

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING

May 11, 2010

Present – Supervisors Larry Handshoe, Jeff Holm, Jim Oliver and Jay Swanson. Township engineer, Jon Bogart, was also present.

Call to Order – The May 11, 2010 special Town Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Holm at 6:04 p.m.

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

Approve/Disapprove Cracksealing Projects – Bogart stated that he recommends cracksealing the roads listed as Condition “B” on the road condition map dated September 2008.

Supervisor Tom Rush arrived at 6:07 p.m.

Bogart informed the board that the last bid he received for Livonia Township was \$1,800 per mile. But, with Baldwin’s lack of cracksealing in the past he estimates that Baldwin’s cost would be \$3,500 per mile.

Swanson made a motion to spend \$50,000 on cracksealing with the ability to go to \$55,000. Swanson then rescinded his motion.

Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to crackseal 15 miles of road with the contingency on 5-10 alternate miles. Swanson would also like to include 125th Street for cracksealing and then chipsealing. Discussion was held regarding 125th Street drainage issues. Discussion was held regarding striping to include fog lines. Bogart recommended working with the county and go with their striping program.

Approve/Disapprove 2010 Road Projects - Swanson stated that 285th Avenue is classified as a “C” road and the estimated cost to rebuild would run \$85,000-\$100,000. Bogart stated that he would need to take cross sections every 50 feet to determine if a rebuild or a reconstruction would be best. Rush suggested doing all the major road construction projects listed for 2010 and 2011 and forget the cracksealing. Swanson replied that 99-1/2 Street will be done in a different way and 289th Avenue and 127th Street is a project that will affect 5 people. Holm stated that 305th Avenue from just west of County Road 45 to 136th Street is in bad shape. Holm stated that 125th Street will get cracksealing, chipsealing and seal coating. 99-1/2 Street is a small project and a contractor could just patch the shoulder. Bogart stated that he is nervous about what may be under that road but it should be fairly easy to obtain 3 quotes.

Discussion was held regarding specifications for smaller projects and where the specifications would come from. Bogart stated that he can draw up the specifications pretty quickly but would want to be out on the job watching when the work is done. Bogart will draw up the specifications and send it to the clerk tomorrow. Swanson/Handshoe

unanimous to have Jon Bogart come up with the specifications for 99-1/2 Street and obtain 3 quotes for the project. The request for quotes will not be placed in the newspaper.

Holm stated that the board would need to commission Bogart to go in and obtain cross sections for 285th Avenue. Bogart stated that he does not know what the cost would be tonight but would get back to the township with an estimate. Swanson asked if easements would need to be obtained for recontouring the road with Bogart replying "possibly". Holm stated that 285th Avenue is not classified as a "D" road and suggested fixing a class "D" road first. Holm asked Bogart for an estimate to fix 305th Avenue from County Road 45 to 136th Street. Bogart came back with an estimate of \$350,000 for the first phase and then another \$100,000 for another lift.

Bogart stated that he liked the 285th Avenue idea. Swanson questioned whether the road should just be resurfaced or widened. Bogart suggested widening but first look at what the cost would be. He will obtain cross sections and models and then let the board know his opinion. Swanson stated that he has no problem commissioning Bogart to go out and see what is needed for 285th Avenue with an approximate cost of \$4,800 fee from Bogart. Swanson/Oliver motion to commission Jon Bogart to determine the best way to fix 285th Avenue. Upon voice vote, the motion carried with Holm opposed.

Swanson reiterated that Bogart needs to figure out what the chipseal on 125th Street would cost; the board needs more solid answers and a bid sheet for 99-1/2 Street and also include 313th Avenue for cracksealing.

Approve/Disapprove Street Sweeping – Bogart stated that he knows of a person in Big Lake that sweeps the roads and actually picks up the material and may be cheaper than the \$75.00/hour price given by West Branch Construction. Swanson stated that 125th Street needs to be swept before anything can happen. Rush questioned how much time and how much road would be done and was an attachment to the township mower ever priced. Oliver/Rush unanimous to table until the June regular town board meeting.

Approve/Disapprove Bulk Mail Permit – Oliver stated that a bulk mail permit would save money as a mailer will be going out to approximately 5,000 households. The permit would save the township 10 cents per piece. The cost is a one time fee of \$185.00 plus \$185.00 per year. Handshoe/Swanson unanimous to approve.

Adjourn – Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to adjourn at 8:11 p.m.



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



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