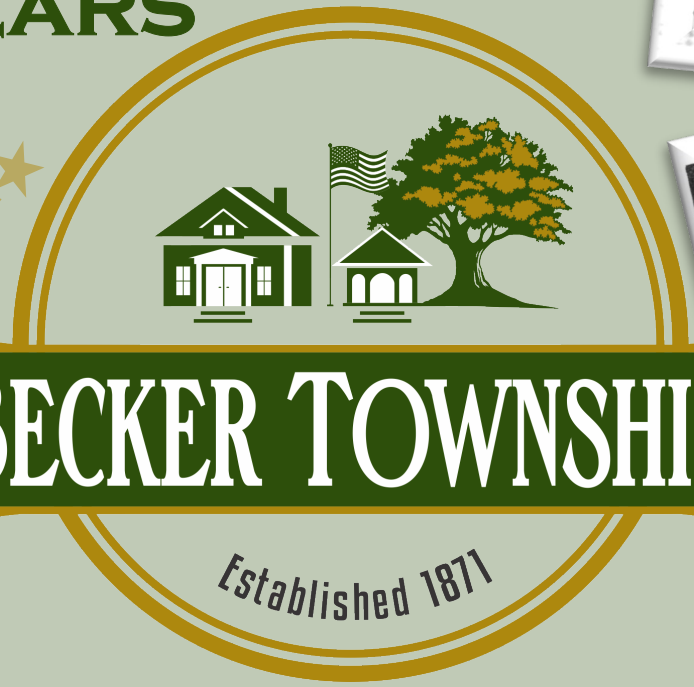




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Becker Township Annual Meeting of the Electors

Agenda
March 8, 2022
Becker Township Hall



1. Call to order

2. Election of Moderator

Moderator needs to be available to meet with clerk by Thursday, March 10, 2022 to sign minutes.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve as distributed or corrected.

4. Minutes

Motion to dispense with reading of 2021 Meeting Minutes and approve as distributed or corrected.

5. Centra Care Health Update

Fliers in packet due to their current COVID-19 regulations

6. Board of Audit Report - Clerk Lucinda Messman

7. Treasurer's Report & Depository Recommendation - Treasurer Tanya Danielson

8. Open Forum

Any other considerations prior to setting the levy

9. Road Report - Township Road Supervisor Joe Danielson/Road Supervisor Robin Boros

10. Fire Department – Preliminary Budget Allocation Report

11. Permits Report - Supervisor Brad Wilkening, Chair Joint Planning Board

12. Newspaper Recommendation

Motion required to recommend: Official Newspaper (Currently, The Patriot)

13. Set Next Annual Meeting

Motion required to set: Time: 8:01 p.m., Date: 3/14/2023, Location: Becker Township Hall

14. Set Posting Location(s)

Motion required to recommend location(s):

Currently posting locations:

Becker Township Hall, 12165 Hancock Street

Becker City Hall, 12060 Sherburne Avenue

Becker Township Website, www.beckertownship.org

15. Town Board Report

Town Board Chair, Brian Kolbinger

16. Township Levies

Motion by category as listed in Board of Audit Report

17. Report of Annual Election

Moderator to read unofficial results. Final results available after Board of Canvass to meet immediately following this meeting.

18. Adjourn

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Attendance: Tanya Danielson, Brad Wilkening, Joe Danielson, Robin Boros, Jeremy Schmidt, Luke Babler, Brian Kolbinger, Mark Swanson, Lucinda Messman, Mark Kolbinger (8:39 pm).

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Town Board Annual Meeting was relocated to the Becker American Legion to allow for in-person meeting and compliance with social distancing and mask requirements. Proper notification/publication of the change in location was completed. There was no zoom option for this meeting as no internet was available at this location, but due to size, we had more than ample space.

Meeting took place immediately following the close of polls for township elections on March 9, 2021.

Clerk Lucinda Messman called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m..

Nominations for moderator opened. Brian Kolbinger was nominated for moderator by Brad Wilkening. Second by Robin Boros. Motion carried all voting in favor.

Brian Kolbinger, was elected moderator for the 2021 Becker Township Board Annual Meeting took a seat up front and conducted the meeting.

Motion to accept agenda by Luke Babler. Second by Tanya Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.

Motion to dispense with reading of the minutes and approve as distributed by Mark Swanson. Second by Brad Wilkening. Motion carried, all voting in favor.

