

Baldwin Township Special Meeting
June 7, 2011

Present – Supervisors Jay Swanson, Larry Handshoe, Randy Atwood and Kim Good. Supervisor Tom Rush was absent.

Call to Order – The June 7, 2011 special meeting of Baldwin Township was called to order by Chairman Jay Swanson at 6:57 p.m.

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

Consultation with Attorney John Steffenhagen, Hellmuth & Johnson Law Firm – After reading everything available on the Baldwin Township website and newspaper articles, John Steffenhagen said it would be his pleasure to represent Baldwin Township regarding the potential annexation issues involving the City of Princeton. He highlighted his experience in municipal incorporation and annexation matters particularly in his success with the annexation/incorporation conflict with Columbus Township and the City of Forest Lake.

It was stated that townships normally do not fare well when going against a city in annexation issues, therefore Steffenhagen wanted to discuss with the Township Board what they would be up against, answer any questions and find out what Baldwin Township's goals are.

With a good defense, Steffenhagen said that a judge would take into consideration how an annexation would impact, and is best, for the region rather than the township or the city. The board was told Baldwin Township has the responsibility to prove they can take action to be like a city with the first step being to hire a good city planner who will look at all the facts and help come up with goals. He felt there were enough facts to argue if the township decided to go forward.

Adjourn – Handshoe/Good unanimous to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.



Submitted By: (s/)
Cheryl K. Goetz Dobson
Deputy Clerk
Baldwin Township



Approved By: (s/) Jay Swanson
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Baldwin Township

Attendees: Chuck Nagel