

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 12, 2013

Baldwin Township Deputy Clerk Cheryl Goetz Dobson called the 2013 Annual Meeting for the Town of Baldwin to order at 8:05 p.m. All citizens present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The deputy clerk accepted nominations for moderator. Kim Good/Terry Carlile motioned to nominate Bryan Lawrence. With no further nominations Kim Good/Betsy Wergin unanimous to install Bryan Lawrence as moderator.

Additions/Corrections to Agenda

Jay Swanson/Kim Good unanimous to add to agenda before item 13 'Approve/Disapprove Funding Capital Fund'.

Approve Agenda

Betsy Wergin/Kim Good unanimous to approve agenda as amended.

Approve Dispensing with the Reading of the March 13, 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes

Dave Patten/Dennis Lindberg unanimous to approve dispensing with the reading of the March 13, 2013 Annual Meeting minutes.

Approve March 13, 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes

After being duly noted that Craig Hilburn was in attendance at last year's annual meeting, Dave Patten/Brad Schumacher unanimous to approve the March 13, 2012 Annual Meeting minutes.

Reading of Board of Audit Report as Posted

Dale Hurni/Betsy Wergin unanimous to dispense with the reading of the Board of Audit report since it's been posted.

2012 Treasurer's Report/2012 Audit

Tom Kaliher of KBP & Co, LTD. was unable to be in attendance to present the audit report although he verbally informed Baldwin Township that the audit was satisfactory. Supervisor Swanson presented an in depth PowerPoint overview that included explanations of a 4 year levy history, property tax payments, the breakdown of general fund, road and bridge fund, fire fund, special revenue fund, capital fund, park fund, cemetery fund, debt service fund, and capital reserve funds income and disbursements. Swanson stressed that if there were any questions on any of the financials that the clerk/treasurer would be available to address the inquiries.

Fire Department Report

Chief Rademacher reported 200 calls in the year 2012. There are now 28 firefighters on the Northeast Sherburne County Fire and Rescue Department with one of those firefighters being an EMT, two being paramedics and one doctor.

The Baldwin firefighters have put in over 2000 hours in training in 2012. Outreach and exposure to the community includes participating in Baldwin Township Cleanup Day, the FunFest at Young Park, daycare visits, and Cub Scout tours. Rademacher said to contact the chief or the town hall if there are any activities that the residents would like the fire department to be a part of.

Since equipment and vehicles are getting older and wearing out, Rademacher spoke about the need to start planning long term by putting revenue into a capital fund. By setting up a yearly amount to put into a capital fund, he said, it would eliminate the urgency of obtaining monies through long term loans to replace worn out equipment.

The firefighters in attendance were acknowledged for their service.

Baldwin Park Committee Progress Report

There has been great progress improving Young Park reported Tom Rush. Trails have been cut, playground equipment installed, and the parking lot blacktopped. Volunteers are needed to still install the boardwalks. Bids for selling the white building are being made, and there are plans to put up a pavilion. Dave Patten took the podium to talk about Goose Lake Park that was recently acquired by Baldwin Township. Keeping with the natural environment, there is talk about installing a fishing pier, canoe launching and cutting out trails.

Road Report

The road and bridge report presented by Jay Swanson outlined the amount of salt/sand, hot tar and class 5 used by the township in 2012. He thanked maintenance and the snowplow drivers for a job well done while maintaining the budget within the levy amount. He informed the assembly that by pooling resources with Livonia Township, that Baldwin was able to save \$30,000 for the repairs to 112th Street. There was discussion regarding Elk Lake Estates, and even though this area needs to be addressed, there are much larger issues than just the asphalt roads that include septic and run off issues.

Approve/Disapprove Capital Fund

Discussion surrounded the need to add money to a capital fund for repairs and purchases of both maintenance and fire department vehicles and equipment. It would be completely up to the residency to add any monies to the levy for this fund, although it was also determined desirable to have as a basis a comprehensive plan outlining what future equipment would be needed.

A motion was made by Dale Hurni; seconded by Terry Carlile to increase the proposed levy by \$25,000. A friendly amendment by Mike Rademacher to increase the levy by \$40,000 with \$10,000 designated to maintenance and \$30,000 designated to the fire department. Discussion prevailed that not enough information is available at this time. After a call the question, the original motion to increase the levy by \$25,000 failed by a citizen vote of 13 ayes to 33 nays.

A motion was made by Mike Rademacher; seconded by Judy Thorsen to increase the capital fund levy by \$37,132 added to the proposed \$7,868 amount to total \$45,000. Discussion followed. With a citizen vote of 38 ayes and 13 nays the motion carries.