Centra Care Health Annual Report – Mark Swanson is the representative for Becker Township. He stated the handouts were distributed in keeping with the Hospital's Covid-19 policy of no in-person visits this year. Highlights include a new mental health facility in the emergency area and after Covid encouraged everyone to take a tour if they haven't. Question: with Covid, is the hospital financially ok? A: yes, they are still fully staffed and a lot of shared care has been occurring with St. Cloud hospital as specialties are developing.

Becker Public Schools – Superintendent Jeremy Schmidt passed out a flier with information regarding the school referendum that is scheduled for May 11, 2021. He was present to answer any questions. Referendum to be a zero net tax increase to district residents. For more information visit Bulldogsstrong.com.

Board of Audit Report read by Clerk Lucinda Messman.

2020 Treasurer's report presented in the evening packet - Treasurer Tanya Danielson

- In full disclosure, Treasurer Danielson stated she is an employee of the Sherburne State Bank.
- Depository recommendation for 2021 remains as it was last year, Sherburne State Bank.

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Open Forum portion of the meeting brought no comments:

Permit Report Data distributed in packet was reviewed Supervisor Brad Wilkening.

Road Report presented by Supervisor Robin Boros. Information distributed could be read by those in attendance.

Newspaper recommendation – keep as The Patriot. Motion by Robin Boros. Second by Joe Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.

Next Annual meeting set for Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 8:01 p.m. at Becker Township Hall, 12165 Hancock Street, Becker, MN. Motion by Mark Swanson. Second by Joe Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.

Posting locations recommended as Becker Town Hall, Becker City Hall and Becker Township website www.beckertownship.org. Motion by Luke Babler. Second by Brad Wilkening. Motion carried, all voting in favor.

Town Board Report – Brian Kolbinger, Town Board Chair

- Highlights of the year were reviewed
 - Wrapped up 185th Ave SE – this was a large, 3 year project for this township. Many people involved to complete this significant project. Win for the Township.
 - Right of Way Projects – many have been completed over the past few years – cleaning up records and finalizing locations so everyone knows where the Township rights-of-way are located.
 - CMRP – previously known as Highway 25 Coalition. The township is participating in this endeavor. It takes a regional partnership to accomplish the goals of this group at the scale needed.
 - Covid – from Fire Equipment Donations to A/V Equipment and meeting election mandates – a lot of extra work this year completed by those involved. Thanks
 - CIP – our road report, lots of work by our Engineer and Road Supervisors to get this document started. It is an evolving document that should enable the Town Board to be more precise in the Road and Bridge Levy numbers moving forward.
- Levy increase recommended. We have an increasing tax base, we also have more traffic using the roads. Oil and asphalt prices are rising and those are key components of our road maintenance. Estimated impact on a \$307,200 home is \$23/month, just under \$2/month to maintain our roads.

Township Levy -

- **8:43 pm General Fund – motion to approve at \$175,000. This total includes up to \$20,000 in donations and \$5,000 for a 150th Anniversary Township Celebration by Tanya Danielson. Second by Joe Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- **8:43 pm Road and Bridge Fund - motion to approve \$1,000,000 by Luke Babler. Second by Robin Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

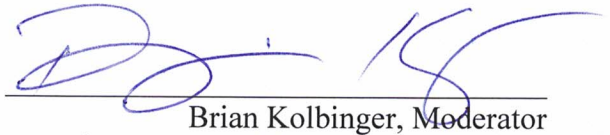
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- **8:44 pm Town Hall Fund – motion to approve \$15,000 by Mark Swanson. Second by Brad Wilkening. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- **8:44 pm Fire Fund – motion to approve \$100,000 by Luke Babler. Second by Joe Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

Report of Election – Seat #4 retained by Joe Danielson, Seat #5 retained by Brian Kolbinger. See Board of Canvass minutes and website for complete results.

Last call for other topics – none presented.

Motion to adjourn Becker Township 2021 Annual Meeting by Joe Danielson at 8:45 p.m. Meeting adjourned.



Brian Kolbinger, Moderator



Lucinda Messman, Clerk

Place holder for Hospital Flier/information

Becker Township
Board of Audit Report
February 23, 2022

Becker Town Board Supervisors Reviewed Clerk and Treasurer financial records.

Beginning Balance 2021:	1,383,225.37
Total Receipts for 2021:	1,911,498.76
Total Disbursements for 2021:	1,328,611.98
Ending Balance 2021:	1,966,112.15

The following levy recommendations are shown below next to last year's levy.

