



# BALDWIN TOWNSHIP

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**Town of Baldwin**  
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### Office Hours

**8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon—Fri**  
**Closed Daily 12:00 noon to 12:30 p.m.**

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### TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Brad Schumacher, Chair—612-716-3566  
Jay Swanson—763-856-4201  
Tom Rush—763-389-8931  
Bryan Lawrence—763-389-8931  
Larry Handshoe—612-961-7020

### CLERK / TREASURER

Cathy Stevens—763-389-8931  
Cheryl Dobson, Deputy Clerk  
763-389-8931

### ANIMAL CONTROL

Craig Hilburn—612-501-7814

### FIRE STATION

**\*\*EMERGENCY DIAL 911\*\***

Scott Case, Fire Chief  
763-389-7976

### MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

763-389-0036

### SHERBURNE COUNTY WEBSITE:

[www.co.sherburne.mn.us](http://www.co.sherburne.mn.us)

### BALDWIN TOWNSHIP WEBSITE:

<http://baldwintownship.govoffice.com>

**Burning Permits at the town hall or  
online at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us.burningpermits>**

## ANNUAL MEETING

**BALDWIN**

**TOWNSHIP**

### AND ELECTION IS MARCH 13, 2018

Polls open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.  
Precinct 1 & 2 will be combined and  
Voting will be held in the Town Hall

The Annual Meeting starts at 8:01 p.m.  
The Annual Meeting will be held in the Maintenance Shop  
right after the polls close.

Positions are open for Supervisor 'A' and Supervisor 'E'.  
These positions are both for a 3 year term.

### Why You Should Attend

- Elect Supervisors for a 3-year term.
- Learn how the 2019 levy is proposed to be spent
- Electors approve proposed levy. Levy is certified to Sherburne County by September 15.
- Authorize actions by the Town Board for the next year.

This is your Election, your Annual Meeting, your opportunity to determine how your local tax dollars will be spent.

**Township Government is the  
only level of Government in  
which people can participate  
in this way!**

### ALL PRECINCTS VOTE AT THE BALDWIN TOWN HALL

**Polls open at 10:00 a.m. and close  
at 8:00 p.m.** Voters waiting in line  
at closing time are allowed to register/vote. Those who arrive after  
the closing hour are not allowed to  
vote.

To be eligible to vote, a person  
must be 18 years of age or older  
the day of the election, a US citizen,  
and have maintained residence  
in MN for 20 days preceding  
the election.

If you have moved, changed your  
name, just became eligible to vote  
or have not voted in the last four  
years, you need to register. Voter  
registration applications are available  
at the Township or County  
offices.

**Baldwin Township is seeking Park Committee volunteers.  
If interested contact the Baldwin Town Hall for an application.**

## MORE ABOUT ANNUAL MEETINGS

Information taken from Minnesota Township News

The Annual Township Meeting is held on the second Tuesday in March unless bad weather requires that it be postponed. The Meeting is then held the third Tuesday in March. If bad weather forces cancellation again, the Town Board must set another date for the Meeting within 39 days of the third Tuesday. A 10 day published notice of the date and time of the Meeting is required.

The Town Clerk is charged with convening the meeting and taking official minutes. The Deputy Clerk acts in her absence; if neither is available, the electors (Town residents) appoint someone to take the minutes. The electors appoint a moderator to oversee the meeting. The Meeting is a meeting of the people, not the Town Board. Supervisors can participate as citizens and can provide information so the electors can make informed decisions; the Board does not run the Meeting.

Any person may attend and speak at the Annual Meeting, but only those eligible to vote in the Township Election may cast a vote at the meeting. The moderator determines the outcome of any vote. A person's eligibility to vote may be challenged by any resident. The validity of the challenge is to be determined by the election judges appointed for the Township Election. A vote at the meeting may occur in any manner decided by the residents. No formal paper ballot is required; however to allow for any issue for which a vote may be taken at the annual meeting to instead be submitted as a formal ballot question at the Town's Election.

Minnesota Statute 365.431, with very limited exceptions, prohibits the Town Board from certifying a levy in excess of the amount approved at the Annual Meeting. However the electors may opt to continue the meeting to a later date such as August so the levy can reflect any statutory changes that may be adopted during the legislative session.

Other issues that can be dealt with at the Meeting are: authorization for expenditures for a new town hall, authorize nuisance ordinances to be adopted by the Town Board, authorization to proceed with road vacations, set the location for the next year's Annual Meeting.

Most of the actions taken at the Annual Meeting simply authorize the Town Board to take action and are not binding on the Board. Actions such as setting monthly meeting schedule, designating a posting place and official newsletter, and similar actions should occur at the first meeting following the taking of the oath of office of all new supervisors—this is commonly known as the organizational meeting. Preferences of the electors can be discussed at the Annual Meeting, but only the Board can take official action on these matters. The electors cannot authorize the Town Board to do something otherwise prohibited by law or which the Township lacks the authority to do. For example the electors cannot authorize the Town Board to ignore the Open Meeting Law or operate a municipal liquor store.

### Calendar of Events

(Unless otherwise noted, all meetings start at 7:00 p.m.)

