

**BALDWIN TOWNSHIP
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NO. 23-44

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF BALDWIN TOWNSHIP FOR
INCORPORATION PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES § 414.02**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of Supervisors of Baldwin Township, Sherburne County, Minnesota (“Township”) as follows:

WHEREAS, the Township is not included within the limits of any incorporated municipality and includes land that has been platted into lots and blocks in the manner provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the Township is not currently a party to an orderly annexation agreement under Minnesota Statute § 414.0325 with any city; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section § 414.02 provides the exclusive method of incorporating a municipality in the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Demographic Center has determined Baldwin Township’s 2022 population to be 7,042 residents; and

WHEREAS, the Township, is now, or is about to become, urban or suburban in character; and

WHEREAS, the Township currently possesses the necessary resources to provide for its economical and efficient operation as a municipality; and

WHEREAS, the existing Township form of government is not best suited to protect the public health, safety and welfare of its residents as the Township develops; and

WHEREAS, incorporation would be in the best interest of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township has adopted and enforces a comprehensive plan and zoning controls for the Township; and

WHEREAS, areas within the Township, are now, and will be in the future, the subject of urban and suburban scale development; and

WHEREAS, incorporation as a city would provide the Township with stable borders within which to efficiently plan for and deliver municipal services; and

WHEREAS, incorporation as a city would make the newly incorporated city eligible for Local Government Aid from the State; and

WHEREAS, incorporation as a city would make the newly incorporated city eligible for Municipal State Aid for streets; and

WHEREAS, incorporation as a city would significantly increase the economic development tools available to the Township, thus promoting economic development within the Township; and

WHEREAS, incorporation as a city would vest liquor licensing authority in the newly incorporated city, rather than with Sherburne County, resulting in increased local control of liquor licensing; and

WHEREAS, incorporation as a city would vest charitable gambling approval authority in the newly incorporated city, rather than with Sherburne County, resulting in increased local control of charitable gambling; and

WHEREAS, Baldwin Township is bordered on the northeast corner by Wyanett Township; on the north by the City of Princeton and Princeton Township; on the northwest corner by Greenbush Township; on the east by Spencer Brook Township; on its southeast corner by Stanford Township; on the south by Livonia Township, on the southwest corner by Orrock Township, and on the west by Blue Hill Township; and

WHEREAS, incorporation of the Township will have no adverse effect on communities adjacent to Baldwin, nor on school districts within and adjacent to the area; and

WHEREAS, the Township believes that incorporation into a city form of government will allow for the more efficient administration of the area within the Township, thus advancing the public health, safety and welfare; and

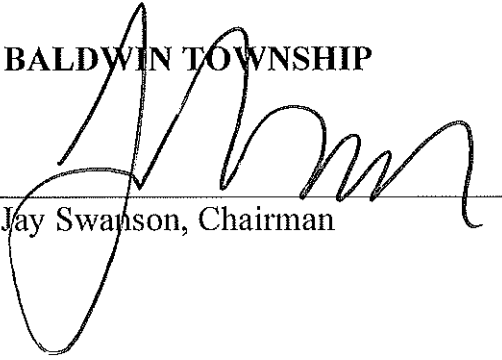
WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the name of the newly created City should be “Baldwin” which has been the name of the town since it was organized; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of Supervisors of Baldwin Township, Sherburne County, Minnesota declares that:

1. Baldwin Township, through this Resolution, formally requests that the Office of Administrative Hearings, Municipal Boundary Adjustments, institute a public hearing pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 414.02, Subd. 2, and upon reviewing the evidence presented at such hearing, enter an order incorporating the Township of Baldwin as the City of Baldwin pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 414.02, Subd. 3.
2. That prior to the hearing on this matter the Office of Administrative Hearings notify all municipalities and political subdivisions abutting Baldwin Township, Sherburne County, and each planning agency which has jurisdiction over the affected area, all of which are listed on the attached Exhibit A which is herein incorporated by reference.
3. That the final order of the Office of Administrative Hearings establish the boundaries of the City of Baldwin at those as set forth on the attached Exhibit B "Proposed Legal Description of the Corporate Boundary of the City of Baldwin" and as shown on the attached Exhibit C "Proposed Corporate Boundary Map of the City of Baldwin" which are herein incorporated by reference.
4. That the final order of the Office of Administrative Hearings provides for election of municipal officers in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 414.09, Subd. 3 and for the ordering of an at-large election of city council members and mayor, and to provide that the plan of government shall be "Optional Plan A" with regular city elections thereafter in every even-numbered year.

