

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

September 9, 2019

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

Call to Order –The September 9, 2019 regular meeting of Baldwin Township was called to order by Chairman Jay Swanson at 7:01 p.m.

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

Additions/Corrections to Agenda

- Add “Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Sealcoating Young Park Parking Lot” to New Business.
- Add “Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Wastewater Treatment Operator Training” to New Business.
- Add “Approve/Disapprove Rides in Fire Truck at Open House” to Fire Department Report.
- Add “Approve/Disapprove Gift from Dennis Lindberg” to Fire Department Report.
- Add “Request Zone Change” to Road Report.
- Add “Drainage on 119th” to Road Report.

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

August 2019 Final Treasurer’s Report – Receipts of \$11,094.20 and disbursements of \$51,309.25, check numbers 23158 through 23225 and 11 EFT payments leaving an unaudited balance of \$1,724,582.56.

September 2019 Preliminary Treasurer’s Report - The clerk/treasurer reported receipts of \$6,403.02 and disbursements of \$9,023.56 (not including payroll) check numbers 23226 through 23259 and 1 EFT payments leaving an unaudited balance of \$1,721,962.02.

Fire Department Report:

Approve/Disapprove Invoice 629430-7048, St. Cloud University, in the Amount of \$260.00 – Lawrence/Handshoe unanimous to approve invoice 629430-7048 to St. Cloud University in the amount of \$260.00.

Approve/Disapprove Rides in Fire Truck at Open House – Handshoe/Lawrence unanimous to approve allowing rides in the fire truck at the Baldwin Fire Department Open House.

Approve/Disapprove Gift from Dennis Lindberg – Handshoe/Rush unanimous to approve the gift of popcorn to the Fire Department from Dennis Lindberg.

Road Report:

Approve/Disapprove Attending MN Fall Maintenance Expo, Wednesday, October 2 & Thursday, October 3, St. Cloud – Handshoe/Hudson unanimous to approve the fee for any Baldwin Township supervisors and two maintenance personnel who want to attend the MN Fall Maintenance Expo in St. Cloud. If other seasonal maintenance employees want to go the township will pay the fee but not an hourly wage or mileage.

Blue Hill Township Ditches – Lawrence/Hudson unanimous to approve mowing the ditches in Blue Hill Township.

September Maintenance Road Report by Zac Good:

Repairs

- Working on repairing sand/salt shed

Roads

- Ditch mowing planning for 1st week of October. Could we offer to mow Blue Hill Township roads?
- Fall Maintenance Expo. Extend offer to plow drivers to attend with no hourly pay. \$50 for 2 days. \$30 for 1 day.
- Baldwin Township Report-A-Concern is LIVE. Links to this program will be added soon.
- Post Snowplow Drivers wanted ad in newspaper.

Parks

- Parking lot seal coating @ Young Park. Looking for quotes.
 1. Driveway size is 124 'x 25'
 2. Lot size is 179' x 63'
- Option to dish southwest field (behind shed). Also, field east of ballfield. Bob Sromek has offered to supply equipment to level fields. Cost would be hourly rate and fuel for his equipment.
- A.R.C. Irrigation Quote
 1. Ballfield weed and feed \$170
 2. Other lawn area work and feed. Inside fence mowed areas up to ballfield with also spraying small north area of ballfield \$390
 3. Total = \$560.

Report-A-Concern is an interactive map; and will be live soon. Include link and details in next newsletter. The link will be posted on the Baldwin Township website.

Handshoe/Hudson unanimous to approve placing an ad in the newspaper for snowplow drivers.

Sheriff's Report – Sergeant Wilson reported 145 calls for service in the month of August 2019. There was discussion regarding the status of the animal control situation

in Baldwin Township. Baldwin Township has not yet taken any action; although knows that the situation needs to be resolved. Princeton Vet Clinic will be contacted.

Public Comments:

Drainage Issue on 119th Street - Richard Messer, 305th Avenue, said that water in the ditch does not drain to County Road 38; and that he has been pumping it for years. It was agreed that the rise in the swale of the ditch is small and could be reshaped. A difference of a foot is not allowing water out of the Kingsman Addition. Good stated that it is legitimate, and it could be done with a skid steer.

Zone Change - Larry Thoreson, 116th Street, Livonia Township, said he owns property on the southern edge of Baldwin. He is tearing the home down and he would like to know if there are any future plans to rezone that area commercial. Lawrence stated that the area is zoned General Rural right now. Baldwin Township does not have any plans to change that zoning. Mr. Thoreson stated that he may come back in and ask for a land split for that property along with a common driveway. Mr. Thoreson will talk to the county.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Approve Town Board Regular Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2019 and Approve Termination of Summer Employees – Rush/Lawrence unanimous to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 19, 2019 and to approve the termination of the summer employees.

CONDITIONAL & INTERIM USE PERMITS:

Approve/Disapprove Request for Conditional Use Permit for Personal Storage Structure, Birch Acres, Section 36 – Lawrence informed the Town Board that the Planning Commission had no issues with the request for a Conditional Use Permit for a personal storage unit in Birch Acres that was submitted by Vincent Cruz. Even though the property is not directly on a lake but may still be in a lake shore zone, it was suggested it may be best to check the impervious surface. Lawrence/Hudson unanimous to strongly recommend approval along with the comments from the Planning Commission and their findings of fact.

PLATS: None.

