

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

November 1, 2016

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

Call to Order – The Baldwin Township regular meeting of November 1, 2016 was called to order by Chairman Schumacher at 7:02 p.m.

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

Additions/Corrections to Agenda

- Remove 'Approve/Disapprove Purchase of 2008 Sterling Truck' from agenda.
- Add 'Approve/Disapprove Letters of In-kind Donations' to Park Committee Report.
- Add 'Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Red Lime around Backstop Area' to Park Committee Report.

Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda With/Without Additions/Corrections

Handshoe/Rush unanimous to approve the regular meeting agenda as amended,

Treasurer's Report:

October 2016 Final Treasurer's Report – Receipts of \$3,128.36 and disbursements of \$141,750.04, check numbers 20521 through 20588 and 8 EFT payments leaving an unaudited balance of \$722,415.01.

November 2016 Preliminary Treasurer's Report – The clerk reported receipts of \$3,273.46 and disbursements of \$33,567.13, check numbers 20589 through 20612 and 2 EFT payments leaving an unaudited balance of \$695,248.50.

Sheriff's Report - Officer Wilson reported there were 251 calls for the month of October. Discussion regarding campaign signs. Discussion on patrolling Young Park.

Fire Department Report:

Relief Association Report – Jim Oliver reported there is \$474,661 in the special fund balance. There has been two retirements. There still are 27 members on the department. Money received in state fire aid was about \$34,000. The Princeton Fire Department is teaching fire safety in schools. The Baldwin Fire Department teamed up with them for an essay and coloring contest resulting in good public relations for both departments.

Approve/Disapprove Revised Relief Association Bylaws – Rush/Swanson unanimous to approve the revised Relief Association Bylaws.

Update on Water Tender – The diamond plate on the side of the tanker needs to be finished. The tanker won't be in service until the wiring and lights are done.

Status of Equipment Committee – No status update. Supervisor Rush will get together with Brian Torborg.

Road Report – Jay Swanson reported that the 136th Street project should be ready for bid in a couple of months.

Road Report for October 2016 by Terry Carlile, Baldwin Maintenance Department:

- Total cost of road patching material from Commercial Asphalt Co for 2016 was \$1,075.36.
- Total cost of cold patch for road repairs through Marv's was \$227.04.
- Total cost of road repairs through Erickson Asphalt Services for 2016 was \$25,892.00.
- Total cost of gravel Class 5 distribution from Knife River Corp. for 2016 was \$2,788.99.
- If it is the wishes of the board to sell the New Holland boom mower, Livonia is interested in purchasing it. We paid \$23,500 for it. I asked Anderson Equipment to appraise it and Richard Anderson took a look at it and said they would probably ask between \$25,000 and \$29,000 for it.
- Sand/Salt shed has been repaired.
- Cost to date for DOT inspection on Trucks No's 3, 7, and 10 is \$3,831.36.

Discussion on obtaining a quote from Fastenal for nuts/bolts. The board instructed Carlile to pursue. Discussion on Princeton Township inquiring as to purchasing our additional salt. Carlile would like to propose \$79.51/ton with them purchasing all or none with them hauling from Livonia Township. As for selling the boom mower, the clerk was instructed to find out what both Livonia and Blue Hill has paid Baldwin for the use of the mower and add to the November 21st regular meeting agenda.

Approve/Disapprove Who Will Complete 2016 Township Road Certification

Rush/Handshoe unanimous to have Supervisor Swanson complete the 2016 Township Road Certification.

Supervisor Schumacher signed the permit for the wetland delineation for 136th Street.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Approve Town Board Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2016 – Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to approve the town board meeting minutes of October 17, 2016.

CONDITIONAL & INTERIM USE PERMITS: None.

PLATS: None.

VARIANCES: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Park Committee Report – Rush reported that there was a good turnout for installing the sod. Letters will be sent out to thank them and also will be included in the newsletter. He spent 25 hours. An in-kind donation has been received from Gary Christensen for slab, footings and

benches for labor and material. Carlile stated that he turns on the water in the morning. Mr. Sprinkler will blow out the sprinklers for \$100.00.

Approve/Disapprove In-kind Donation Letters – Rush/Handshoe unanimous to approve, with an approved friendly amendment to include George Claassen, sending in-kind donation letters to Bogart Pederson, West Branch Construct, Gary Christensen and Bryan Lawrence along with sending a picture and update to the BNSF and the Minnesota Twins.

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Red Lime to Backstop – Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to approve with a accepted friendly amendment that it is subject to approval from the township engineer too add red lime to the backstop at the ball field in Young Park.

TCI Baldwin Volunteer Corps Update – No update.

