

# BALDWIN TOWNSHIP

30239 128<sup>th</sup> Street, Princeton MN 55371

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## Baldwin Township Annual Meeting And Election March 8, 2016



**Polls open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.  
Precinct 1 & 2 will be combined and  
voting will be held in the Town Hall.**

**The Annual Meeting starts at 8:01 p.m.  
The Annual Meeting will be held in the Maintenance Shop  
right after the polls close.**

Positions are open for Supervisor "D" and Supervisor "B".  
Running unopposed for Supervisor "D" is incumbent Tom Rush.  
Running unopposed for Supervisor "B" is Larry Handshoe.

In place of a candidate forum for the election of Supervisors on March 8, 2016 questions to the candidates running can be directed to the Town Hall at 763-389-8931. The candidates will be more than willing to answer any concerns you may have. Please leave your name and phone number so they can get back to you.

### County Legacy Grant

The Township has formed a committee to discuss/investigate utilizing \$609,000 towards new township facilities.

Approved appointments at the October 5, 2015 regular township meeting were: Andy Schreder, Dale Hurni, Elaine Philippi, Judy Thorson and Kimberly Good. Supervisor Brad Schumacher will be liaison to the town board.

It's been determined that the stated goal of the Legacy Committee is to educate the citizens about the Legacy Grant program. After the committee identifies a feasible project and identifies a cost for the project, the objective is to present to the citizens at the annual meeting the concept of the project, and gain approval to move forward.

**Baldwin Township Clean-Up Day  
Saturday, May 21  
8:00 a.m. to Noon**



**Details to Follow**

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Baldwin Township Sherburne County Minnesota  
Government Organization

Town of Baldwin  
30239—128th Street, PO Box 25  
Princeton, MN 55371

Office Hours  
8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Mon– Fri  
Closed Daily 12:00 noon—12:30 p.m.

Phone 763-389-8931 Fax: 763-389-2751  
Email: [baldwintwp2@qwestoffice.net](mailto:baldwintwp2@qwestoffice.net)

#### TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Jay Swanson, Chair—763-856-4201  
Brad Schumacher—612-716-3566  
Tom Rush—763-389-8931  
Jeff Holm—763-389-8931  
Randy Atwood—763-856-5722

#### CLERK/TREASURER

Cathy Stevens—763-389-8931  
Cheryl Dobson, Deputy Clerk—  
763-389-8931

#### ANIMAL CONTROL

Craig Hilburn—612-501-7814

#### FIRE STATION

**\*\*EMERGENCY DIAL 911\*\***  
Mike Rademacher, Fire Chief—  
763-350-0378

#### MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

763-389-0036

#### SHERBURNE COUNTY WEB SITE:

[www.co.sherburne.mn.us](http://www.co.sherburne.mn.us)

#### BALDWIN TOWNSHIP WEB SITE:

Approved Town Board meeting minutes  
can be found at

<http://baldwintownship.govoffice.com>

### SNOW PLOWING RULES PROMOTE EFFICIENCY

Not only does complying with Baldwin Township's rules about its snowplowing policies increase its ability to quickly clear township roads resulting from accumulating snow and ice—it also strives to provide safe and accident free roadways. Baldwin's maintenance crews ask for your cooperation.

Our township staff is keenly aware of the importance of keeping its roads clear in a timely manner. It's goal is getting in and out as soon as possible, recognizing many of our residents are commuting to jobs outside of the township. In addition, the crew attempts to complete its work in a cost-effective method.

### Just a Reminder

Per Minnesota Statute 160.2715(a)(1), it is unlawful to push or plow snow into or across any public road. When clearing snow from your driveways, snow must be directed on to your own property. Exercise caution in following or approaching plow trucks. Snowplows are not as maneuverable as smaller vehicles.

Any motor vehicle left on any roadway or road right-of-way in the Township that impedes the performance of the Township snowplow efforts shall be dealt with under the provisions of Baldwin Township policies. Your vehicle will be towed at the owner's expense.

Roads are plowed when snow accumulation reaches 2".

## BUSINESS AND PEOPLE PROSPER HERE!

THE GREATER MSP BUSINESS INVESTMENT TEAM provides services to a variety of organizations helping businesses to expand or relocate in Greater MSP. As a resource for businesses or public entities, GREATER MSP can provide information on financial programs and incentives, community data, trade opportunities, strategic partnerships, venture partners and provide connections to critical resources. We coordinate across a variety of agencies, authorities, counties and municipalities to help businesses expand and grow.

Greater MSP. Business and people prosper here!

For more information we will have a link on our website at  
<http://baldwintownship.govoffice.com>

PARKS in Baldwin Township offer outdoor fun for all ages. At Young Park on a Saturday in September the FunFest will be held again. Fresh ideas for activities are being proposed by community members and by the Baldwin Volunteer Corps. These ideas include: more games geared toward the young children, a "Fun-Run" or 5 K on the park paths and roadway, more vendors selling goods, a craft/flea market, as well as more basketball court competitions, more use of the dunk tank, and more tug 'o war competitions. Perhaps you have fresh ideas to draw our community together, using Young Park, or other parks.



Your ideas and energy to make these ideas happen are valued.

The Baldwin Volunteer Corps meets next on Monday, February 29 at 7 pm, then every fourth Monday after that. Family... Community...Parks...They all work together.

