

## BALDWIN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

October 21, 2019

**Present** – Supervisors Jay Swanson, Tom Rush, Bryan Lawrence, Larry Handshoe and Patrick Hudson.

**Call to Order** –The September 21, 2019 regular 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 Crack Sealing' to Road Report
- Add 'Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Snowplow Operator' to Road Report
- Add 'Road Mileage Certification' to Road Report
- Add 'Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Providing Certificate of Insurance' to New Business

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

**October 2019 Preliminary Treasurer's Report** - The clerk/treasurer reported receipts of \$4,056.06 and disbursements of \$36,934.58 (not including payroll) check numbers 23300 through 23350 and 8 EFT payments leaving an unaudited balance of \$1,649,483.15.

**Fire Department Report** – The next fire department meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2019.

### **Road Report:**

**Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Channel Lagoon Cleanout** – Scott Schmidt, 285<sup>th</sup> Avenue, was present. He is starting to gather money from property owners to clean out the outlet in Elk Lake as they did several years ago. He is talking with the DNR and the county soil and water office. He wants to make sure the Town Board is aware of this. He is not expecting any burden from the township. The access point will be from the east side. The DNR put in a few more restrictions and are asking for them to do a survey of the access channel. They are going to determine if they can put spoils on the island instead of hauling it out. They have a lifetime permit with the DNR. The work needs to be completed before April 1, 2020.

The next project is south of Ridgewood Bay. The township owns a parcel there. They would like to obtain an easement, along with property owner Ross Gabrielson, to dredge out the Gabrielson lot. The only issue would be hauling the spoils out. Maybe do some improvements for the township with a boat ramp if the township grants an easement. The project would the value in the area. It would be dredged 6-8 feet deep. Swanson stated that the Baldwin Planning Commission needs to look at this. Lawrence agreed that Mr. Schmidt should attend the October 23<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting of the Planning Commission for their comments. Swanson stated that he does not see any change in working with him on the first project, however the proper channel is the Planning Commission.

**Maintenance Road Report for October 22, 2019 from Zac Good  
Plow / Operators**

- Recommended Plow Drivers for Hire
  1. Mark Otis
  2. Lou Christian
  3. Jake Oviatt
  4. Lee Goodin
  5. Bob Sromek
  6. Allen Walker

**Repairs**

- Working on Repairing Sand / Salt Shed / Materials Ordered / Finishing this week

**Roads**

- Planning another round of Blacktop Patching for end of October
- Highland Farms Obstruction in ROW (Basketball hoop permanently installed)

**Trucks**

- Repairing lights on Truck No. 7 and Truck No. 1
- Repairing No. 3; Low Air Warning / Emergency brakes pop out

**Parks**

- Planning to start leveling fields at Young Park this month
- Sprinkler blow-out this month

**Approve/Disapprove Hiring Seasonal Snowplow Operators** – Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to approve the recommended snowplow drivers from the Road Report list from maintenance. Good said that he feels that they are still short two reserve snowplow drivers. The board approved putting an ad in the newspaper for another two weeks for snowplow drivers.

**Discuss Crack Sealing** – It was suggested by Swanson to look at the map to determine the next steps to be taken for crack sealing to also include the Young Park parking lot.

**Road Mileage Certification** – Handshoe and Good will take care of the road mileage certification and will present it at the November 4, 2019 regular meeting of Baldwin Township for approval.

Good reported there is a permanently installed basketball hoop in the Highland Farms right-of-way. Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to send a letter to the resident to remove within ten (10) days of receipt of the letter. Hudson said he sympathizes with the resident. If the hoop had been portable there would be no issue.

The leveling of the field at Young Park is about 80% finished. It has been slow going since a lot of scrap has been uncovered.

**Approval of Consent Agenda** – Rush/Handshoe unanimous to approve the Town Board meeting minutes of October 7, 2019.

**Conditional & Interim Use Permits:** None.

**Plats:** None.

**Variations:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**County Planning & Zoning Report** – Lawrence reported that no official business was conducted in September since there wasn't a quorum present. The Board of Adjustment has moved to 7 people. The findings for the Board of Adjustment has increased to 11 findings of fact. Lawrence has talked to staff and the county commissioner. The Cruz driveway was approved and received a CUP.

**Park Committee Report** – Rush reported that the next meeting is scheduled to meet on November 21 to discuss the comprehensive plan. There has been no update on who vandalized Young Park. Lawrence asked for the comprehensive plan be sent to the Baldwin Planning Commission.

**Approve/Disapprove Security Cameras or Deer Cameras at Young Park** - Hudson said he took this as an action item and is working on it. He'll have information ready for the next scheduled meeting. There was discussion on the different types of systems. Handshoe/Rush unanimous to table until the November 4, 2019 regular meeting of Baldwin Township.

**Baldwin Volunteer Corps Update** – Rush reported that the Volunteer Corps met on September 30 to recap the 2019 FunFest. The Car Show doubled in size; and the committee is talking about contacting a carnival. Thank you to the volunteers, and Swantec and Dick Dobson for donating money. Hudson said it would be fun to also see restored tractors at the FunFest.

**City of Princeton Council Report** – Handshoe reported that the council approved a new squad car at the basic cost of \$25,000 with the final price of \$37,000 with lights and added items. A new committee with members of the fire relief association was formed.

**Airport Advisory Board Report** – No report.

**Review/Approve/Disapprove Letter of Support for Livonia Township** – Rush/ Handshoe unanimous to approve the letter of support for Livonia Township with a friendly amendment from Hudson to cross out the work 'against' and change it to 'opposed'.

**Approve/Disapprove New Cell Phone Plan** – Lawrence/Rush unanimous to table until the November 18 meeting.

**Approve/Disapprove Insurance Policy Renewal** – Lawrence/Rush unanimous to table the above item until the November 4, 2019 regular meeting of Baldwin Township.

**TABLED ITEMS:**

**Approve/Disapprove Sherburne County 38 Right-of-Way Claim & Reconstruction** - Lawrence/Hudson unanimous to table the above item until the November 4, 2019 regular meeting of Baldwin Township.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Providing Certificate of Insurance** – Swanson reported that a citizen in Winding Trails wants to see our insurance. It is public information. Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to provide to any resident that may request it.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Hudson stated that he was been working with the clerk/treasurer to lineup a Facebook presence. We ran into a roadblock as we are out of email addresses and we may have to pay for another. He will report back at the next meeting.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

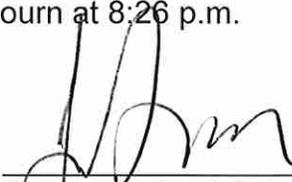
Rush reported that the Princeton School District is considering another referendum. There are three different types of committees that have been meeting for discussion. Since 66% of the children live in Baldwin Township, it would be helpful if there were more representation from Baldwin Township.

**Motion to Approve Bills for Payment** – Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to approve for payment check numbers 23323 through 23350 and 7 EFT payments totaling \$23,573.92.

**Adjourn** – Lawrence/Hudson unanimous to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.



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



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

11-4-2019

Date

Attendees: Scott Schmidt, Lester Kriesel, Zac Good