Fund	2022 Certified Levy	2023 Levy Recommendation
General Fund	175,000	180,000
Road & Bridge Fund	1,000,000	1,050,000
Town Hall Fund	15,000	15,000
Fire Fund	100,000	120,000
Total Levy	\$ 1,290,000	\$ 1,365,000

As on 12/31/2021

Fund	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Sale of Investments	Transfers In	Disbursements	Purchase of Investments	Transfers Out	Ending Balance	Investment Balance	Total Balance
General Fund	110,641.65	202,241.01	0.00	9,808.30	176,173.79	0.00	0.00	146,517.17	0.00	146,517.17
Road and Bridge	928,051.00	1,013,360.35	0.00	1,140.00	774,006.47	0.00	0.00	1,168,544.88	0.00	1,168,544.88
Town Hall Fund	44,052.71	15,468.79	0.00	0.00	18,933.95	0.00	0.00	40,587.55	0.00	40,587.55
Fire Fund (Joint with city)	149,878.00	101,323.01	0.00	0.00	123,710.00	0.00	0.00	127,491.01	0.00	127,491.01
Fire Hall Bond (Joint with City)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fines and Fees	38,681.00	16,905.52	0.00	0.00	2,353.39	0.00	0.00	53,233.13	0.00	53,233.13
Permits - (Internal Break Out from General Fund)	69,808.76	196,958.08	0.00	1,993.17	180,160.77	0.00	9,250.00	79,349.24	0.00	79,349.24
Escrowed Funds - Held	30,402.85	43,062.50	0.00	9,250.00	32,770.85	0.00	6,555.50	43,389.00	0.00	43,389.00
Park Acquisition and Development (Optional)	8,000.00	800.00	0.00	3,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
Boulder Croosing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
COVID Fund	3,709.40	305,501.88	0.00	0.00	3,586.66	0.00	10,624.45	295,000.17	0.00	295,000.17
Total :	1,383,225.37	1,895,621.14	0.00	25,391.47	1,311,695.88	0.00	26,429.95	1,966,112.15	0.00	1,966,112.15

Becker Township
General Revenue Fund

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2021

RECEIPTS	2021	2020	\$ Change
State of MN MV Credit Agr/Real/MH.....	\$ 7,880.94	\$ 9,229.86	\$ (1,348.92)
City Annexation Payment.....	\$ -	\$ 3,942.66	\$ (3,942.66)
County Tax Receipts.....	\$ 177,002.79	\$ 162,898.87	\$ 14,103.92
Forfeited Land Sales.....	\$ 12,057.28	\$ 710.68	\$ 11,346.60
Assessment Fees.....	\$ 125.00	\$ 370.00	\$ (245.00)
Money Market Deposit Account Interest...	\$ 901.67	\$ 841.91	\$ 59.76
Gopher Bounty.....	\$ 480.00	\$ 358.00	\$ 122.00
Filing Fees/Admin Fees/Other.....	\$ 6.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 2.00
Local Government Aid.....	\$ -	\$ 292.28	\$ (292.28)
State Aid.....	\$ 764.00	\$ 1,555.00	\$ (791.00)
Score Grant	\$ 1,876.62	\$ 1,971.90	\$ (95.28)
Public Safety Hazard Fees.....	\$ -	\$ 1,256.14	\$ (1,256.14)
Mailboxes.....	\$ 564.00	\$ 485.00	\$ 79.00
PNP Reimbursements.....	\$ -	\$ 2,667.21	\$ (2,667.21)
Transfers from other funds.....	\$ 9,808.30	\$ 27,954.30	\$ (18,146.00)
Miscellaneous.....	\$ 582.71	\$ 113.46	\$ 469.25
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE FUND.....	\$ 212,049.31	\$ 214,651.27	\$ (2,601.96)

