

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING

JANUARY 10TH, 2024

Present – Supervisors Jay Swanson, Bryan Lawrence and Scott Case

Absent – Jeff Holm and Tom Rush

Call to Order – The special 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

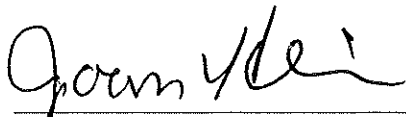
Discuss 2025 Budget Line Items with Ehler's -

Discussed power point presentation regarding 2025 budget. The budget is the most important thing the Town Board will do as a township. Since the majority of funding comes twice a year, covering day to day expenses and any unforeseeable expenditures is very important. The conservative revenue assumptions would be 2% from the 2024 budget. The conservative expenditure assumptions would be a 4% increase from the 2024 budget. Some of the 2025 capital needs are routine fire capital replacement for personal protective equipment and SCBA which includes fire hoses. The Public Works Department would need to replace a zero-turn mower and has routine costs for chip sealing. Street maintenance operations is also a large expenditure. The Park Committee is looking into replacing the aging playground equipment at Young Park.

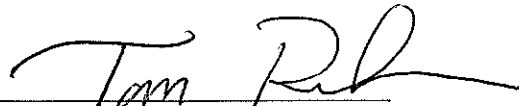
Discuss Frontier Trails Budget with Ehler's –

The Frontier Trails Subordinate Service District was created on the 2nd day of June, 2015 and was certified on the 6th day of July, 2015 hereinafter called DISTRICT, under Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 365A, 115.50, and 444 to design, finance, construct, operate, repair, replace, manage and maintain a community wastewater collection and wastewater treatment and disposal system (also called a Community Sewage Treatment and Collection System "CSTS"). The DISTRICT is under the control and management of the Baldwin Township Board of Supervisors (BOARD). Frontier Trails is a private septic system owned by the Township which consists of 41 homes in Baldwin Township. The sewer fund has not had rates for several years, and the special assessment prepayments has hindered cash balances. The proposed rate increase for 2024 is \$126.00 from the original monthly payment of \$72.00. This rate increase is needed to cover charges to pay for operations. There will be a public hearing at the Town Board meeting on January 22nd at 7:30 p.m. to discuss with the Residents of Frontier Trails the proposed rate increase.

Adjourn - Lawrence/Case unanimous to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.



Submitted By: (s/) Joan Heinen
Clerk/Treasurer
Baldwin Township



Approved By: (s/) ~~Jay Swanson~~
~~Chairman~~, Board of Supervisors
Baldwin Township
Tom Rush - Vice Chair

Date 2/5/24