 2020 meeting schedule as revised.

Announcements:

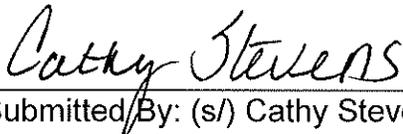
- Sherburne County Community Partner Meeting, Thursday, November 21, 3:00-5:00 p.m., Lupulin Brewing Company, Big Lake
- Township Office Closed, Thursday, November 28 for Thanksgiving
- Local Government Leadership Presentation on Physical & Electronic Accessibility, Thursday, December 5, 10 a.m.-Noon, Sherburne County Government Center

Any Other Business:

Lawrence/Rush unanimous to approve office hours for November 29, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to noon to include maintenance staff unless there is 10 inches of snow.

Motion to Approve Bills for Payment – Handshoe/Rush unanimous to approve for payment check numbers 23381 through 23408 and 5 EFT payments totaling \$15,841.95.

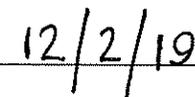
Adjourn – Rush/Handshoe unanimous to adjourn at 8:34 p.m.



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

 **VICE
CHAIR**

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


Date

Attendees: Nora Locke, David Jackson, Tammi Arnhalt, Jerry Arnhalt, Jon Mocol, Zac Good, Dean McDevitt, Joe Kiel, Andrew Ekker