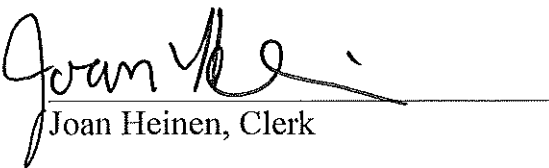
ADOPTED by the Town Board of Supervisors this 4th day of December, 2023.

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP



Jay Swanson, Chairman

ATTEST:



Joan Heinen, Clerk

EXHIBIT A

**JURISDICTIONS ENTITLED TO NOTICE OF BALDWIN TOWNSHIP'S
INCORPORATION PETITION:**

Greenbush Township

City of Princeton

Princeton Township

Wyannett Township

Spencer Brook Township

Stanford Township

Livonia Township

Orrock Township

Blue Hill Township

County of Sherburne

EXHIBIT B

PROPOSED LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE CORPORATE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF BALDWIN

Legal description of Baldwin Township, Sherburne County, Minnesota, proposed to be incorporated as the City of Baldwin:

All of the following Sections: 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 located in Township 35 north, Range 26 west, Sherburne County, Minnesota;

AND

Those portions of the following described sections:

All of Section 3, Township 35 North, Range 26 West, Sherburne County, Minnesota, EXCEPT therefrom the following properties:

- The west 1,650 feet of the NW 1/4 of Section 3, Township 35 North, Range 26 West, Sherburne County, Minnesota.
- That part of E 1/2 of SE 1/4, Section 4, and that part of SW 1/4, Section 3, described as follows: Commencing at southeast corner of Section 4, also southwest corner of Section 3; thence north along east line of said Section 4 (also west line of Section 3) for 1,200 feet to actual point of beginning; thence south 89 degrees 17 minutes west 1,200 feet along a line parallel to south line of Section 4; thence north 1,400 feet parallel to east line of Section 4; thence north 89 degrees 17 minutes east on a line parallel to south line of Section 4 1,200 feet to a point on east line of Section 4; thence north 89 degrees 46 minutes east 967 feet on a line parallel to south line of Section 3; thence south 15 degrees 27 minutes east 212.9 feet; thence south 41 degrees 28 minutes east 501.9 feet; thence south 27 degrees 55 minutes east 585 feet; thence south and parallel to west line of Section 3 300 feet; thence south 89 degrees 46 minutes west and parallel to south line of Section 3 1,620 feet to point of beginning. Except the NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, except therefrom that point which lies northerly of the south 1,235 feet and westerly of the east 1,200 feet; and that part of the SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 which lies within the boundary lines of a tract described above in document 92047, Sections 3 and 4, Township 35 North, Range 26 West, Sherburne County.

That part of Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 35 North, Range 26 West, Sherburne County, Minnesota, described as follows:

- That part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 35, Range 26, Sherburne County, Minnesota, lying westerly of the westerly right of way line of 122nd Street.
- All of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 4, except that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 35, Range 26, Sherburne County, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the East line of STATE HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY PLAT NO. 71-2, said Sherburne County, with the North line of said Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence Southerly, along said East line of STATE HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY PLAT NO. 71-2, a distance of 170.50 feet; thence Easterly, parallel with said North line of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, a distance of 311.00 feet; thence Southerly, parallel with said East line of STATE HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY PLAT NO. 71-2, a distance of 115.00 feet; thence Easterly, parallel with said North line of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, a distance of 66.00 feet; thence Northerly, parallel with said East line of STATE HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY PLAT NO. 71-2, a distance of 285.50 feet to the point of intersection with said North line of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence Westerly, along said North line of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, a distance of 377.00 feet to the point of beginning.

All of the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 35 North, Range 26 West, Sherburne County, Minnesota, EXCEPT therefrom the following properties:

- The Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 35 North, Range 26 West, except therefrom that part which lies northerly of the south 1,235 feet and westerly of the east 1,200 feet.
- That part of the south 1235 feet of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 35, Range 26, Sherburne County, Minnesota, EXCEPT the north 505 feet of the south 2472.5 feet of the west 604 feet of said Southeast Quarter and EXCEPT that part of said Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter described as the north 730 feet of the south 1967.5 feet of the west 264 feet of said Southeast Quarter.
- That part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 35, Range 26, Sherburne County, Minnesota, lying north of the south 297 feet thereof, EXCEPT the north 371 feet of the south 1204.05 feet of the west

264 feet of said South- west Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, and EXCEPT the south 412.5 feet of the west 264 feet of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, and EXCEPT the north 264 feet of the south 561 feet of the east 430 feet of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, and EXCEPT that part of the west 264 feet of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter lying north of the south 1257.5 feet thereof.