DISBURSEMENTS.....	2021	2020	\$ Change
Supervisors.....	\$ 12,860.04	\$ 9,183.71	\$ 3,676.33
Election	\$ 1,009.01	\$ 13,143.47	\$ (12,134.46)
Clerk/Deputy Clerk.....	\$ 44,144.20	\$ 39,925.71	\$ 4,218.49
Treasurer/Deputy Treasurer.....	\$ 699.88	\$ 603.82	\$ 96.06
Phone Reimb.....	\$ 1,920.00	\$ -	\$ 1,920.00
Fed Withholding Employee & Employer.....	\$ 17,886.16	\$ 13,097.43	\$ 4,788.73
State Withholding Employee and Employer...	\$ 3,140.34	\$ 2,574.97	\$ 565.37
Education.....	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ (200.00)
Recording and Reporting.....	\$ 737.46	\$ 46.00	\$ 691.46
Employee Recognition.....	\$ 500.00	\$ 128.80	\$ 371.20
Printing/Publishing.....	\$ 314.75	\$ 1,148.98	\$ (834.23)
Postage.....	\$ 408.16	\$ -	\$ 408.16
Mileage/Travel.....	\$ 169.68	\$ -	\$ 169.68
Audit.....	\$ 15,750.00	\$ 13,852.24	\$ 1,897.76
Engineering Fees.....	\$ 3,110.00	\$ 2,390.00	\$ 720.00
IT - Software.....	\$ 5,789.07	\$ 2,344.99	\$ 3,444.08
Park and Recreation.....	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
Appraisal Fees/Assessing.....	\$ 16,967.33	\$ 16,890.13	\$ 77.20
Historical Society.....	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Becker Clean Up.....	\$ 1,809.72	\$ -	\$ 1,809.72
Insurance.....	\$ 4,406.00	\$ 6,823.60	\$ (2,417.60)
Impound.....	\$ 2,029.00	\$ 4,260.00	\$ (2,231.00)
Cemetery Association.....	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 100.00
Becker Safety Camp.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 4,491.39	\$ 3,446.60	\$ 1,044.79
Gopher Feet.....	\$ 955.00	\$ 1,062.50	\$ (107.50)
MAT Dues/Sherburne Cty Assoc. Twsp	\$ 2,445.92	\$ 3,229.51	\$ (783.59)
All Night Grad Party.....	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
Legal.....	\$ 8,084.47	\$ 6,348.80	\$ 1,735.67
150th Anniversary.....	\$ 1,426.23	\$ -	\$ 1,426.23
Planner	\$ 4,277.50	\$ 506.25	\$ 3,771.25
Mailboxes.....	\$ 1,058.00	\$ -	\$ 1,058.00
Miscellaneous.....	\$ 484.48	\$ 374.39	\$ 110.09
Transfers to other funds.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 176,173.79	\$ 160,281.90	\$ 15,891.89

Becker Township
Town Hall Fund
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021

RECEIPTS	2021	2020	\$ Change
County Tax Receipts.....	\$ 15,213.13	\$ 20,335.82	\$ (5,122.69)
State Tax Receipts.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest.....	\$ 255.66	\$ 642.70	\$ (387.04)
TOTAL TOWN HALL RECEIPTS.....	<u>\$ 15,468.79</u>	<u>\$ 20,978.52</u>	<u>\$ (5,509.73)</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.....	2021	2020	\$ Change
Gas/Electric/Water/Sewer/Garbage.....	\$ 6,204.22	\$ 5,398.28	\$ 805.94
Outside Maint	\$ 8,285.00	\$ 12,015.00	\$ (3,730.00)
Inside Maintenance	\$ 4,083.00	\$ 3,140.00	\$ 943.00
Supplies.....	\$ 316.73	\$ 187.73	\$ 129.00
Engineering Fees.....			\$ -
Misc.....	\$ 45.00		\$ 45.00
TOTAL TOWN HALL DISBURSEMENTS.....	<u>\$ 18,933.95</u>	<u>\$ 20,741.01</u>	<u>\$ (1,807.06)</u>

Becker Township
Fines and Fees
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021

RECEIPTS	2021	2020	\$ Change *
Fines and Fees Received.....	\$ 16,588.28	\$ 12,081.53	\$ 4,506.75
Sign Replacement.....	\$ 75.00		
Interest.....	\$ 242.24	\$ 532.98	\$ (290.74)
TOTAL FINES AND FEES RECEIPTS.....	<u>\$ 16,905.52</u>	<u>\$ 12,614.51</u>	<u>\$ 4,216.01</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.....	2021	2020	\$ Change *
Fire Numbering and Signing.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sign and Signing.....	\$ 2,353.39	\$ 5,370.00	\$ (3,016.61)
Legal.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Engineering Fees.....	\$ -	\$ 2,650.24	\$ (2,650.24)
Transfer to other funds.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL FINES AND FEES DISBURSEMENTS.....	<u>\$ 2,353.39</u>	<u>\$ 8,020.24</u>	<u>\$ (5,666.85)</u>

