

## BALDWIN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

June 2, 2014

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

**Call to Order** - The June 2, 2014 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 change to 'Discuss Purchasing Plow Truck(s)' rather than Approve/Disapprove;
- Under Fire Report add Approve/Disapprove Donation from Zimmerman and Approve/Disapprove Resolution 14-13 Accepting Donation;
- Add to New Business Approve/Disapprove Changes to Maintenance Pay on Emergency Calls; and
- Move from New Business Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Driveway Access of 281<sup>st</sup> Avenue to right after Variances.
- Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to approve adding Richard Leninger and Vinny Cruz regarding the Sandy Lake water problem to after Variances.
- Swanson to disapprove Chuck Nagle to comment on the Comprehensive Plan Draft.
- Swanson motioned to add David Schuldt regarding Elk Lake Estates to under Variances.

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

### **Treasurer's Report:**

**May 2014 Final Treasurer's Report** – The clerk reported receipts of \$4,326.77 and disbursements of \$58,486.89, check numbers 18363 through 18433 and 8 EFT payments leaving an unaudited balance of \$305,552.43.

**June 2014 Preliminary Treasurer's Report** – The clerk reported receipts of \$0 and disbursements of \$35,526.03, check numbers 18434 through 18455 and 1 EFT payment leaving an unaudited balance of \$270,939.83.

**Sheriff's Report** - Officer Wilson reported there were 192 calls for service in the month of May. The carjacking suspect has been apprehended. It was reported that vehicles are tearing up the ditch by Wholesale Auto on 313<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Also reported that a red 4-wheeler and a white golf cart has been out every afternoon tearing up the ditches and riding on private property.

**Fire Department Report –**

**Approve/Disapprove Review Revised Bylaws** – Atwood/Handshoe unanimous to table approval or disapproval of the revised bylaws. Rush/Handshoe unanimous to approve scheduling a meeting with the Relief Association, the town board, the township attorney and possibly an auditor to discuss benefit amounts.

Holm/Rush unanimous to approve Resolution 14-13; Resolution Accepting Donations. A donation of \$1,000 from Zimmerman is designated for hose fittings that will fit Zimmerman's hydrants.

Chief Rademacher reported there were 16 calls for the month of May. There is a request in for the kitchen trailer for FunFest. Swanson said he would offer his building for Tuesday night trainings. Several firefighters attended the AirCare spring seminar. There will be no business meetings on the weekends unless absolutely necessary during the summer months.

**Approval of Consent Agenda** – Holm/Rush unanimous to approve the Town Board meeting minutes of May 22, 2014.

**CONDITIONAL & INTERIM USE PERMITS:** None.

**PLATS:** None.

**VARIANCES:** None.

**Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Driveway Access of 281<sup>st</sup> Avenue** – The property abuts both 280<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 281<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Handshoe/Swanson unanimous to approve the driveway permit and allowing access off of 281<sup>st</sup> Avenue as well as changing the address to reflect the correct access.

**Sandy Lake Water Issues** – Richard Leininger and Vinny Cruz were present voicing their concerns regarding the high water level at Sandy Lake. They are trying to get a no wake zone established until the water level goes back down. They presented pictures to the board for their review. Their question was how to go about creating a no wake zone. They have talked to Deputy Shannon and he told them they need to get an ordinance passed and then the DNR can enforce. However, the problem is right here right now. Holm stated it would take weeks to create an ordinance and we need to look for an immediate solution. He would not be opposed to making an official sign suggesting that due to potential property damage a no wake zone would be established. Swanson stated that it would not have effective teeth to it without an ordinance in place. Holm stated that in the long term we could do an ordinance and determine the ordinary high water level. There is no sense in damaging property and shoreline. Swanson stated that the other lakes would need to be addressed. Mr. Leininger stated that the DNR would put signs out in the water and if an ordinance is passed they would enforce. Holm/Swanson unanimous to have the board start the beginnings of making a township ordinance that's to address the high water issues for the future and, for the time being,

we have a couple of choices. Either putting a sign up that is a request from the board as it is a township owned access that has been, of course, approved by the lake association. But the other solution besides the sign is that we could also just close the access for a week or two. Most of the folks on the lake understand. I would start with a sign to see if it works. Atwood asked if there was a one way rule on the lake and questioned how it was enacted and enforced. They replied that it was the lake association that enacted it. Atwood then asked if it worked and is self-regulated can the lake association enforce a no wake zone as it would be the quickest and easiest and be self-policing. Mr. Cruz questioned if it was okay by the board to put up signs with Holm replying that it was part of his motion and it would be a voluntary no wake zone. Swanson stated that the township would not remove the signs. Atwood questioned if a time or height limit needs to be determined. Holm responded that the DNR will help establish an appropriate height.