- That part of the south 1200 feet of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 35, Range 26, Sherburne County, Minnesota, EXCEPT the east 400 feet of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, and EXCEPT the south 561 feet of the east 660 feet of the west 1900 feet of said Southeast Quarter.

All of the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 35 North, Range 26 West, Sherburne County, Minnesota, EXCEPT therefrom the following properties:

- That part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 35 North, Range 26 West, Sherburne County, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of Section 4; thence South on the west line of said Southwest Quarter a distance of 413 feet; thence East parallel with the north line of said Southwest Quarter of Section 4, to the westerly line of the railroad right-of-way as presently located and established; thence northerly along said westerly line of the railroad right-of-way to the north line of the said Southwest Quarter of Section 4; thence West on and along said north line to the point of beginning. Less and Except that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 35 North, Range 26 West, shown as Parcel 4370 on the plat designated as State Highway Right-Of-Way Plat Number 71-1 on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for Sherburne County, Minnesota.
- Lot 7, Block 1, plat of Railside, Sherburne County, Minnesota
- Lot 1, Block 1, PUC Plat, Sherburne County, Minnesota.
- Lot 1, Block 1, plat of Railway Properties, Sherburne County, Minnesota.
- Outlot A, PUC Plat, Sherburne County, Minnesota.

All of the Southeast Quarter of Section 5, Township 35 North, Range 26 West, Sherburne County, Minnesota, EXCEPT therefrom the following properties:

- The Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the South East Quarter of Section 5, Township 35 North, Range 26 West, Sherburne County, Minnesota.

All of the Southwest Quarter of Section 5, Township 35 North, Range 26 West, Sherburne County, Minnesota, EXCEPT therefrom the following properties:

- That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 5 described as follows: beginning at the northeast corner of said Southwest Quarter, thence south a distance of 660 feet along the easterly line of the quarter section; thence west a distance of 200 feet parallel with the northerly line of said quarter section; thence north distant 660 feet parallel with the easterly line of said quarter section to the north line of said quarter section; thence east distant 200 feet along the northerly line of said quarter section to the point of beginning.

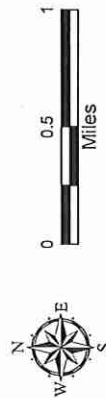
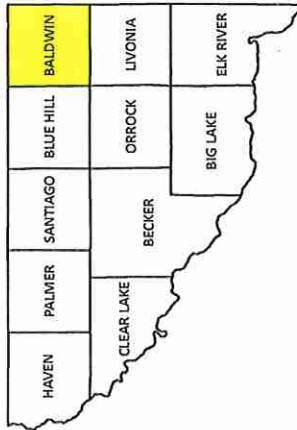
All of Section 9, Township 35 North, Range 26 West, Sherburne County, Minnesota, EXCEPT therefrom the following properties:

- Outlot A, PUC Plat, Sherburne County, Minnesota.
- That part of the North Half of the Northeast Quarter (N1/2 of NE1/4) of Section Nine (9), Township Thirty-five (35), Range Twenty-six (26), Sherburne County, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Northeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 35, Range 26, which point is 800.02 feet East of the Northwest corner thereof; thence in a Southerly direction parallel with the West line of said Northeast Quarter to the South line of the North Half of the Northeast Quarter; thence in an Easterly direction along the South line of said North Half of the Northeast Quarter to the Southeast corner of the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 35, Range 26; thence in a Northerly direction along the East line of said Northeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 35, Range 26, to the Northeast corner thereof; thence in a Westerly direction along the North line of said Northeast Quarter to the point of beginning, according to the U.S. Government Survey thereof.

