

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP WORKSHOP

November 17, 2010

Present – Supervisors Larry Handshoe, Jim Oliver, Tom Rush and Jay Swanson. Supervisor Jeff Holm was not present. Also present were township engineer Jon Bogart and township attorney Troy Gilchrist.

Call to Order – The November 17, 2010 Baldwin Township workshop meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Oliver at 7:10 p.m.

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

Discuss Headwall/Obstruction Issues

The purpose of the workshop is to determine on how to go forward with the current headwall issues; and setting new standards for driveways before further growth develops in Baldwin Township.

Because of the rapid growth of development in Baldwin Township there was not a consistent inspection standard in effect for culverts and driveways. Frequently the construction was done by homeowners of the property and not by the contractors; therefore the results contributed to the current headwall and obstruction issues. Local governments tried to come up with standards to reflect the state statute which resulted in further confusion.

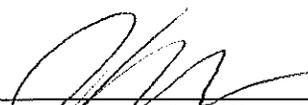
Discussion progressed to include public education regarding headwalls and obstructions. Baldwin Township's engineer standards strictly prohibit headwalls. The letters sent out to the public were to the point with a portion of the residents complying right away. Other residents were confused with what to do. Baldwin needs to make an ordinance to match the engineer standards; and agree to develop and pursue a plan of action.

Coordination of the township ordinance and the engineering standards along with a township board developed plan of action will take place.

Adjournment – Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to adjourn at 8:53 p.m.



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



Approved By: (s/) Jeffrey Holm
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Baldwin Township