Becker Township
Road & Bridge Fund
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2021

RECEIPTS	2021	2020	Change
County Tax Receipts.....	\$ 962,114.63	\$ 912,802.11	\$ 49,312.52
Green Acres Payback.....	\$ 920.84	\$ 1,185.47	\$ (264.63)
State Pmts in Lieu of Aid.....		\$ -	\$ -
Gravel Tax.....	\$ 120.48	\$ 469.80	\$ (349.32)
Gas Tax/Road Allotment	\$ 42,503.77	\$ 46,461.25	\$ (3,957.48)
Money Market Deposit Account Interest.....	\$ 7,460.15	\$ 10,000.87	\$ (2,540.72)
Miscellaneous.....	\$ 240.48	\$ -	\$ 240.48
Transfer from other funds.....	\$ 1,140.00	\$ 168.98	\$ 971.02
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE RECEIPTS.....	\$ 1,014,500.35	\$ 971,088.48	\$ 43,411.87

DISBURSEMENTS	2021	2020	
Gravel Roads.....	\$ 224,453.78	\$ 53,842.40	\$ 170,611.38
Snow/Ice Removal.....	\$ 99,040.00	\$ 109,482.50	\$ (10,442.50)
Ditch Assessments	\$ -	\$ 3,453.62	\$ (3,453.62)
Striping.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Culverts.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mowing/Weed Control.....	\$ 7,277.50	\$ 11,725.00	\$ (4,447.50)
Cat/Dozer/Loader/Trucks/Small Equip/Labor	\$ 3,032.00	\$ 393.50	\$ 2,638.50
Tree Removal.....	\$ 14,932.50	\$ 43,138.75	\$ (28,206.25)
Recording and Reporting.....	\$ -	\$ 138.00	\$ (138.00)
Engineering Fees.....	\$ 165,748.63	\$ 31,362.50	\$ 134,386.13
Attorney Fees.....	\$ 2,802.50	\$ 963.13	\$ 1,839.37
Planner.....	\$ 637.50	\$ -	\$ 637.50
Technology.....	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Advertising/Publishing.....	\$ 596.70	\$ 849.63	\$ (252.93)
Garbage Collection.....	\$ 2,634.48	\$ 1,565.42	\$ 1,069.06
Supervisor/Clerk/Deputy Clerk/Road Tour...	\$ 9,412.38	\$ 4,300.93	\$ 5,111.45
Mileage.....	\$ 1,583.00	\$ -	\$ 1,583.00
Road Const New/Reconstruction - Paved Stre	\$ 196,192.73	\$ 349,404.57	\$ (153,211.84)
Grading/Summer Road Work	\$ 15,145.03	\$ 8,287.50	\$ 6,857.53
Crackfilling/Routering/Patching.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sweeping.....	\$ 17,078.74	\$ 16,200.00	\$ 878.74
Shouldering.....	\$ -	\$ 1,477.00	\$ (1,477.00)
Dust Control.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Misc.....	\$ -	\$ 62.56	\$ (62.56)
HWY 25 Coalition.....	\$ 10,714.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ (4,286.00)
Transfer to other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE DISBURSEMENTS.....	\$ 771,481.47	\$ 651,647.01	\$ 119,834.46

Becker Township
Fire Fund
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2021

RECEIPTS.....	2021	2020	Change
County Tax Receipts.....	\$ 100,212.88	\$ 108,695.76	\$ (8,482.88)
State Tax Receipts.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Money Market Deposit Account Interest.....	\$ 1,110.13	\$ 2,790.60	\$ (1,680.47)
Miscellaneous.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer from other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL FIRE FUND RECEIPTS.....	\$ 101,323.01	\$ 111,486.36	\$ (10,163.35)

DISBURSEMENTS	2021	2020	
Fire Protection.....	\$ 117,710.00	\$ 109,834.00	\$ 7,876.00
Fireman's Retirement - Relief Assoc.....	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -
Misc.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Legal.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL FIRE FUND DISBURSEMENTS.....	\$ 123,710.00	\$ 115,834.00	\$ 7,876.00

Becker Township
Permit Fund
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2021