February 5	Town Board Regular Meeting
February 15	Park Board Committee Meeting
February 19	<b>PRESIDENTS DAY</b> (Office Closed)
February 20	Town Board Regular Meeting
February 28	Planning Commission Meeting
March 5	Town Board Regular Meeting
March 13	<b>ANNUAL ELECTION</b> <b>ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING</b> (The Annual Meeting starts at 8:01 p.m. after the polls close)
March 19	Town Board Regular Meeting
March 28	Planning Commission Meeting
April 2	Town Board Regular Meeting
April 16	Town Board Regular Meeting
April 19	Park Board Committee Meeting
April 25	Planning Commission Meeting

**Baldwin Township annual Clean-Up Day** will be May 19, 2018. We will have more information available on our website with further information.

**Go Green** with the electronic version of this newsletter. The newsletter is available on our website <http://baldwintownship.govoffice.com>. Let us know if you would like your name removed from the paper mailing list, and we will notify you by email when the newest version is available online. Going green helps reduce paper usage as well as saves the Township postage costs.



**Vandalism** of Township property results in increased property taxes. Street signs that are stolen are expensive to replace. Cleaning garbage dumped in Township right-of-ways also becomes expensive to remove. Contact the Sherburne County Sheriff's Department non-emergency number at 763-765-3500.





## WINTER REMINDERS:

- The snowplows may be called out when an accumulation of 2 INCHES or more of snow has fallen. They are not sent out until snowfall has stopped or snowfall is more than 6 inches.
- The Township is not responsible for: Snow thrown in driveways, repair or replacement of mailboxes, fences, etc., damaged by thrown snow or equipment hitting the above objects that are not properly located or installed, or **damaged to any type of landscaping done within the Right-of-Way.** (Township Right-of-Way is 33 feet from the centerline of the road.)
- Per MN Statute 160.27a1, it is unlawful to push or plow snow into or across any public road. When clearing snow from your driveways, snow must be directed onto your own property. Exercise caution in following or approaching plow trucks. Snowplows are not as maneuverable as smaller vehicles. Violators will be cited. Snow piles left on or near the side of the road create a hazard to all vehicles including plow equipment.
- **ICE CONTROL AND SALT / SAND APPLICATION:**
  1. **First Priority: Priority routes, high volume intersections, hills and curves.** These areas will be sanded with the first pass of the plow.
  2. **Second Priority: Stop intersections, moderate volume intersections.**
  3. **Third Priority: Residential intersections.**
- Snowstorms create numerous problems and inconveniences. The residents will also have certain responsibilities. These include clearing their own driveways, clearing areas for trashcans and clearing around mailboxes. These areas should be cleared without depositing any snow into the street. The Township will not clear private drives.



## SHERBURNE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

### 2018 Tree Sale

The Sherburne Soil and Water Conservation District is holding its annual tree sale to encourage tree planting in Sherburne County.

Included in this email is your 2018 tree sale order form. Twenty-six varieties of trees and shrubs will be offered by the SWCD. This year the SWCD is excited to offer 3 new species added to the sale; Bi-Color Oak, Bur Oak and Mountain Ash. Bare root seedlings are easy to plant, grow quickly and come in bundles of 25. Many of the species being offered provide food and shelter for birds and wildlife year round. Additionally, trees can increase the value of your property and conserve energy by shading your house in Summer and sheltering it from cold winds in Winter.

Tree orders will be available for pick-up April 19th through April 21st at the Sherburne County Fair Grounds.

*Don't Delay, Order Today!*

More information on the tree sale can be found at:  
[www.sherburneswcd.org/tree-sale-plant-sale.html](http://www.sherburneswcd.org/tree-sale-plant-sale.html)

To request a hard copy of the tree order form, please contact our office at 763-241-1170 x 4.



### COMMUNITY BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT



## ABRA Auto Body & Glass

32018 125th Street  
Princeton, MN 55371

1.888.USA.ABRA

Phone: 763-633-2272

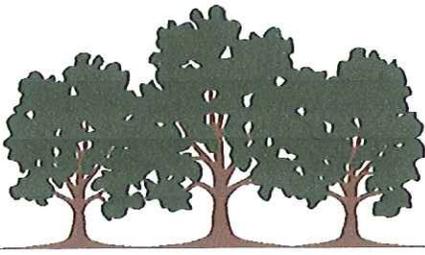
Fax: 763-633-2274

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ABRA Auto Body & Glass is committed to maintaining a standard of care and service above the competition. Our superior customer service and trained vehicle repair technicians want to repair your vehicle right on time ... the first time. ABRA uses top quality parts and state-of-the-art processes on all repairs.

If you're a local business and would like to be featured in our next newsletter, please contact us.



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The Fire Department has taken delivery of our newest apparatus; a new wildland response vehicle that will be designated Grass 3. The Department should get many years of emergency response service from this 2018 Ford F-550.

Remember to check your carbon monoxide detectors during this heating season to insure they are working properly.

As always, if you are interested in helping your community, please stop in at the township office and pick up a firefighter application.



**Ice is Never 100% Safe!**

4"	5-7"	8-12"	12-15"
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Minimum Ice Thickness Guidelines for New Clear Ice Only

m DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES [mndnr.gov/icesafety](http://mndnr.gov/icesafety)

### For new, clear ice only

#### Under 4" - STAY OFF

- 4" - Ice fishing or other activities on foot
- 5" - 7" - Snowmobile or ATV
- 8" - 12" - Car or small pickup
- 12" - 15" - Medium truck

Many factors other than thickness can cause ice to be unsafe.

White ice or "snow ice" is only about half as strong as new clear ice. Double the above thickness guidelines when traveling on white ice.