

**BALDWIN TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 13, 2012**

Baldwin Township Deputy Clerk Cheryl Goetz Dobson called the 2012 Annual Meeting for the Town of Baldwin to order at 8:01 p.m. All citizens present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The deputy clerk accepted nominations for moderator. Randy Atwood/Jeff Holm motioned to nominate Bryan Lawrence. Elaine Philippi/Steve Weissenfluh motioned to nominate Betsy Wergin. With a hand vote counted by an impartial citizen Bryan Lawrence received 46 votes; Betsy Wergin received 30 votes. Motioned carried to select Bryan Lawrence as moderator.

Additions/Corrections to Agenda

Dale Hurni/Tim Kane unanimous to approve moving item 16 'Approve 2013 Budget/Levy' to below item 17 'General Discussion of Items of Concern'.

Chuck Nagle/Jess Hall motion to add to agenda into item 15(a) 'Motion to Recess Instead of Adjourning' in order to have the audited financial reports available, and extending the annual meeting to August. Since it was concluded that the treasurer's report was sufficient evidence of financial status, the motion fails.

Approve Agenda

Jeff Holm/Larry Handshoe unanimous to approve agenda as amended.

Approve Dispensing with the Reading of the March 8, 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes

Jeff Holm/Tim Kane unanimous to approve dispensing with the reading of the March 8, 2011 Annual Meeting minutes.

Approve March 8, 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes

Betsy Wergin/Brad Schumacher unanimous to approve the March 8, 2011 Annual Meeting minutes.

Reading of Board of Audit Report as Posted

The Deputy Clerk read the February 21, 2012 Board of Audit report.

2010 Treasurer's Report

The Deputy Clerk read the unaudited 2011 Treasurer's Report. The beginning balance was \$645,748.20; receipts of \$971,596.87; disbursements of \$807,919.55; journal entry payroll of \$121,277.50 leaving an ending balance of \$688,148.02

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Princeton Area Library Society Update and Request for Funding

A letter was read from the Princeton Area Library Society by Moderator Lawrence. No representative was present from the library.

Princeton All-Night Senior Party Request for Funding

A representative of the Princeton All-Night Party Committee was present to ask for funding. Baldwin citizens expressed support for the Princeton All-Night Party, although it was reiterated that as of 2006 Baldwin Township's policy was to not expend money to any outside groups.

Fire Department Report

Chief Rademacher reported 210 calls in the year 2011. There are now 27 firefighters on the Northeast Sherburne County Fire and Rescue Department with two of those firefighters being EMTs, two being paramedics and one doctor. The Baldwin firefighters have put in over 2000 hours in training in 2011. Outreach and exposure to the community includes participating in Baldwin Township Cleanup Day, Princeton High School STEM Day, the FunFest at Young Park, Daycare visits, and the September 11 Tribute.

Rademacher presented a slide presentation comparing the 2012 operating budgets for the surrounding townships and cities. He solicited from the residents a motion to increase the evening training stipend to \$15 per night from \$1 per night which would increase the fire department levy another \$10,000 per year.

The firefighters in attendance were acknowledged for their service.

Baldwin Park Committee Progress Report

In the past year great improvements with a grant from the Initiative Foundation have been made to Baldwin's Young Park reported Tom Rush. Kermit Young's vision of his generously donated 80 acres to Baldwin Township is a good mix of wetland, upland, prairie and trails. Planned for future improvements are a boardwalk, sandlot, basketball area and timbers/mulch for the playground area.

Troy Scheffel/Matt Peterson motion to add an additional levy to the Park Fund of \$30,000 to be put toward softball/baseball fields. After extensive discussion, and with the fact that Kermit Young's desire was to keep the park as natural as possible, the motion fails by voice vote.

Road Report

A PowerPoint of the road and bridge report was presented by Jay Swanson outlining the capital improvements from 2008 through 2011. Remaining and approved capital improvements of 2012 to date include a 2nd lift of 104th Street, cracksealing and chipsealing totally \$147,662.50. The majority of discussion involved improving two and one-half miles of 136th Street from County Road 9 to County Road 42. It was generally agreed to maintain the road only, take care of the liability areas, and fix as you go.

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2013 Budget Proposal

Jay Swanson reviewed, by fund, the proposed budget for 2013. The following is the proposed 2013 budget that had been determined by the town board prior to the Annual Meeting:

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|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| GENERAL FUND | \$185,000 | \$175,000 |
| ROAD & BRIDGE | \$580,256 | \$480,256 |
| CAPITAL FUND | \$ 6,268 | \$ 5,000 |
| FIRE FUND | \$100,000 | \$ 90,000 |
| PARK FUND | \$ 25,000 | \$ 2,000 |
| DEBT SERVICE FUND | \$ 87,476 | \$231,744 |
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| TOTAL | \$984,000 | \$984,000 |

General Discussion of Items of Concern

- **Approve/Disapprove Audited Financials Report be Required Prior to March Election and Annual Meeting**

Rich Harris/Paul Vollkommer with a friendly amendment by Lana Jorgensen recommend or request that the town board provide an audited financial report available prior to the election and the annual meeting with the report completed at least a week prior to the annual meeting. Motion carries.