**Elk Lake Estates** – David Schuldt, 285<sup>th</sup> Avenue, thanked the board for the road grading that has been done. He was told it would take a couple of weeks for calcium chloride treatments to be done on the roads.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Park Committee Report** – Rush reported that ground has been broken for the pavilion at Young Park, and the poles have been set. A lot of the park and trails are under water. County dedication money in the amount of \$4,918 has been approved. After the pavilion is built, the focus will be on a basketball court, and a sand lot. The boardwalks are under water right now. At Goose Lake there are 5 large trees that are dead and should be taken down. There is also oak wilt on the property. Rush said he would like the township engineer's thoughts on where to put a parking lot at Goose Lake.

**Approve/Disapprove 3 Year Term for David Patten** – Holm/Handshoe unanimous to approve the 3-year term for David Patten for the Baldwin Park Committee.

**TCI Baldwin Volunteer Corps Update** – Holm reported that the Baldwin Volunteer Corp meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. Elaine Philippi took the opportunity to ask Rush if the Park Committee members may be interested in helping at FunFest. The fire department auxiliary has also been contacted.

**Joint Committee with City of Princeton Status** – No update.

**BR&E Update** – Holm said he has attended a course on managing economic development groups on his own time, and obtaining good material on how to build a team.

**Discuss Purchasing Plow Truck(s)** – After discussion, Holm/Atwood unanimous, with a friendly amendment from Holm, to have Swanson and Handshoe determine the actual figures for the cost of a truck(s), and determine where in the budget the money will come from along with a list of what is actually needed. Handshoe said it would be nice to have the plow drivers involved in the conversation also.

## **TABLED ITEMS:**

**Review/Approve/Disapprove ISD 477 Charges for 5/20/14 Special Election –** Rush/Atwood unanimous to approve the ISD 477 charges for the May 20, 2014 special election.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approve/Disapprove Tobacco License for Ridgewood Bay –** Since no complaints or violations have been heard, Handshoe/Rush unanimous to approve the tobacco license for Ridgewood Bay.

**Review Authorized Signature List –** Holm/Handshoe unanimous to add Gary Kubiszewski as an authorized signature to all the local accounts, and remove Don Larsen from Marv's True Value.

**Deputy Clerk Out of Office June 20<sup>th</sup>- July 15<sup>th</sup> –** Holm/Randy unanimous to approve the deputy clerk's vacation time; and subsequent overtime for the clerk.

**Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Driveway Access off of 281<sup>st</sup> Avenue –** See above.

**Approve/Disapprove Clerk Request for Vacation, Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> –** Holm/Handshoe unanimous to approve vacation time for the clerk for June 9 and 10.

**Approve/Disapprove Changes in Maintenance Pay for Emergency Calls –** Holm stated that he received two calls from Sherburne County Dispatch on Saturday night. The first call was after 9:00 p.m. and our maintenance crew was more than glad to go out and then he received the 2<sup>nd</sup> call later regarding another tree down. The crew went out again. He checked on the pay for these types of calls which is regular pay. The personnel are willing to be there for the town. Holm/Handshoe unanimous motion that for emergency calls where it is not during regular hours of maintenance department operation that the maintenance personnel receive time and one-half during that emergency call and a 1 hour minimum pay. Holm made a friendly amendment, which was accepted by Handshoe that this would be retroactive to this past Saturday. Atwood clarified that it would be an emergency as deemed by a supervisor.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Great Northern Trail Open House, Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 p.m., Baldwin Town Hall
- MAT Short Course, Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, St. Cloud Holiday Inn
- Employee Reviews, Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

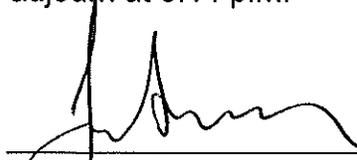
**Any Other Business –** None.

**Motion to Approve Bills for Payment** – Handshoe/Rush unanimous to approve for payment check numbers 18424 through 18455 and 1 EFT totaling \$35,526.03.

**Adjournment** – Holm/Handshoe unanimous to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.



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



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



Date

Attendees: Lester Kriesel, David Schuldt, Ray Peterson, Audrey Misuira, Elaine Philippi, Chuck Nagle, Meshell Gorseger, Randy Gorseger, Richard Leininger, Vinny Cruz