A motion was made by Jeff Holm; seconded by Mike Rademacher to increase the Road and Bridge levy to \$50,000 which would increase the total levy to 11%. With a citizen vote of 22 ayes and 23 nays the motion fails.

A motion was made by Chuck Nagle; seconded by Terry Carlile to increase the general fund levy by \$25,000. With a citizen vote of 20 yeas and 24 nays the motion fails.

2014 Budget Proposal

Jay Swanson reviewed, by fund, the proposed budget for 2014. The following is the proposed 2014 budget that had been determined by the town board prior to the Annual Meeting:

	<u>PROPOSED FOR 2014</u>	<u>CERTIFIED FOR 2013</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$185,000	\$185,000
ROAD & BRIDGE	\$480,256	\$480,256
CAPITAL FUND	\$ 7,268	\$ 6,268
FIRE FUND	\$110,000	\$110,000
PARK FUND	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 85,476	\$ 87,476
TOTAL	\$894,000	\$894,000

General Discussion of Items of Concern
None.

Approve 2014 Budget/Levy

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PARK FUND	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 85,876	\$ 87,476
TOTAL	\$931,132	\$894,000

A motion was made by Betsy Wergin; seconded by Dave Patten to approve the 2014 budget/levy. With a citizen vote of 49 yeas and 0 nays the motion carries.

Election Results

Deputy Clerk Cheryl Goetz Dobson provided the election results to attendees at the Annual Meeting.

For the Baldwin Township Supervisor "B" position for a three (3) year term, candidate Randy Atwood received 187 votes. Candidate Brad Schumacher received 140 votes. Write in votes were Shelly Larson with three (3) votes, Kimberly Good with one (1) vote, Michael Price with one (1) vote and nine (9) under votes. Total of 341 votes cast. The election results were signed by all election judges: Nancy P. Dorweiler, Sharon J. Matz, Jerry Mueller, Lester Kriesel, Gloria Semke and Richard Harris.

For the Baldwin Township Supervisor "D" position candidate Chuck Nagle received 74 votes. Candidate Tom Rush received 244 votes. Write in votes were Shelly Larson with eleven (11) votes, Kimberly Good with two (2) votes, Brad Schumacher with one (1) vote, John Bowen with one (1) vote, Jeremy Linden with one (1) vote and Cindy with one (1) vote with one (1) over vote and five (5) under votes. Total of 341 votes cast. The election results were signed by all election judges: Nancy P. Dorweiler, Sharon J. Matz, Jerry Mueller, Lester Kriesel, Gloria Semke and Richard Harris.

Legal Publisher/Depository/Public Postings

The moderator stated that the current legal publisher is the Princeton Union-Eagle, the depository is Bremer Bank and the public postings are the town hall and Marv's True Value. Betsy Wergin/Kim Good unanimous to approve the current legal publisher, depository and public posting areas.

2014 Annual Meeting, 2nd Tuesday in March, 2014, 8:01 p.m.

Adjourn

Kim Good/Dennis Lindberg unanimous to adjourn at 10:44 p.m.



Submitted By: (s/
Cheryl Goetz Dobson
Deputy Clerk
Baldwin Township


Approved By: (s/) Bryan Lawrence
Moderator

Attendees: Pat Skarohlid, Krisie Galligher, Bryan Galligher, Gloria Semke, Phil Fadden, Kimberly Good, June DeLong, Jerome DeLong, Julius Dorweiler, Jeremy Peterson, Steve Lundeen, Tim Wesely, Dale Hurni, Randy Atwood, Michelle Ashe, Gregg Ashe, David Schuldt, Tom Rush, Carol Swanson, Larry Handshoe, Elaine Byker, Audrey Misiura, Jay Swanson, Ann Martink, Ross Martin, Lance Soderholm, Justin Suckut, Bill Swigart, Joe Kiel, Gary Taylor, Mike Rademacher, Scott Case, Brandon Bedbury, Sarah Bedbury, Craig Hilburn, Dennis Lindberg, Judy Thorsen, David Patten, Mike Brinwall, Tech Huntington, Jay Johnson, Bryan Lawrence, Betsy Wergin, Shelly Larson, Brad Schumacher, John Bowen, Cal Watson, Joel Stottrup, Bonnie Zurek, Elaine Philippi, Shelly Atwood, Jolene Rademacher, Jeremy Baty, MaryBeth Torborg, Dylan Howard, Chuck Nagle, Travis Carlson, Scott Vanderbeek, Jeff Holm