VARIANCES:

Approve/Disapprove Request for a 32' Variance in Setback from the Right-of-Way of 99-1/2 Street for a Detached Garage. Required Setback is 67', Birch Acres, Section 36 – Since the Baldwin Planning Commission found no issues and submitted their recommendations and findings of fact, Lawrence/Hudson unanimous to strongly recommend approval for a 32-foot variance in setback from the right-of-way of 99 ½

Street for a detached garage that was requested by Vincent Cruz and include the comments from the Planning Commission and their findings of fact.

OLD BUSINESS:

Park Committee Report – Rush reported that the basketball net is in. It was discussed disking the field behind the brown shed and pavilion. Since it may take a couple of days it was decided to wait until after the Baldwin FunFest. Rush/Handshoe unanimous to approve up to \$1500 to be taken out of the Park Fund to disc the field.

Rush/Handshoe unanimous to approve the quote from A.R.C. Irrigation for weed control for a cost of \$560 to be taken from the Park Fund.

Goose Lake updates: the burnout in the parking lot has been fixed. Discussion on the Eagle Scout project for the sign. Hudson stated that he will obtain a solar powered security light. Discussion on cameras. Discussion on installing electricity to the park.

TCI Baldwin Volunteer Corps Update – Rush reported that everything is going smoothly in preparation for the Baldwin FunFest. The committee will meet again on September 16. A borrowed sound system will provide music. The fire department will provide food, there will be hayrides, a steam tractor, car shoe, Touch-a-Truck and some games for the children.

Planning Commission Report – Lawrence suggested that Baldwin Township needs to review the joint powers agreement that it has with Sherburne County. Baldwin Township is supposed to be 50%. The question is should Baldwin Township argue harder for things the things that Baldwin Township wants, and the county denies. Discussion on incorporation. The Town Board would like to schedule a meeting with Nancy Riddle, Sherburne County Zoning Administrator. Lawrence will talk to her.

City of Princeton Council Report – Handshoe reported there is a CUP requested by a resident to have chickens. The Dairy Queen is moving; the funeral home bought the land they were located on to expand their parking lot.

Airport Advisory Board Report – Handshoe reported that the next meeting for the Princeton Airport Advisory Board is September 16, 2019.

Cell Phone Update – Hudson/Handshoe unanimous to table to the Baldwin Township regular meeting of September 19, 2019.

TABLED ITEMS:

Approve/Disapprove Sherburne County 38 Right-of-Way Claim & Reconstruction (Tabled May 6, 2019) – Hudson/Handshoe unanimous to table the Sherburne County 38 Right-of-Way Claim and Reconstruction to the September 23, 2019 regular meeting

of Baldwin Township. A letter will be drafted and reviewed by the board at that meeting informing the county of concerns the board has after the construction.

Approve/Disapprove Sherburne County Proposed Reimbursement of \$2,000 for County Road 38 Project (Now Changed to \$4,000) – Rush/Handshoe unanimous to approve the Sherburne County reimbursement of \$4,000 for the County Road 38 project. Hudson suggested signing up with Soil & Water and obtain a bunch of trees next spring.

Review/Approve/Disapprove RFP for Wastewater Service Provider Document – The document was reviewed, and the board will move on as township employees will be sent to training.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve/Disapprove TBEI Credit Application – Rush/Handshoe unanimous to approve the TBEI credit application.

Review Monthly Building Permits – The 2019 July and August Building Permits were reviewed.

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Sealcoating Young Park – Discussion on possibly including chip sealing as well with the quote. A quote will be available at the next meeting and, if not, the township will wait until spring to do the work.

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Wastewater Treatment Operator Training – Classes for Wastewater Treatment Operator Training is offered in August and December. It is estimated that a savings of \$9,080 would be gained in the first 12 months, and each household would save about \$219 per year. Swanson/Hudson unanimous to send Zac Good and Phil Fadden to the wastewater treatment operator training classes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Handshoe stated that Baldwin pays our plow drivers \$16/hour and Livonia pays \$22/hour. Everyone is paying more than we are. Good stated that 2 drivers have signed up and he would hate to lose seasoned drivers. Rush stated that average snowplow driver wages are \$9-\$30/hour and the average wage is \$18.66/hour.

Discussion on replacing the Simplicity lawn mower which has over 750 hours on it. The board instructed Good to get quotes on a possible replacement.

Discussion on the Capital Improvement Plan which is in place until the year 2020. If there are projects that need surveying the board needs to put together this year for next

year. Discussion on 125th Street drainage, seal coating, crack sealing, magnesium chloride, triple chip seal and 136th Street north of County Road 42.

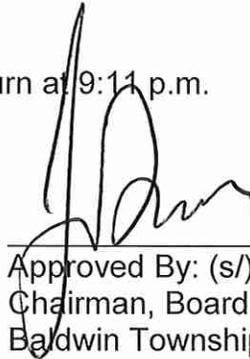
Hudson asked if there was any chance of improving snowmobile access with the park stuff. He may have a proposal in the next few weeks for the Park Committee to look at.

Motion to Approve Bills for Payment – Hudson/Handshoe unanimous to approve for payment check numbers 23226 through 23259 and 1 EFT payment but holding payment for check number 23246 in the amount of \$538.32 for further clarification. The total amount of check numbers 23226 through 23259 total \$14,139.02. After deducting check number 23246 in the amount of \$538.32 the total amount approved for payment of bills is \$13,600.70.

Adjourn – Lawrence/Rush unanimous to adjourn at 9:11 p.m.



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



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

9-23-19

Date

Attendees: Lester W. Kriesel, Richard Messer, Vince Cruz, Zac Good, Larry Thoreson