

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

November 18, 2014

Present – Supervisors Jay Swanson, Larry Handshoe and Randy Atwood. Supervisor Tom Rush was not present. Supervisor Jeff Holm arrived at 7:02 p.m.

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

Additions/Corrections to Agenda

Add to under Road Report:

- Approve/Disapprove Addition to Snowplow Truck Drivers
- Approve/Disapprove Repairs to Truck #1
- Approve/Disapprove Repairs to Truck #6

Add to under Fire Department Report:

- Title for New Ambulance

Add to under New Business:

- Approve/Disapprove Verizon Wireless Addition to Cell Tower

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

Treasurer's Report:

October 2014 Final Treasurer's Report – Receipts of \$7,580.87 and disbursements of \$132,991.14, check numbers 18737 through 18813 and 9 EFT payments leaving an unaudited balance of \$327,120.48.

November 2014 Preliminary Treasurer's Report – The clerk reported receipts of \$2,207.52 and disbursements of \$51,551.71, check numbers 18814 through 18889 and 3 EFT payments leaving an unaudited balance of \$278,451.55.

Sheriff's Report - Officer Wilson reported there were 193 calls for service in the month of October. There was discussion regarding a person sleeping in their car as well as discussion regarding snowmobiles.

Fire Department Report – Chief Rademacher reported there were 16 calls for service in the month of October.

Chief Rademacher reported that the SCBA upgrade will cost between \$117,000-\$120,000. They will be expired and not certifiable anymore. Assistant Chief Scott Case reported that if something happens then the township would be liable. It is informational at this point but it is a safety issue. Atwood questioned if there would be any benefits to staggering so many per year. Case responded that it would be the worst thing to do as manufacturers change things. Life expectancy for new is 15 years. The department is leaning towards MSA at a cost of \$120,948.90. Swanson stated that the township needs to contact Ehlers for financing information. Holm suggested trying to get the financing by February. Handshoe/Atwood unanimous to have the clerk proceed to obtain bonding information for \$121,000.

Chief Rademacher gave an update on the tender that has been down for about 2 months. Central Fleet Service has estimated a \$4,000 repair bill as it is the computer. They know someone who does frame work so an option may be the old plow truck. There are options for converting it to a tender and it is appealing as it is an automatic transmission. Option one: the framework would cost between \$3,500-\$7,000 and they would pull the current tank off the tender and put it on the old plow truck and, with bumper and decals, the total cost would be \$14,000. Option two: put on a 3,000 gallon ag tank. Price on that would be \$33,000 plus purchasing a new larger drop tank. Swanson suggested putting a 5,000 gallon tank on it. Case stated that would be hard to maneuver. Rademacher stated that the largest he has seen for departments is 3,500 gallons and he would like to find out why that size. Swanson questioned if they had dollars in their budget to start doing that and also questioned if they would be willing to swap what the department received for the boat to the maintenance department. Handshoe stated that there is scrap on that the truck that the maintenance department could turn in. Atwood questioned if picking up an older truck without the plow or issues and just swapping it out would be an option as it would save stripping stuff off. Swanson asked if they would be selling one if they have 3 tenders. Rademacher stated they would like to keep the one in the department now. Case stated that the tender that needs repairs may get \$3,000. Swanson asked if they would be willing to take what we get for the boat to the maintenance department with Rademacher replying that ideally applying the boat money for the conversion. Holm stated that the boat money should stay in the department as it was grant money. Handshoe/Holm unanimous to keep the boat money and turn in all the scrap for the maintenance department. Atwood discussed a 2012 truck he found online for \$44,000 and stated it would be easier and cleaner. Rademacher stated that he appreciates Handshoe's motion but would like to come back in December to the town board with alternatives. Holm made a friendly amendment that we at least give them the head nod to explore and leave the motion open. Handshoe accepted the friendly amendment. Atwood stated he would like to see formal quotes.

Title for New Ambulance – Chief Rademacher will stop at North Memorial to inquire about the delay in getting the title for the new ambulance.

Relief Association Report – Jim Oliver was not present. There was a motion with no second to suspend the reading of the Relief Association Report but rather Oliver email it to the clerk.

