

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP BUDGET WORKSHOP

January 27, 2015

Present – Supervisors Larry Handshoe, Jay Swanson and Tom Rush. Supervisors Randy Atwood and Jeff Holm were absent

Call to Order – The January 27, 2014 Baldwin Township Budget Workshop was called to order by Chairman Jay Swanson at 7:00 p.m.

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

Establish 2016 Budget Proposal – Discussed and reviewed was the unapproved new Capital Improvement Plan that had just been seen by the town board along with discussion regarding 2015 road projects and proposed 2016 road projects.

Swanson stated he would like to stay focused on keeping 2016 fit into the 2015 model. \$1,000 was added for 2015 for the Funfest and the BVC is requesting that the \$1,000 stay in there for 2016. Rush agreed that the budget should stay the same.

Discussion on the increase in debt service due to the SCBA purchase. Terry Carlile discussed the 20 and 25 year old trucks and proposed trading 2 for 2 single axles for about \$150,000 each. With a 7 year lease the payment would be about \$42,000-\$45,000/year. The town would not have to purchase sanders. The trucks would not include belly scrapers. The trucks would include a plow and wing with a standard box. It could be financed through the Capital Fund. Swanson stated that the Capital Fund – Fire could be used to cover most of the SCBA payment along with the rest coming out of the Fire budget. Rush stated that some of the payment could come from the Capital Fund itself.

Rush questioned if the Planning Commission could possibly meet every 2 months. Swanson stated that once they get up to speed then they could see if they need a meeting or not that month. Rush questioned if we could scale back on Bridget Chard's services and let the Planning Commission Chair or Vice-Chair take over. Swanson stated that, at some point in time, yes. He is not ready to put them on a bi-monthly meeting. Rush stated that the main thing was the comprehensive plan and that has been done. Since Bridget is so far away can she do conference calls? Something to think about.

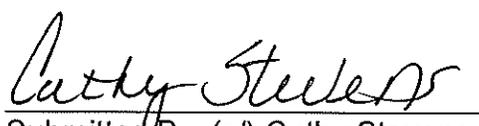
The 2016 proposed budget will be as follows:

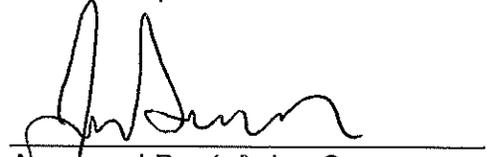
General Fund: \$205,000
Road & Bridge Fund: \$481,000
Capital Fund Maintenance: \$40,581
Fire Fund: \$95,000
Capital Fund Fire: \$18,500

Park Fund: \$35,000
Debt Service: \$53,050
Funfest: \$1,000

Approval/disapproval will be made at the February 2, 2015 regular meeting.

Adjourn – Handshoe/Rush unanimous to adjourn at 7:51 p.m.


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


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

2-2-2015
Date

Attendees: Terry Carlile, Elaine Philippi, Brad Schumacher, Audrey Misiura, Chuck Nagle