

## BALDWIN TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING

April 27, 2010

**Present** – Supervisors Larry Handshoe, Jim Oliver, Tom Rush and Jay Swanson.

**Call to Order** – The April 27, 2010 Baldwin Township special meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Jay Swanson at 6:04 p.m.

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

### **Special Meeting with Jon Bogart, Township Engineer**

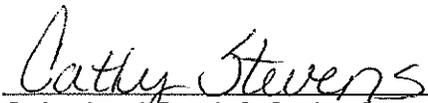
The special meeting with Jon Bogart was called because of the problems that Baldwin Township seemingly is having with the Capital Improvement Plan. At the last meeting the township board was not happy with the numbers given. Bogart says he still thinks that the Capital Improvement Plan numbers are valid and real, but stressed that the numbers are approximate and meant for putting together budgets. Contracts are let on a unit price contract with the final number determined at the end of the job when it's known how many units were used. The plan is used to develop budgets as the plan goes forward, and not meant for anything else. The numbers are based on a measured length of road, but may vary after the project begins depending on what may be found underneath the road.

Supervisor Jeff Holm arrived at 6:17 p.m.

Swanson said the board needs to look at the Capital Improvement Plan as a menu, and that the board is counting on Bogart to guide them on how to do the road projects. When there are added costs before the beginning of a project, it throws off the process; therefore it's difficult to go out for a bid.

When it was stated that certain road projects should have been started earlier, Bogart said he has told every township that designing and planning should be started in the fall. Bogart said it's difficult, and communication with the board is slack, when he is not at the meetings to explain things when questions do arise. He requested that if there is going to be discussion on road projects or drainage issues that he be invited to the meeting to avoid miscommunication. Working with the township board is a priority.

**Adjourn** – Holm/Handshoe unanimous to adjourn at 7:07 p.m.

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

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