



BALDWIN TOWNSHIP

30239 128th Street, Princeton MN 55371

Candidates Forum March 5, 2011
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the
Baldwin Town Hall

March 2011

Election & Town Meeting
March 8, 2011

Baldwin Township voters will mark their ballots March 8 between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. at the township hall located at 30239 – 128th Street. Precinct 1 and Precinct 2 will be combined. The three candidates who have filed for Town Supervisor Seat “C” are Kimberly Good, Chuck Nagle and Paul Vollkommer. This is a three (3) year term. The three candidates who have filed for the special election for Town Supervisor seat “B” are Randy Atwood, Lester W. Kriesel and Brad Schumacher. This special election is to fill a vacancy expiring March 12, 2013.

After the polls close at 8 p.m. the Annual Meeting will begin in the maintenance building attached to the town hall. All residents are encouraged to cast their ballots and then attend the meeting.

Baldwin Township **Levy/Budget Proposal**

General	Proposed 2012	\$175,000
	Certified 2011	\$185,000
Road/Bridge	Proposed 2012	\$280,256
	Certified 2011	\$385,000
Capital Fund	Proposed 2012	\$ 5,000
	Certified 2011	\$ 75,000
Fire Fund	Proposed 2012	\$ 90,000
	Certified 2011	\$137,000
Cemetery Fund	Proposed 2012	\$ 0
	Certified 2011	\$ 1,000
Park Fund	Proposed 2012	\$ 2,000
	Proposed 2011	\$ 1,000
Debt Service	Proposed 2012	\$231,744
	Certified 2011	\$ 0
Total	Proposed 2012	\$784,000
	Certified 2011	\$784,000

Baldwin Township Supervisors met on January 25 at a special meeting to discuss and decide the proposed levy for year 2012. The levy for 2012 represents a zero percent increase from the 2011 levy and will be presented at the Township Annual Meeting on March 8, 2011 at 8:01 p.m. The levy amount is set by a simple vote of the Baldwin residents who attend the annual meeting.

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TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Jeff Holm, Chair—763-389-8931
Jay Swanson, Vice Chair—763-856-4201
Larry Handshoe—763-389-3195
Tom Rush—763-389-8931
Supervisor “B” - Open

CLERK/TREASURER

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

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Roland Thompson—763-389-5406

FIRE STATION

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Mike Rademacher, Fire Chief—763-350-0378

SHERBURNE COUNTY WEB SITE:

www.co.sherburne.mn.us

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP WEB SITE:

Approved Town Board meeting minutes can be found
at
<http://baldwintownship.govoffice.com>

Baldwin Township
CLEAN UP DAY
is scheduled for April 30, 2011
8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



HCP Steering Committee Update

Baldwin Township's Strategic Planning Committee applied to the Initiative Foundation for a long range planning seed money grant. Baldwin's application was chosen from competition and was the first ever to be awarded to a township. This more structured planning effort is known as Healthy Community Partnership (HCP). In addition to financial assistance, the Initiative Foundation technical guidance will help to assure overall success. To that end, a representative of the Initiative Foundation attends each of the monthly HCP Steering Committee meetings.

The three functional task forces; (1) Parks, Environment and Social Capital; (2) Economic Development; and (3) Government Innovations have each identified unique projects from last summer's "visioning session" desired outcomes list. Each project has been approved by the steering committee, town board and ultimately the Initiative Foundation. A number of these projects will require funding for which township matching funds grant money is available.

One of the recurring themes at the Visioning Session and in task force discussions is that Baldwin could do better in their "government" to "resident/business" communications. To that end the town board has authorized a bi-monthly township newsletter to replace the quarterly editions. The town board sincerely does wish to hear from one and all in the most efficient and cost effective manner. Money can be saved by sending you these updates via an email message. If you send a message to BaldwinSubscribe@Gmail.com, we will have your email address for the green edition. There is a separate update from each of the HCP task forces elsewhere in this edition. Watch each newsletter for HCP task forces updates regarding Baldwin's planning efforts for the future. This planning process is structured yet it is a grass roots effort with many residents volunteering their time for long term benefits.

Parks, Environment & Social Capital Task Force

Thanks to all Baldwin residents who came out to Young Park's first event, the Winter Solstice Celebration on December 19, 2010. Members of the Parks/Social Capital task force were pleased to offer the activities for all residents with partial funding from the Initiative Foundation. We met some new faces and many stories of Kermit and Margritte Young's history on the land were shared. The full moon offered special lighting for our celebration of the shortest day of the year. We hope to offer another event this spring. See the Baldwin HCP Facebook page for ongoing discussion and details as they develop.

The Parks/Social Capital task force received approval for a mini-grant through Sherburne County's share of State Health Improvement Program (S.H.I.P.) This provides matching funds for monies in our Park Development Fund to provide bicycle racks and trail signs at Young Park along with some matching money for another event this spring with a healthy activities emphasis. Please contact the town hall if you would like to help or give us your suggestions for activities for the event.