RECEIPTS	2021	2020	Change
Permits.....	\$ 198,951.25	\$ 237,001.80	\$ (38,050.55)
Transfers from other funds.....	\$ -	\$ 8,493.34	\$ 8,493.34
Misc.....	\$ -	\$ 216.01	\$ 216.01
TOTAL PERMIT RECEIPTS.....	\$ 198,951.25	\$ 245,711.15	\$ (46,759.90)

DISBURSEMENTS.....	2021	2020	
Supervisors/Planning/Joint Planning....	\$ 9,053.86	\$ 6,738.25	\$ 2,315.61
Clerk /Deputy Clerk	\$ 19,379.01	\$ 17,439.11	\$ 1,939.90
Treasurer.....	\$ 2,099.60	\$ 1,584.16	\$ 515.44
Printing/Publishing.....	\$ 3,152.27	\$ 2,040.28	\$ 1,111.99
Recording.....	\$ 920.00	\$ 644.00	\$ 276.00
Postage.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Legal.....	\$ 9,296.13	\$ 6,026.12	\$ 3,270.01
Engineering Fees.....	\$ 13,152.50	\$ 18,652.50	\$ (5,500.00)
Planning/Zoning	\$ 6,463.15	\$ 4,474.87	\$ 1,988.28
Planner.....	\$ 31,385.00	\$ 25,968.75	\$ 5,416.25
Technology.....	\$ 740.00	\$ -	\$ 740.00
City for Permits	\$ 14,236.60	\$ 15,249.73	\$ (1,013.13)
Building Inspections.....	\$ 61,103.90	\$ 66,930.93	\$ (5,827.03)
Reimbursements	\$ 791.95	\$ 200.00	\$ 591.95
State Surcharges.....	\$ 5,386.80	\$ 2,439.38	\$ 2,947.42
Misc.....	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2.97	\$ 2,997.03
Transfer to Other Funds	\$ 9,250.00	\$ -	\$ 9,250.00
TOTAL PERMIT DISBURSEMENTS.....	\$ 189,410.77	\$ 168,391.05	\$ 21,019.72

Becker Township
ARPA Funds
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2021

RECEIPTS.....	2021	2020	Change
State Tax Receipts.....	\$ 299,324.05	\$ -	\$ 299,324.05
Reimbursement	\$ 6,177.83	\$ -	\$ 6,177.83
Miscellaneous.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer from other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL FIRE FUND RECEIPTS.....	\$ 305,501.88	\$ -	\$ 305,501.88

DISBURSEMENTS	2021	2020	Change
Legal Fees.....	\$ 158.25	\$ -	\$ 158.25
Technology.....	\$ 3,325.53	\$ -	\$ 3,325.53
Supplies.....	\$ 102.88	\$ -	\$ 102.88
Transfer to other Funds.....	\$ 10,624.45	\$ -	\$ 10,624.45
TOTAL FIRE FUND DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 14,211.11	\$ -	\$ 14,211.11



2022 Annual Meeting Becker Township Road Report



PURPOSE:

- The purpose of this report is to present a general summary of the road projects and/or maintenance activities completed in 2021.
- For additional information and/or details regarding specific Township maintenance projects, actual work completed, and/or budgets please attend Town Board meetings or contact Town Hall for information.

GOAL:

- The goal of the Township is maintain the Township roads such that they ensure the safety and welfare of our residents while balancing the relatively high-cost of road maintenance.

GENERAL:

- Becker Township maintains approximately 72 miles of township roads of which approximately 59 miles are covered with bituminous (asphalt), and approximately 13 miles are covered with gravel.
- Road inspections are typically conducted by the Township Road Supervisors. The spring tours are mainly used to determine which projects will be completed and the fall tour is used to review the work that was completed. An inventory of road conditions is maintained by the Town Board. A select list of projects is generated through the use of the CIP each year as a result of reviewing the inventory. The proposed road projects are then evaluated, prioritized and selected for potential maintenance options. Based upon the costs of the proposed maintenance projects the annual road and bridge fund budget is generated and recommended by the Town Board.

ROAD MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (CIP)

In 2018, the Township initiated a Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). As a first step in creating the Plan the existing Township Road Map was reviewed and updated to meet current road classifications. The next step was to inventory all the roads in the Township. The activities involved in developing the CIP are continual and subject to change as conditions warrant.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

As a result of the CIP ongoing evaluations and fluctuations in materials costs from year to year will determine which road maintenance projects can be completed. The continual increases in diesel fuel and oil prices have impacted the cost of planned maintenance as planned per our CIP. We are recommending an increase in the levy to help account for this in future years.

