

JOINT BALDWIN TOWNSHIP/PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

March 13, 2014

Baldwin Town Board Supervisors Present - Supervisors Jay Swanson, Kimberly Good, Larry Handshoe, and Randy Atwood. Tom Rush arrived at 7:02.

Call to Order – The March 13, 2014 Planning Commission meeting of Baldwin Township was called to order by Planning Commission Chairman Peggy Patten at 7:00 p.m. The March 13, 2014 Town Board meeting was called to order by Baldwin Township Board Chairman Jay Swanson at 7:01 p.m.

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

Roll Call – Commissioners Peggy Patten, Richard Harris, Terry Carlile and Judy Thorson were present. Ross Perry was absent. Planner Bridget Chard was in attendance as well as Town Board Liaison Randy Atwood. Deputy Clerk Cheryl Goetz Dobson took the minutes.

Supervisors Jay Swanson, Kimberly Good, Larry Handshoe, and Randy Atwood were present. Supervisor Tom Rush arrived at 7:02 p.m. Clerk Cathy Stevens took the minutes.

Purpose of Joint Meeting: Survey Results/Plan Timeline for Completion/Next Steps for Planning Commission:

Survey Results – In the fall of 2013 the Baldwin Township Board of Supervisors authorized the Planning Commission to do a community wide survey to find out the views of the community on certain subjects. The Planning Commission designed a simple anonymous survey to get basic information along with some controversial questions. In November of 2013, 1,973 surveys were sent out with 608 anonymous responses received. Because of a possible lack of coverage an additional 62 surveys were sent to seasonal residents, 209 to out of town residents and 138 surveys sent to residents who live in Section 35 of Baldwin Township. In total there were 2,382 surveys sent out with 698 returned for a 29% overall response.

Planner Chard writes in the overview "While it (research) does not give you a direct route to understanding the issues and the direction that Baldwin should go in the future, it does not say you are heading necessarily in the wrong direction either. Your Comprehensive Plan is just the guide to a "better" Baldwin Township with ideas and actions to create a healthier and more improved version for the future Baldwin Township for everyone. It is hoped that this survey helps the Township in the right direction."

Planner Chard provided a detailed report on the 2014 survey results as well as comments on each survey question. All surveys will be stored at the Town Hall after it's

certain that there are no duplications, and the final survey will be added to the Baldwin Township website.

Timeline for Plan Completion – Provided was a proposed final timeline. In April the goal is to hold open houses after the Planning Commission meetings with dates and how many to be determined, in May having a joint meeting with the Town Board for last review with a hearing set up and completed, in June to have any revisions made from the hearing and final recommendation to the Town Board, in July to have final documents sent out to the various parties, in August to begin to work on procedures and further understand of the rules and regulations, in September to continue with the work above and add small items for beginning review, in October to begin to work with Town Board on minor issues, in November to develop a budget, work plans and update ordinances and recommend to the Township, and in December to meet with the Town Board to determine the final roles for the Planning Commission.

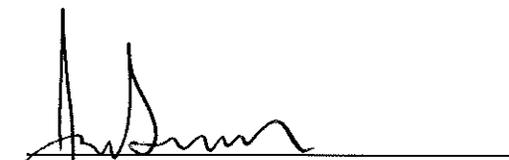
Planning Commissions Future Steps – Supervisor Swanson thanked the Planning Commission for all its done and made note that this was the first time that the elected and appointed officials have come together at the same table. He said he would like to see the Planning Commission become instrumental in helping the Township with issues such as 2nd driveways, variances and economic development.

A joint meeting is scheduled with Adeel Admed for March 20, 2014 with the purpose of the meeting to determine the feasibility of pursuing the BR&E program. There are many questions that need to be answered. Planner Chard has expressed an interest in being involved as well as has some ideas concerning Baldwin's business community. Representatives from Sherburne County, Connexus Energy and Don Hickman will also be invited to attend.

Adjourn – Good/Rush unanimous to adjourn at 8:11 p.m.



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



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

4-7-2014
Date

Attendees: Elaine Philippi, Carol Swanson, Jeff Holm, Audrey Misiura, Emily Misiura, Dale Hurni, Chuck Nagle