There are several outside work days planned for Young Park trail development this winter/spring. If you are willing to help clear small trees and haul brush for a few hours on a Saturday, please call the town hall and leave your name and phone number or email.

Contact Dean Kleinhans at 763-389-1774 or email dkleinhans@q.com for more information on this task force.

HCP Government Innovations Task Force Update

As you read in the HCP steering committee section of this newsletter, there are currently three task forces attempting to take Baldwin Township to the next level. As mentioned in the last communication, the mission statement of this Government Innovations Task Force is "To determine the services that Baldwin residents and businesses need and determine the most efficient and cost effective manner to provide them". Currently the Government Innovations Task Force core group consists of seven hard working residents plus a town board liaison that have been meeting each two weeks during this startup phase. Once the organizational process is well established we will likely revert back to monthly meetings with possible sub-group work sessions in between formal meetings.

We have identified four projects that have been approved by the HCP steering committee, town board and the Initiative Foundation. They are; (1) Unified Addressing System; (2) Comprehensive Planning; (3) Budget Research Committee; and (4) Administrative Committee. Initiative Foundation approval means that each project is eligible if needed for a Baldwin matching funds grant each year for up to five years. In addition the Initiative Foundation will provide technical guidance and referrals to help ensure project success.

The first project started was the Unified Addressing System, formerly known as fire number, EMS or 911 signs. The sub-group have begun using the more general term to be consistent with the State of Minnesota and to indicate that visible property address information at the street or road is valuable for many purposes beyond emergencies. The task force sub-group has contacted neighboring townships, county officials and numerous service agencies for the input. The next step is a public hearing to review the findings and for the town board to receive resident input on March 22 at 7:00 pm.

The second project, Comprehensive Planning is being worked on simultaneously by a different task force sub-group. This sub-group has spent time getting educated about the process used for developing a comprehensive plan. Three neighboring township planning commissions were visited, each of who which approached their process differently was very enlightening. At the March 7 town board meeting, there will be a public hearing at 8:00 pm for the town board to receive input on a new township ordinance to create a formal planning commission. If the ordinance is approved, the next step will be to publicize the application process for residents who may wish to serve on the commission.

The third project, Budget Research Committee is just underway. The intent to research best practices for dealing with some of the significant financial challenges facing Baldwin both currently and in the future.

ATTENTION TOWNSHIP BUSINESSES

BUSINESS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

TUESDAY MAY 10, 2011 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

FINISH LINE CAFÉ

- Meet area businesses
 - Short program
- Find out how we can make Baldwin a business friendly township
 - Two people per business, please

More information and invitations will be available soon!

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
MARCH 8, 2011, 8:01 p.m.
BALDWIN TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE BUILDING
30239 – 128TH STREET

- 8:01 p.m. Call to Order – Deputy Clerk
- 8:02 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance – Deputy Clerk
- 8:03 p.m. Appointment of Moderator
- 8:05 p.m. Additions/Corrections to Agenda
- 8:07 p.m. Approve Agenda
- 8:09 p.m. Approve Dispensing with the Reading of the March 9, 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes
- 8:10 p.m. Approve March 9, 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes
- 8:11 p.m. Reading of Board of Audit Report as Posted – Deputy Clerk
- 8:15 p.m. 2010 Treasurer’s Report
- 8:20 p.m. Fire Department Report – Department Officer
- 8:30 p.m. Baldwin Park Committee Progress Report – Supervisor Tom Rush
- 8:40 p.m. Road Report – Supervisor Jay Swanson
- 8:50 p.m. Healthy Communities Partnership/MN Public Radio Information Update – Supervisor Jeff Holm
- 9:00 p.m. Princeton Area Library Presentation & Request for Funding
- 9:05 p.m. Princeton All Night Senior Party Request for Funding – Mary Ward
- 9:10 p.m. 2012 Budget Proposal – Supervisor Jeff Holm
- 9:20 p.m. Approve 2012 Budget/Levy
- 9:25 p.m. Election Results (if available). Board of Canvass meets immediately following the Annual Meeting to officially certify the election results.
- 9:30 p.m. General Discussion of Items of Concern - Residents
- 9:35 p.m. Legal Publisher/Depository/Public Postings
- 9:40 p.m. 2012 Annual Meeting, 2nd Tuesday in March, 2012, 8:01 p.m.

Adjourn



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March Township Calendar

- 1 Economic Development Task Force 6:00 p.m.
- 5 Office Open for Absentee Voting 10:00 a.m.—Noon
Candidates Forum 1—3 p.m.
- 8 Town Election—Polls Open 10:00 a.m.
Annual Meeting 8:01 p.m.
Board of Canvass Mtg (follows annual meeting)
- 10 Gov’t Innovation Task Force Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Park Committee 7:00 p.m.
- 17 County Planning 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Town Board Address Signs Public Hearing 7:00 p.m.
- 29 HCP Steering Committee Mtg.. 6:00 p.m.