- **Newsletter**

Wanting to have the input of the citizens present, Kim Good said that each issue of the Baldwin Township Newsletter cost the taxpayers approximately \$1000 to send. After discussion it was determined that four (4) issues a year would be sufficient.

Approve 2013 Budget/Levy

Dean McDevitt/Tim Kane motion to decrease the road and bridge levy by \$180,000. After discussion the motion fails with a vote of 47 yeas and 49 nays.

Dave Patten/Jim Buell motion to reduce the levy by \$90,000 and designate \$185,000 for the General Fund, \$480,256 to the Road and Bridge Fund, \$6,268 to the Capital Fund, \$110,000 to the Fire Fund, \$25,000 to the Park Fund and \$87,476 to the Debt Service Fund for a total of \$894,000.

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Dave Patten, Jim Buell unanimous to approve the 2013 budget/levy as amended. Brad Schumacher/Brian Torborg unanimous to approve entire proposed budget/levy for 2013.

Election Results

Deputy Clerk Cheryl Goetz Dobson provided the election results to attendees at the Annual Meeting.

For the Baldwin Township Supervisor "A" position for a three (3) year term, candidate Larry Handshoe received 314 votes. Candidate Tim Kane received 142 votes. Write in votes were Thomas Rush for 1 vote and Brad Schumacher for 2 votes. Total of 459 votes cast. The election results were signed by all election judges: Nancy P. Dorweiler, Sharon J. Matz, Jerry Mueller, Lester Kriesel and Elaine Byker.

For the Baldwin Township Supervisor "E" position, candidate Chuck Nagle received 133 votes. Candidate Jay Swanson received 329 votes. Write in votes for Brad Schumacher totaled 6 votes. Total of 468 votes cast. The election results were signed by all election judges: Nancy P. Dorweiler, Sharon J. Matz, Jerry Mueller, Lester Kriesel and Elaine Byker.

Legal Publisher/Depository/Public Postings

The moderator stated that the current legal publisher is the Princeton Union-Eagle, the depository is Bremer Bank and the public postings are the town hall and Marv's True Value. Unanimous approval by voice vote.

2013 Annual Meeting, 2nd Tuesday in March, 2013, 8:01 p.m.

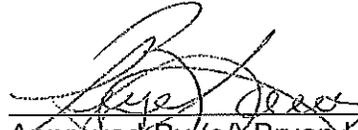
Adjourn

Brian Torborg/Brad Schumacher unanimous to adjourn at 10:50 p.m.

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



Approved By: (s) Bryan Lawrence
Moderator

Attendees: Dale Hurni, Sean Weldon, Jackie Pack, Brian Bumgarner, Brad Schmacher, Jess Ewert, Robin Fischer, Daniel Osborn, Steve Johnson, Mark Nutt, Kim Good, Jay Swanson, Terry Carlile, Jeremy Baty, DeNice Janssen, Sue Hix, Dean Kleinhaus, Elaine Byker, Dave Abrahamson, Julius Dorweiller, Olga Podtburg, Mary Paulus, Elaine Philippi, June DeLong, Jerome DeLong, Randy Atwood, Dennis Lindberg, Rob Nelson, Phil Fadden, Gregg Ashe, Michelle Ashe, Pamela Holland, Tom Rush, David Patten, Brad Tadych, Gary Mason, Anita Case, Curt Selinsky, Cal Watson, Larry Handshoe, Craig Hrkal, Bryan Lawrence, Chuck Nagle, Andy Schrader, Dylan Howard, Melissa Carson, Devin Carson, Jim Oliver, Ross Martin, Larry Boeke, Patty Ludwig, Gene Ludwig, Greg Massey, Becky Hall, Jess Hall, Brandan Bedbury, Tyler Pauson, Troy Scheffel, Joe Kiel, Brad Chambers, Mike Rademacher, Christopher Hage, Kristi Peterson, Matt Peterson, Jackie Sanford, Timothy Wesely, Bonnie Zurek, Kristina Carlson, Betty Craft, Sarah Bedbury, Meghan Nash, Curt Messer, Jeremy Peterson, Brain Torborg, Jeff Hage, Don Larson, Bryan Galligher, Dean McDevitt, Betsy Wergin, Richard Wergin, Terry Nemerov, Jim Buell, Llana Jorgerson, Rick Weissenfluh, Steve Weissenfluh, Vicki Westby, Ron Westby, Paul Vollkommer, Tim Kane, Pat Skarohlid, Carol Swanson, Ann Martin, Karen Boeke, MaryLou Moriarity, Scott Case, Lance Soderholm, Linda Massay