

JOINT BALDWIN TOWNSHIP/BVC/PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

March 20, 2014

Baldwin Town Board Supervisors Present - Supervisors Jay Swanson, Kimberly Good, Larry Handshoe and Randy Atwood. Supervisor Tom Rush arrived at 8:28 p.m.

Call to Order – The March 20, 2014 Joint Baldwin Town Board, BVC and Planning Commission meeting of Baldwin Township was called to order by BVC Chairperson Elaine Philippi at 7:00 p.m.

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

Introductions - After welcoming everyone, Elaine Philippi introduced herself as the chair of the Baldwin Volunteer Corps. Once all present introduced themselves, she stated that the purpose of the meeting was to determine the feasibility of proceeding with the BR&E program.

Presentation by BR&E Representative Adeel Ahmen – University of Minnesota Extension Educator Adeel Ahmed provided a slide presentation outlining the advantages of the Business Retention and Expansion program. The goals of the BR&E program is to demonstrate to local businesses that the community appreciates their contribution to the economy, to help existing businesses solve problems, to assist businesses in using programs aimed at helping them become more competitive, to develop strategic plans for long range BR&E activities and to build community capacity to sustain growth and development. Stressed is the need for leadership and task force volunteers, securing funding, forming relationships with media outlets and to develop a work plan.

Presentation by Bridget Chard – Planner Bridget Chard provided a handout listing the different surveys done by Baldwin Township over the years, and the comments and general characteristics of the business community's views. She stated she feels this is the opportune time to implement the services that BR&E can offer.

Presentation from Sherburne County Representative Dan Weber – Sherburne County Assessor and Economic Development Specialist Dan Weber stated the county is also very interested in promoting a business retention and expansion program.

Discussion of Next Steps – After much discussion, it was suggested by Jeff Holm and Richard Harris to put on the town board regular meeting agenda of April 7, 2014 for the Town Board to address and decide the overall feasibility of Baldwin Township in pursuing the BR&E program.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Tom Rush; seconded by Larry Handshoe unanimously to adjourn at 9:09 p.m.

Cathy Stevens

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

Jay Swanson

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

4-7-2014

Date

Attendees: Elaine Philippi, Carol Swanson, Rich Harris, Ross Perry, Bridget Chard,
Peggy Patten, Terry Carlile, Dan Weber, Adeel Ahmed, Dan Erickson, Chuck Nagle,
Jeff Holm, John Bowen, Cheryl Goetz Dobson