

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

September 18, 2012

Present – Supervisors Jay Swanson, Kimberly Good, Larry Handshoe, Tom Rush and Randy Atwood.

Call to Order – The September 18, 2012 regular meeting of Baldwin Township was called to order by Chairman Jay Swanson at 7:00 p.m.

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

Additions/Corrections to Agenda - Under Old Business is added:

- Park Boardwalk Update
- Update on Belmont Ridge Letter of Credit
- Approve/Disapprove Computer Tower

Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda With/Without Additions/Corrections – Handshoe/Good unanimous to approve regular meeting agenda with additions.

September 2012 Preliminary Treasurer's Report - The clerk reported receipts of \$3,018.25 and disbursements of \$5,020.94, check numbers 16809 through 16820 and 1 EFT payment leaving an unaudited balance of \$431,515.78.

Approval of Consent Agenda – After noting a friendly amendment to a change in the second paragraph under *Discuss 2013 Road Projects* to correct the word 'his' to 'is', Rush/Good unanimous to approve the Baldwin Township Workshop meeting minutes of September 4, the September 4 Special Closed Employee Review minutes (two sets) and the September 10, 2012 Baldwin Township Regular Meeting minutes.

Discuss Hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event in the Spring – John Exner, Sherburne County Zoning was present to discuss Baldwin Township holding a household hazardous waste collection event. The event would be free to the township as the county would pay for it through SCORE dollars. His estimate for Baldwin would be approximately 250 cars. The county would handle the advertising and staff needed along with the approved contractors. The date chosen by the Baldwin Town Board would be pending until County Board approval. He reported that 56 Baldwin residents participated in past events this past year. Swanson stated that he would prefer to schedule it after our spring clean up day. Good requested that the item be placed on the October 1, 2012 regular meeting agenda to approve day.

Open Forum for Citizens – Christie Miller requested the township allow the road grader operator to cut the road in front of her driveway down 2 to 4 inches until a permanent solution can be made.

Chuck Nagle mentioned that there may be a possible correction to the workshop minutes concerning the 112th Street road project. Other items were mentioned but not listed on the Public Comment Request Form.

Gene Nitz requested the Town Board to look into lower speed limit signs in the Elk Lake Estates area.

CONDITIONAL & INTERIM USE PERMITS: None.

PLATS: None.

VARIANCES:

41' Variance in Setback from the R-O-W of 284th Avenue for New Residence & a 69' Variance in Setback from the O.H.W.L. of Sandy Lake for New Residence (2 Variances) – James Burns is requesting a 69' variance in setback from the O.H.W.L. of Sandy Lake to remove existing residence and replace with a new residence. Required setback from a recreational development lake is 100'. Residence will be 31' from the O.H.W.L. Atwood/Rush unanimous to approve the 41' variance in setback from the ROW of 284th Avenue for a new residence and a 69' variance in setback from the O.H.W.L. of Sandy Lake for a new residence with the following comments:

1. Move house or combine Lots 14 and 15, Block 1.
2. Lots 13 and 14. Move to one or the other or combine lots.
3. Put septic on Lot 14, Block 1 so that the septic would not have to go under the road.
4. Hold Baldwin Township harmless if the septic does go under the road. The owner/engineer would be responsible.
5. Applicant is responsible incurred for engineering and/or other fees.
6. Variance fits/conforms with neighboring areas.

OLD BUSINESS:

County Planning & Zoning Report – Bryan Lawrence was not present but did communicate to the Baldwin Chair that there was no meeting held last month.

Baldwin Planning Commission Update – Randy Atwood reported that there was no meeting in the month of September due to lack of a quorum.

Princeton Planning Commission Update – Randy Atwood reported on updates in front of the Princeton Planning Commission.

Boardwalk Update – There was discussion regarding the removal of brush, construction, and placement of the boardwalks at Young Park. All available volunteers will be contacted. Further update after the Park Board meeting scheduled for September 20.

Update on Belmont Ridge – Good/Handshoe unanimous to approve sending a letter stating the Letter of Credit for Belmont Ridge will be pulled on October 1, 2012.

Approve/Disapprove Computer Tower – As the previously approved computer tower was found to be discontinued, Good/Handshoe unanimous to approve purchasing an HP computer tower in the amount of \$1,104.20.

TABLED ITEMS:

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Ordering Error/Omission EMS Signs – There are 125 signs including 96 for the trailer park that need to be ordered. Handshoe motions to make payment from the safety money. Motion dies for lack of a second. Handshoe/Good unanimous to table until the October 1 regular meeting of Baldwin Township.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve/Disapprove Election Judges for November Election – Handshoe/Atwood unanimous to approve the election judges for the November election.

Approve/Disapprove Running Ad for Missing EMS Signs – Good/Atwood unanimous to approve running an ad for the missing EMS signs.

Approve/Disapprove Maintenance Helper – Carlile is willing to be employed by Baldwin Township for \$9 per hour which can be revisited at the mid-November town board meeting. Discussion ensued regarding Carlile's appointment to the Baldwin Planning Commission. Handshoe/Good unanimous to approve up to 32 hours per week effective immediately. Good/Handshoe unanimous to approve having Carlile start employment on September 19.

Reaffirm Limiting Public Comment to 3 Minutes – Good stated that she just wanted to reaffirm this section in our Administrative Policy.

Approve/Disapprove Sherburne County Interim Ordinance 197, Interim Ordinance Establishing a 6-Month Moratorium on Animal Feedlots – Good/Handshoe unanimous to approve the Sherburne County Interim Ordinance 197; an Interim Ordinance Establishing a 6-Month Moratorium on Animal Feedlots.

Approve/Disapprove Clerk Vacation Days, Monday, September 24 – Wednesday, September 26 – Handshoe/Good unanimous to approve clerk vacation days from Monday, September 24 through Wednesday, September 26.

Announcements:

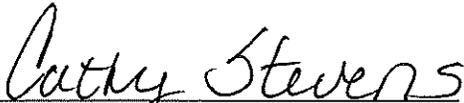
- Fire Department Relief Dance, Saturday, September 22nd, 5 pm – Midnight, Ridgewood Bay

- Sherburne County All Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Meetings, September 27th, 3:00 – 5:00 pm, Sherburne County Government Center and Repeat Session 6:30 -8:30 pm, Livonia Town Hall

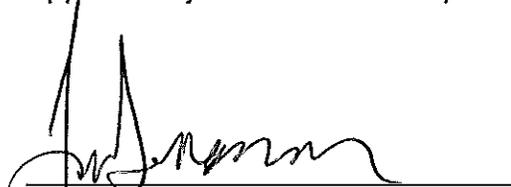
Any Other Business: None.

Motion to Approve Bills for Payment – Good/Atwood unanimous to approve payment of check numbers 16809 through 16820 and 1 EFT payment totaling \$5,020.94.

Adjournment – Handshoe/Rush unanimous to approve adjournment at 8:32 p.m.



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



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

Attendees: John Exner, Elaine Byker, Lester Kriesel, Christi Miller, Carol Swanson, Audrey Misiura, Michael Misiura, Gene Nitz, JoAnn Graham, Elaine Philippi, David Patten, Chuck Nagle