

Baldwin Township Regular Meeting

August 19, 2014

Present – Supervisors Jay Swanson, Larry Handshoe, Tom Rush and Randy Atwood. Supervisor Jeff Holm arrived at 7:29 p.m.

Call to Order – The August 19, 2014 Baldwin Township regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Swanson at 7:00 pm.

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

Additions/Corrections to Agenda

- Add Approve/Disapprove Digging Sink Holes on 100th Street to Road Report
- Move Reschedule Town Board/Fire Relief Association Joint Meeting to below Sherburne County EDA Information
- Add Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Baldwin Fire Department Shared Services to below Sherburne County EDA Information
- Add Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Expenditures up to \$2000 for Picnic Tables and Grills for Young Park under New Business
- Move Review/Approve /Disapprove Highlands Drainage Project Estimate to under Old Business item 'e'.

Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda With/Without Additions/Corrections – Handshoe/Rush unanimous to approve the regular meeting agenda as amended.

August 2014 Preliminary Treasurer's Report – The clerk reported receipts of \$7,917.54 and disbursements of \$78,100.94, check numbers 18625 through 18673 and 4 EFT payments leaving an unaudited balance of \$534,059.41.

Sherburne County EDA Information – County Commissioner Rachel Leonard was present to inform the town board about a proposal enabling a resolution and bylaws for an EDA recommended by a study group that was formed in 2006 by the Board of Commissioners. The members of the group were appointed by the Board and charged with reviewing 4 options available to the county economic development activities. The possible formation of an economic development authority was the recommendation. Even though Leonard initially voted against the recommendation, she indicated that perhaps Baldwin should join since there may be a better chance to obtain grants although she said she would fight it if it raised taxes. The general feeling of the Baldwin supervisors is that by joining the EDA it may become a controlling entity. It was agreed that much more dialogue needed to be done before moving forward.

Shared Services District – Last year about this time, the Baldwin Fire Department was asked by the chief of the Princeton Fire Department if they would be interested in going into a shared service district with Milaca, Foreston and Princeton. An outside firm would determine what each fire service does and make recommendations on how to save

money. The basis of joining would be for the opportunity to receive grants, determine what equipment is necessary, and merging the different departments and entities. Baldwin Chief Rademacher told Princeton Chief Roxbury that he would present the concept to the Baldwin town board, and if they were interested, a letter of intent to proceed with a preliminary study would be necessary. September 1 is the application deadline. After discussion Holm/Atwood unanimous to disapprove in order to gather more information on the subject.

Reschedule Town Board/Fire Relief Association Joint Meeting – The Town Board/Fire Relief Association is rescheduled for August 25, 2014 at the town hall.

The contract for filling residents' swimming pools is still with the attorney for review. It was suggested to double check the cost of water fees. More discussion is needed.

The Baldwin Fire Department Relief Dance is Saturday, August 23rd starting at 5:00 p.m. to Midnight at Ridgewood Bay on Elk Lake.

Road Report

Approve/Disapprove Digging Sink Holes on 100th Street – There are large sink holes on 100th Street that continue to increase in size. It was suggested to hire a contractor to dig them up and get them done. Handshoe/Holm motion to approve up to \$40,000 with a friendly amendment from Holm to increase the amount to up to \$50,000 to include the cost of bituminous for repairs of the sink holes. Motion carried. Handshoe will look into contractors and obtain quotes.

Handshoe reported maintenance has been trimming trees, mowing ditches and brushing, and in the near future will be doing hot-patching.

Approval of Consent Agenda – Holm/Handshoe unanimous to approve the town board meeting minutes of August 4, 2014.

Conditional & Interim Use Permits – None.

Plats

Review/Approve/Disapprove a Building Project on Outlot D in Deer Trail Addition
Scott Schmidt and Craig Hrkal requested input from the town board for approving a building project in the Deer Trail Addition for expansion of operations of Hrkal's company. They are a group of specialty companies that currently work out of a building in Zimmerman. Hrkal as the owner of four companies, and a resident of Baldwin Township, is searching for a site for expansion of operations in the next two years. They would like to bring their growth to Baldwin by building in Outlot D in the Deer Trail Addition. The reception from the town board is positive. Since at this time the concept is very preliminary, the town board would like to take this further but would need more information. The Baldwin Planning Commission may also want to become involved.

Variances – None.

Old Business

County Planning & Zoning – No activity.

Baldwin Planning Commission Update – With the lease being up with the IPads, and the possibility of the town board getting new ones, Atwood asked if perhaps the Baldwin planning commissioners could get the old ones. The Comprehensive Plan is almost complete. The commissioners asked if there were dollars to spend on nametags.

Review/Approve/Disapprove Elk Lake Estates Drainage Update/Project – Holm/Handshoe unanimous to have the chair collaborate with the clerk to write a letter to Sherburne County with a copy to the DNR and Shoreland Development concerning the Elk Lake Estates drainage problem to have at the September 8, 2014 regular meeting for approval. Bogart said a solution would be to take the drainage to the north of the property if an easement were given. Swanson read a letter from Christie Miller saying “Is there any way we can put pressure on Kevin – that he didn’t get a permit for adding fill and try 1 last time for easement. If not try to go ahead on north side – I will give easement – and need from Ross Gabrilson – in Big Lake.” The clerk needs to call Miller with updates.