Baldwin Planning Commission Update – Schumacher read the highlighted areas from the October 26, 2016 Planning Commission meeting minutes. Regarding Resolution 16-18 the Planning Commission recommended holding a public hearing. Rich Harris stated that he opposed 2 items as it was stated that the drainage regulations had been passed by both the township and the county. He had nothing to base his decision on. The clerk stated that the drainage is part of the township's engineering standards. Harris stated that he is not prejudiced against either application. Harris stated that, in regards to Resolution 16-18, the feeling was it was a change to an ordinance and a public hearing was justified. Schumacher stated that an ordinance requires a public hearing and a resolution only signifies formal wording on how the town board feels. The resolution is prompted off the MS4 permit process with the MPCA approving that permit and it is within the 100 foot road right-of-way.

Approve/Disapprove Appointment of Scotty Harder to the Planning Commission for a 3-Year Term – Handshoe/Swanson unanimous to appoint Scotty Harder to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term.

Approve/Disapprove Resolution 16-08; Resolution Electing to be More Stringent than Sherburne County on County Ordinance 18.0 – Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to schedule a public hearing on December 5, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. Swanson/ Handshoe unanimous to table Resolution #16-08 until after the public hearing on December 5, 2016.

Frontier Trails Update – Schumacher stated that the town board approved the gravel as part of the bid to go out. The MPCA permitting process is still being worked on. The gravel is for maintenance purposes. The clerk reported that there is one property remaining that has not signed the easement agreement.

TABLED ITEMS:

Approve/Disapprove 2016-2017 Winter Hours – Handshoe/Rush unanimous to table the 2016-2017 winter hours until the first regular meeting of Baldwin Township in December.

Approve/Disapprove Repairs on Truck #1- Handshoe/Swanson unanimous to table until the December 5, 2016 regular meeting of Baldwin Township.

Approve/Disapprove Purchase of 2008 Sterling Truck – Taken off agenda.

Approve/Disapprove Gravel Quote for Frontier Trails Septic System Approach
Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to table the gravel quote for Frontier Trails septic system approach to the November 21, 2016 regular meeting of Baldwin Township.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review/Approve/Disapprove Drainage Plan, 40'x108' Self-Storage Building, Georgetown 2nd Addition – Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to approve per recommendation of the Baldwin Planning Commission the drainage plan presented by Don Gedatus for a 40'x108' self-storage building in Georgetown 2nd Addition.

Review/Approve/Disapprove Drainage Plan, 60'x120' Manufacturing Building, Railside Addition – Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to approve per recommendation of the Baldwin Planning Commission the drainage plan presented by Ted Bell for a 60'x120' manufacturing building in Railside Addition.

Schedule Budget Meeting – Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to schedule the budget meeting for November 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Baldwin Town Hall.

Approve/Disapprove 2017 Meeting Schedule – Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to approve the 2017 meeting schedule.

Approve/Disapprove Clerk & Deputy Clerk Attending MAT Training for Clerks
Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to approve with an accepted friendly amendment to close the town hall for the day and to have the clerk and deputy clerk attend the MAT training for clerks.

Approve/Disapprove MATIT Risk Management Assessment or Property Inspection – Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to disapprove MATIT Risk Management Assessment or Property Inspection.

Approve/Disapprove Liquor License for New Owner, Finish Line Café – Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to approve the liquor license for the new owner of the Finish Line Café.

Announcements:

- Public Accuracy Test, Friday, November 4th, 9:00 a.m., Sherburne County; Office Closed All Day.
- General Election, Tuesday, November 8th. Polls open at 7:00 a.m.
- Township Office Closed, Friday, November 11th for Veteran's Day.

Any Other Business:

Swanson stated that he would like to discuss this letter that had been sent to the election judges. Rich Harris stated that, as an election judge, there have been emails from a couple of bodies on this subject percolating to the surface. There has been a response from one interest group and statements by the Secretary of State's office. The more he has learned the interest group wants election judges to sign a petition to not allow certain people to vote and it is in contradiction to state statute. There may be legal risks to sign the petition. There is little risk that he will sign it. There is also a phrase in one of those letters that if judges feel duty bound to protect not allowing certain people to vote that they should resign. Jerry Mueller stated that he had called the Minnesota Voters Alliance today and they told him that the Secretary of State admitted that he knows that these voters are ineligible to vote but refused to take them off the roster. The word "challenged" has been added to the roster. There are 1,700 in the state that are non-citizens, felons or mentally incompetent. He will not sign the petition and feels it will not be problem here with this election. Discussion on political sign problems. Discussion on an organization that purchased 5 acres in Livonia Township.

Rush stated that the Sherburne County Association of Townships is looking for a clerk. Schumacher is Chairman and Rush is Vice-Chairman. Schumacher stated that has asked Deputy Clerk Cheryl Dobson and she is considering it.

Motion to Approve Bills for Payment - Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to approve for payment check numbers 20589 through 20612 and 2 EFT payment totaling \$33,567.13.

Adjournment – Swanson/Rush unanimous to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.


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


Approved By: (s/) Brad Schumacher
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Baldwin Township
11/21/16
Date

Attendees: Lester Kriesel, Jim Oliver, Scotty Harder, Jim Buell, Don Gedatus, Richard Harris, Mark Nutt, Jerry Mueller, Terry Carlile