Road Improvements for 2021 included:

- 142nd Ave SE

- 164th Ave SE
- 82nd Street SE, section of damaged road West of CR 23
- Garden Grove Road
- Georgia Circle

MOWING AND WEED CONTROL

- Mowing and weed control involves mowing and controlling select weeds along all of the Township road ditches.
- The ditches are periodically mowed and the weeds are controlled as needed. In general the ditches are mowed in accordance with MN §§160.232 and select weeds are controlled as needed.

TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL – BRUSHING-STUMP REMOVALS AND GRINDING

- Tree trimming and brush removal involves trimming tree branches, removing trees and stumps from the Township ROW. In general, our goal is to focus our trimming activities on oak trees during the winter to avoid the spread of oak wilt and do trees such as elms, cottonwoods, etc. in the summer and/or fall.
- The Township continually conducts tree trimming/removal activities that are prioritized based upon the risk to public safety.

PAVED ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – CRACK FILLING/SEALING/PATCHING/STRIPING

- Crack Filling/sealing/patching are maintenance activities that are used to extend the life of asphalt pavement.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED FOR 2022

- 82nd Street
- 164th Pavement
- 67th two portions – Cost sharing with Santiago Twp
- 127th/153rd – Cost sharing with City of Becker

ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLANNED FOR 2023

97th Avenue – LRIP grant to cover portion of cost. Cost sharing with two entities, Clear Lake Township and the City of Becker. Survey crews will be out and about in the areas between now and start of project. Stop into town hall or contact a Road Supervisor with any questions.

DUST CONTROL

- Dust Control is a maintenance activity that is used to reduce the amount of airborne dust. Dust control activities are applied as warranted throughout the summer.

SHOULDERING – MATERIAL AND PLACEMENT

- Shouldering is a maintenance activity that is used to repair and grade road shoulders that have eroded from various maintenance activities throughout the year.

- Select road shoulders are repaired as warranted throughout the year.

SWEEPING

- Sweeping is a maintenance activity that is used to reduce the amount of sand and debris along the roads. Sweeping activities are completed as warranted throughout the summer.
- In general road sweeping is completed as needed in the spring.

GRADING GRAVEL ROADS

- Gravel roads are periodically graded as warranted throughout the summer. Grading activities are typically conducted after a rain event if possible.

ICE AND SNOW REMOVAL

- Snow is plowed and/or removed from the roads typically when approximately 2 inches of snow has fallen onto the Township Roads. Snow removal also involves placing sand and salt as warranted.

SIGN PROGRAM

- The Township is planning on upgrading all Fire Numbers in the township this summer.

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Becker Fire Department – Preliminary Budget Allocation

Jurisdiction	2021 Net Tax Capacity	Allocation Total
City of Becker	18,650,735	359,422
Becker Township	6,437,017	124,055
Santiago Township	1,886,606	41,274
Totals	26,974,358	524,750



Becker Township Building Permit Report				
	12/31/2018	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	12/31/2021
Number of Commercial & Residential Building Permits Issued	189	323	385	263
Total Building Permit Valuation	8,699,008	10,623,841	13,951,576	11,687,497

	Number of Permits Issued	Valuation
New Single Family Dwellings	21	\$ 6,312,321.00
New/Upgraded/Repaired Septic Systems	52	\$ 480,000.00
Accessory Structures - Residential	26	\$ 1,090,093.00
Commercial - New Structure	1	\$ 36,860.00
Commercial Renovation/Addition	4	\$ 702,179.00
Cell Towers	4	\$ 85,000.00
Deck/Pool	15	\$ 280,700.00
Interior Renovation/Additions	39	\$ 1,079,438.00
Miscellaneous	44	\$ 395,357.00
Roofing/Siding	52	\$ 1,080,814.73
Solar - Non-Commercial	5	\$ 144,734.00
Total Building Permits Issued 2021	263	\$ 11,687,496.73

Becker Township Non-Building Permit Valuations		
Started reporting in 2020		
	12/31/2020	12/31/2021
Use Permits	3,360	9,400
All other non-building permits*	4,970	7,705

*Non-building permits include Private Kennels, Driveway, Food Trucks, Solicitors, and Utility Permits. End of 2020 and 2021 saw an uptick in Utility Permits related to internet.