EXHIBIT C

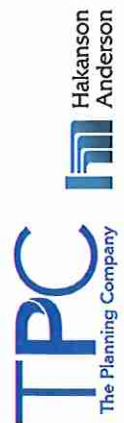
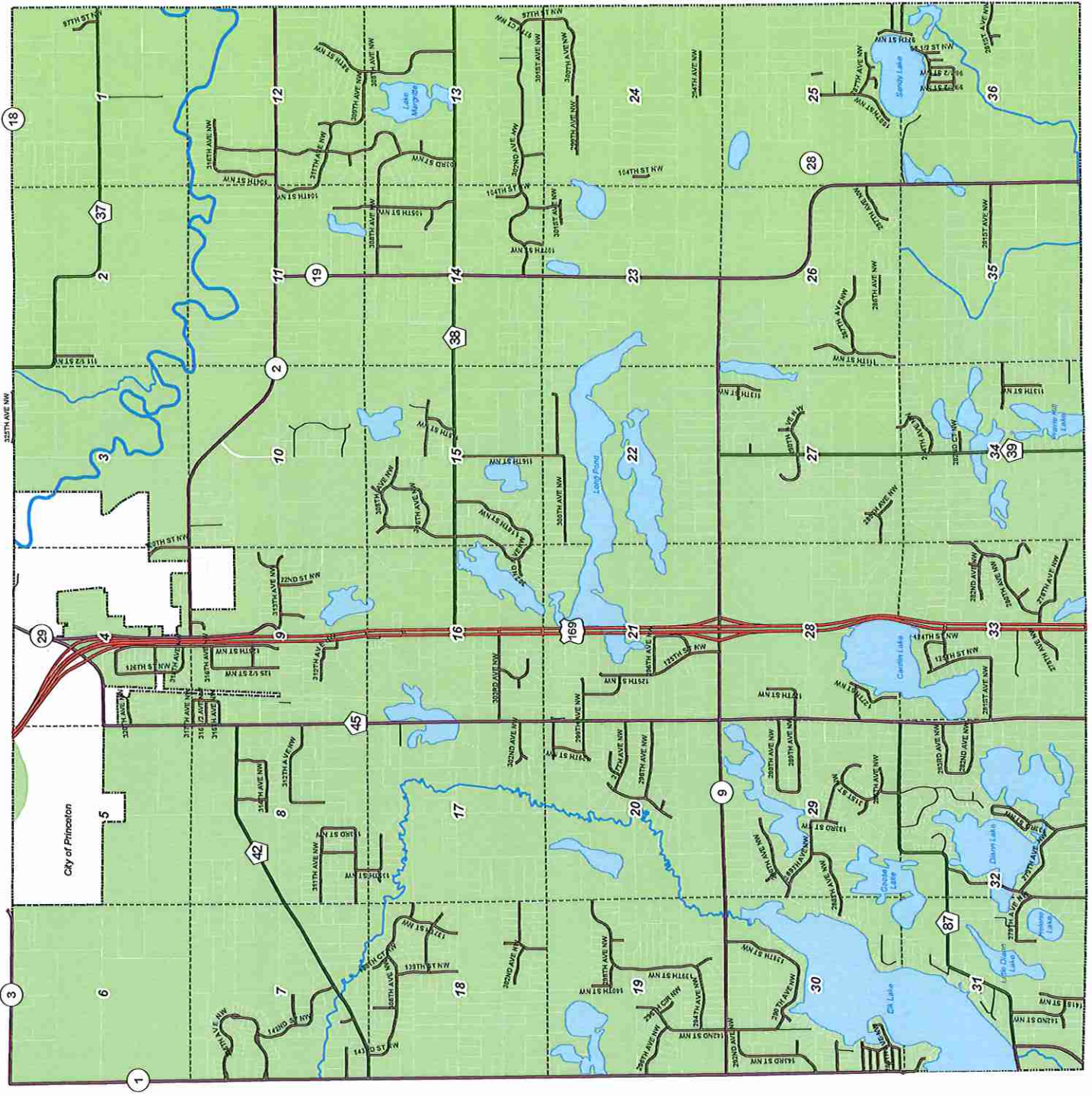
**PROPOSED CORPORATE BOUNDARY MAP OF
THE CITY OF BALDWIN**

Proposed Map of the City of Baldwin



Legend

- City of Baldwin
- Proposed Corporate Limits
- Proposed City of Baldwin
- City of Princeton



DISCLAIMER: Baldwin Township does not warrant the accuracy nor the correctness of the information contained in this map. It is your responsibility to verify the accuracy of this information. In no event will Shorburne County be liable for any damages, including loss of business, lost profits, business interruption, loss of business information or other pecuniary loss that might arise from the use of this map or the information it contains. Map information is believed to be accurate but accuracy is not guaranteed.