Review/Approve/Disapprove Lake Diann Drainage Project Estimate – Bogart’s estimate for the Lake Diann Swale project is \$7,976.25. A survey and legal description as well as recording fees are not in the Bogart’s cost. Holm/Rush motion to approve up to \$8500 for the project including all costs. A voice vote was taken with Holm. Swanson, Rush and Atwood in favor. Handshoe opposed. Motion carried.

Review/Approve/Disapprove Highlands Drainage Project Estimate – Bogart said that John Boemer has issues to discuss regarding the Highlands drainage project. Holm/Atwood unanimous to table.

Approve/Disapprove COLA Increases for Regular Township Employees to go to Annual Meeting – Rush said there was confusion generated with what his intention was when he asked to take the employee cost of living increases to the annual meeting. He said it was a courtesy to give the taxpayers the privilege of transparency when it involved pay raises or health stipends that would affect the general fund. It was stressed that the members of the town board are elected to make sound decisions for the good of the township when they discuss the levy. Swanson/Atwood unanimous to disapprove taking COLA increases for regular township employees to the annual meeting.

Reschedule Town Board/Fire Relief Association Joint Meeting – See above.

Tabled Items

Review/Approve/Disapprove Highlands Drainage Project Estimate – See above.

Approve/Disapprove Purchase of Tax Forfeited Land – There was discussion that the tax forfeited land is all wetland. Swanson/Holm unanimous to disapprove the purchase of the land.

Approve/Disapprove Amended Resolution 12-11; A Resolution Controlling Access to Baldwin Township's Information, Supervisors and Staff from One Charles W. Nagle – Handshoe/Rush to table the amended Resolution 12-11.

Discuss Proposed Resolution; Resolution Authorizing the Township of Baldwin to Participate in the Sherburne County Economic Development Authority – It was discussed that the Sherburne County Economic Development Authority resolution is worded in such a way that it could become a taxing authority. There is no deadline to opt in, and more information is needed. Holm suggested it be left off the agenda.

New Business

Approve/Disapprove Partial Payment to Helmin Construction in the Amount of \$27,399.54 for Lake Diann Project – Handshoe/Rush unanimous to approve the partial payment to Helmin Construction in the amount of \$27,399.54 for the Lake Diann project.

Approve/Disapprove Attending Sherburne SWCD Conservation Tour, Thursday, September 11th, 8:30 a.m., Sherburne County Government Center – Atwood/Handshoe unanimous to approve up to two (2) board members to attend the Sherburne SWCD Conservation Tour.

Approve/Disapprove Request by Sherburne County, an Amendment to the Sherburne County Zoning Ordinance, Sect. 17,5,8,16,17: Accessory Structures as a Primary Use; Maximum Size of Attached Accessory Structure – Rush/Handshoe unanimous to approve the request by Sherburne County, an Amendment to the Sherburne County Zoning Ordinance, Sect. 17,5,8,16,17: Accessory Structures as a Primary Use; Maximum Size of Attached Accessory Structure.

Approve/Disapprove Sherburne County Mounted Patrol Attending Funfest – Unless the town board changes the ordinance for Young Park, yearly approval for the mounted patrol would be needed to attend the Funfest. Rush/Handshoe unanimous to approve having the Sherburne County mounted patrol participate in the Funfest.

Approve/Disapprove Payment to Pettibone Nursery & Landscape in the Amount of \$1,952.75 and Payment to Brand Mtg. in the Amount of \$44.00 for Nick Swanz Eagle Scout Project, Young Park Sign – Handshoe/Rush unanimous to approve payment to Pettibone Nursery & Landscape in the amount of \$1,952.75 and payment to Brand Mtg. in the amount of \$44.00 for Nick Swanz' Eagle Scout project at Young Park.

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Expenditures up to \$2000 for Picnic Tables and Grills for Young Park – Handshoe/Holm unanimous to approve up to \$2100 for two (2) grills and four (4) picnic tables for Young Park.

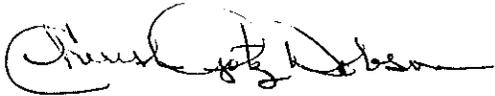
Announcements

- Park Committee/BVC Joint Meeting, Thursday, August 21st, 7:00 p.m.
- Town Offices Closed Monday, September 1st, Labor Day
- MAT District Meeting, Wednesday, September 3rd, 7:00 p.m., Anoka Ramsey Community College, Cambridge
- Baldwin Fire Department Relief Dance, Saturday, August 23rd, 5:00 p.m. to Midnight, Ridgewood Bay on Elk Lake

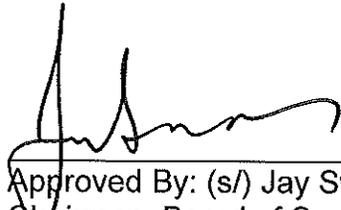
Any Other Business – None.

Motion to Approve Bills for Payment – Handshoe/Atwood unanimous to approve for payment check numbers 18625 through 18673 and 4 EFT payments totaling \$58,774.04.

Adjournment – Holm/Handshoe unanimous to adjourn at 9:40 p.m.



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



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

9-8-2014

Date

Attendees: Elaine Philippi, Chuck Nagle, Lester Kriesel, Scott Schmidt, Craig Hrkal, Audrey Misiura, Jon Bogart, Rachel Leonard,