Road Report – Handshoe reported that some repairs have been done to 100th Street at a cost of \$12,627.50.

Approve/Disapprove Repairs to Truck #1 – To have the plow fixed, and repairs to the box to Truck #1 would be \$6,424.61 through Central Fleet Service. Atwood/Holm unanimous to approve the repair(s).

Approve/Disapprove Addition to Snowplow Truck Drivers – Handshoe/Atwood unanimous to approve Nick Nelson and Lou Christen as snowplow truck drivers.

Approve/Disapprove Repairs to Truck #6 (actually truck #7) – Handshoe/Atwood motion to have Swantec repair truck #6 for up to \$500 in order to fix the pin and bushing. A voice

vote was taken with Holm, Handshoe and Atwood voting yea; Swanson abstaining. Motion carries.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Approve Town Board Meeting Minutes of October 14, October 16 & October 21, 2014 – Holm/Handshoe unanimous to approve the Town Board meeting minutes of October 14, 2014; October 16, 2014 and October 21, 2014.

CONDITIONAL & INTERIM USE PERMITS: None.

PLATS: None.

VARIANCES: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

County Planning & Zoning Report – Bryan Lawrence is not in attendance to present a report.

Park Committee Report – Supervisor Rush is not in attendance to present a report.

Goose Lake Access Update – Supervisor Swanson said the county is working on giving the township a sliver of land to access Goose Lake.

Baldwin Planning Commission Update – Supervisor Atwood reported there was a very short Planning Commission meeting followed by a joint meeting with the Baldwin Town Board supervisors and township engineer Jon Bogart.

TCI Baldwin Volunteer Corps Update – Supervisor Rush is not in attendance to present a report.

BR&E Update – Supervisor Holm reported that there is no update.

Approve/Disapprove Response to MPCA – Supervisor Holm stated that Bogart talked to the MPCA and it's been taken care of. Holm/Atwood unanimous to disapprove giving a response to the MPCA.

Approve/Disapprove Method of Disbursing of Truck #4 – Holm/Atwood unanimous to disapprove disbursing with truck #4.

Review Animal Control Ordinance (From July 7, 2014) – Supervisor Handshoe reported that, as things seem to be going well, he would propose no changes.

TABLED ITEMS:

Approve/Disapprove Amended Resolution 12-11; A Resolution Controlling Access to Baldwin Township's Information, Supervisors and Staff from One Charles W. Nagle – Holm/Swanson unanimous to table.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve/Disapprove Amendment to the Sherburne County Zoning Ordinance No. 002, Ord. No. 206 – Holm/Atwood unanimous to approve the changes to the Amendment to the Sherburne County Zoning Ordinance No. 002, Ord. No. 206.

Schedule Budget Meeting – The Budget Meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Approve/Disapprove 2015 Meeting Schedule – Handshoe/Holm unanimous to approve the 2015 meeting schedule.

Approve/Disapprove Verizon Wireless to Cell Tower – Atwood/Handshoe unanimous to disapprove Verizon Wireless to the cell tower.

Announcements:

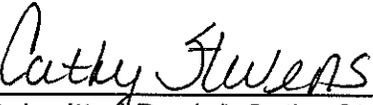
- Town Office Closed for Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 27
- Don Sherper Retirement November 24, 2014.

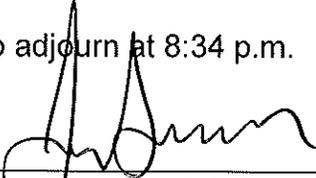
Holm/Handshoe unanimous to close the Town Hall on Friday, November 28, 2014. The clerk will be paid without having to use a vacation day.

Any Other Business: None.

Motion to Approve Bills for Payment – Atwood/Handshoe unanimous to approve the bills for payment from check number 18814 through 18889 and 3 EFT payments totaling \$51,551.71,

Adjournment – Handshoe/Atwood unanimous to adjourn at 8:34 p.m.


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


 Approved By: (s/) Jay Swanson
 Chairman, Board of Supervisors
 Baldwin Township
 12-1-14
 Date

Attendees: Lester Kriesel, Audrey Misiura