**URGENT: Volunteers are needed to continue to make Baldwin FunFest a success. Please contact the town hall and let us know you are interested in helping.**

BUSINESS in Baldwin Township has a group called Shervision that is on their side for growth and communication improvements, including Broadband service to this area. This group is supported in its concept by our Town Board. Please contact Baldwin Township (763-389-8931) by February 29 if you think this could benefit your business. You will likely want to be connected.

## MORE ABOUT ANNUAL MEETINGS

Information taken from Minnesota Township News

The Annual Township Meeting is held on the second Tuesday in March unless bad weather requires that it be postponed. The Meeting is then held the third Tuesday in March. If bad weather forces cancellation again, the Town Board must set another date for the Meeting within 39 days of the third Tuesday. A 10 day published notice of the date and time of the Meeting is required.

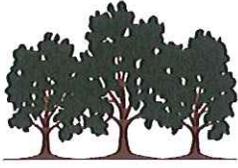
The Town Clerk is charged with convening the meeting and taking official minutes. The Deputy Clerk acts in her absence; if neither is available, the electors (Town residents) appoint someone to take minutes. The electors appoint a moderator to oversee the meeting. The Meeting is a meeting of the people, not the Town Board. Supervisors can participate as citizens and can provide information so the electors can make informed decisions; the Board does not run the Meeting.

Any person may attend and speak at the Annual Meeting, but only those eligible to vote in the Township Election may cast a vote at the meeting. The moderator determines the outcome of any vote. A person's eligibility to vote may be challenged by any resident. The validity of the challenge is to be determined by the election judges appointed for the Township Election. A vote at the meeting may occur in any manner decided by the residents. No formal paper ballot is required; however to allow for any issue for which a vote may be taken at the annual meeting to instead be submitted as a formal ballot question at the Town's Election .

Minnesota Statute 365.431, with very limited exceptions, prohibits the Town Board from certifying a levy in excess of the amount approved at the Annual Meeting. However the electors may opt to continue the March meeting to a later date such as August so the levy can reflect any statutory changes that may be adopted during the legislative session.

Other issues that can be dealt with at the Meeting are: authorization for expenditures for a new town hall, authorize nuisance ordinances to be adopted by the Town Board, authorization to proceed with road vacations, set the location for the next year's Annual Meeting.

Most of the actions taken at the Annual Meeting simply authorize the Town Board to take action and are not binding on the Board. Actions such as setting monthly meeting schedule, designating a posting place and official newspaper, and similar actions should occur at the first meeting following the taking of the oath of office of all new supervisors—this is commonly known as the reorganization meeting. Preferences of the electors can be discussed at the Annual Meeting, but only the Board can take official action on these matters. The electors cannot authorize the Town Board to do something otherwise prohibited by law or which the Township lacks the authority to do. For example the electors cannot authorize the Town Board to ignore the Open Meeting Law or operate a municipal liquor store.



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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

(Unless otherwise noted, all meetings start at 7:00 p.m.)

- February 15 **PRESIDENT'S DAY** (Office Closed)
- February 18 Park Committee Meeting
- February 29 Baldwin Volunteer Corps Meeting
- February 24 Planning Commission Meeting
- March 2 Town Board Regular Meeting
- March 8 **ANNUAL ELECTION / ANNUAL MEETING**
- March 14 Town Board Regular Meeting
- March 17 Park Committee Meeting
- March 28 Baldwin Volunteer Corps Meeting
- March 30 Planning Commission Meeting
- April 4 Town Board Regular Meeting
- April 12 Local Board of Appeal & Equalization (3:00 p.m.)
- April 18 Town Board Regular Meeting
- April 21 Park Board Meeting
- April 25 Baldwin Volunteer Corps Meeting
- April 27 Planning Commission Meeting

**LET'S GO GREEN!**

To save money on paper and postage

If you send a message to  
cheryl.dobson30239@gmail.com,  
we will have your email address for the green  
edition of the newsletter.



As we approach the heating season, the fire department would like to send out a friendly reminder to all households to check/replace batteries in your carbon monoxide detectors and smoke alarms. You may also want to consider replacing any alarms that are 3 years old or older.

Also, as we approach the snow season, please remember to keep the blue EMS address signs installed and free of snow. Plow trucks can throw snow that sticks to the signs. The address signs only work when responders can read them. If the signs are not installed, the township will reorder the sign at the resident's cost.

**Recommended Minimum Ice Thickness**  
*(Rough Guidelines for New Clear Ice Only)*

2" or less STAY OFF!	4 Inches Ice Fishing	5 Inches Snowmobile or ATV	8-12 Inches Car or Small Pickup	12-15 Inches Medium Truck
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Department of Natural Resources

As the temperatures start to drop the lakes will start to freeze. Below are the minimum recommended ice thickness from the Minnesota DNR.

**COMMUNITY BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT**



Serving the North Metro & East Central Minnesota  
763-389-3718

- Driveways Are you building a new home? We work
- Walkway paths with a lot of experienced homebuilders who
- Ramps can give you the dream home you've been
- Parking lots waiting for.

**Locally Owned and Operated**

You can help out our planet when you trust our services. We do our best to help our environment, which is why our asphalt material is 97% recyclable.

If you're a local business and would like to be featured in our next newsletter, please contact us.

The Baldwin Township newsletter is a quarterly publication