



Regular Town Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Monday, August 17, 2020
12165 Hancock Street

Attending

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Township Chair Brian Kolbinger | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Township Supervisor Luke Babler |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Township Vice Chair Brad Wilkening | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Township Clerk Lucinda Messman |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Township Supervisor Robin Boros | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Township Treasurer Tanya Danielson |

Absent Members: Township Supervisor Joe Danielson, Township Deputy Clerk Fran Seeley

Attending Staff: Kelli Bourgeois – Township Attorney, Mary Roe – City of Becker Planner;

Others Attendees: Wes Davis – Township Engineer; Tony Wruck – Township Maintenance Contractor; Sgt. Frank – Sherburne County Sheriff’s Department (by phone), McGill, Mark Kolbinger (by phone).

Tuesday, April 7, 2020 The Becker Town Board passed Resolution 2020-15: A Resolution Establishing the Ability Conduct Open Meetings by Telephone. The Town Board of Becker Township, Sherburne County, Minnesota, will utilize teleconferencing as requested so long as a health pandemic exists or a peacetime emergency is declared under Minn. Stat. Ch. 12. This meeting was held both in person and utilizing a remote system.

Meeting called to order at 7 pm. Clerk took roll call of those in attendance. Quorum verified by Chair Kolbinger.

Pledge of Allegiance

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE BY WILKENING, SECOND BY DANIELSON – MOTION CARRIED

Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes Approval: Regular Town Board Meeting July 2020.
- Upcoming electronic fund transfers/automatic payments approval: City of Becker – water/sewer, Xcel Energy – gas/electric, Ace Disposal – Twp maintenance, Advanced Disposal – container at Town Hall, Midco Business – phone and internet, Upcoming EFTS related to payroll: Federal taxes, State taxes and PERA - mandated rates, State of MN for building permit surcharge fees
- Correspondence acknowledgement: 1st MMB CRA funding report submitted, Thank you – Danish Cemetery, Thank you – All Night Graduation Party, Work Authorization to ServiceMaster for covid cleaning American Legion prior to election, Xcel Energy
- Approvals: Tri-Cap fliers on website and bulletin boards, levy letter for county auditor

REGULAR AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion to approve agenda by Babler. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

- There were 180 calls for service 60 traffic complaints and 8-911 hang up calls in Becker township. The 911 hang up calls are result of an issue with Windstream line.
- August 1, 2020 any one south of 95 can drive ATV's in the ditch.

RESIDENTIAL OPEN FORUM –

- BBLIA, Becker Big Lake Ice association requested the town board sign off on their form for charitable gambling. **A motion was made for the chair to sign the forms by Danielson second by Boros. Motion carried all voting in favor.**
- A Shoreland variance was presented to the board for the McGill property. Upon review board determined that there were no issues and ordered to clerk to send a favorable recommendation to Sherburne county. Reasons being the structures are present and have been since mid-1970's and they are repairing structure that already exists.

TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION/JOINT PLANNING BOARD UPDATES

- For August there was request by Northern Power Diesel conditional use permit amendment to allow an above ground fuel tank. The planning commission voted to recommend for approval. This is moving on to the joint planning board later this month.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Craig Wensmann for Wes Davis

- Engineer Davis presented partial payment paperwork for the concrete driveways on 185th avenue. **Motion by Danielson to approve \$28,800 as a partial payment for the concrete drives to Preferred Concrete second by Babler motion carried all voting in favor.**
- 112 street sketch
 - Engineer Davis presented an easement drawing at the end of the 112 street. In the gray area it shows what is there now additional easement required is also shown. The next steps for this are to obtain easements descriptions and prepare paperwork by Bogart Pederson, then Atty. Bourgeois will review. After documents are prepared and reviewed, board members will handle from point.
 - Question are we getting rid of this area? Answer no, the goal is to get the paperwork in order to match what was built and currently exists there. The plowing will go through to the end and that owner needs to keep gate left open if that area is to be plowed. If the gate is closed the only place we can put snow is in front of the gate. There is not room for a hammerhead at the gate. Right now the truck can turn around in the space there.
 - In summary we need to continue with the paperwork for this area and check for a workable solution for the work and the easement.
- Cul-de-sac plantings, Woodberry farms
 - Engineer was asked about current progress here. Engineer indicated he had some cost estimates has been having trouble getting ahold of the correct mix. He plans to work with Sherburne County to get the plantings completed.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Fire Board – Supervisor Babler

- The fire chief was asked if there were any items that fire department needed in relation to COVID-19. A list was presented to the board for discussion, full text on file in the fire department file. Right now the washing machine may use is constantly being used and station two and Santiago has to bring the equipment to Becker to get washed so a new washer is on the list to facilitate compliance with the revised standards for cleaning turnout gear. A Lucas device they would like one per station. A Lucas device allows someone to do CPR without having to physically perform CPR.
 - A second set of turnout gear is important they are using their turn out here the same as before but it has to be cleaned more often due to COVID 19. Sometimes firefighters are having to wear damp gear when they go out a call because it takes 3 to 4 days for this equipment to dry properly.
 - Another dryer is on the list of equipment.
 - And they do need some more masks currently they've paid \$600 for some so far.
 - They need some additional tables and chairs for training in order to comply with social distancing regulations during on site trainings.
 - Additional KN95 masks are always helpful
- Supervisor Babler pointed out he thought this was a pretty reasonable list and in line with cares funding requirements. This is an opportunity to obtain a new washer and dryer for the station and put the old washer and dryer/extractor into station two. It will save a lot of time on the firefighters parts
- Atty. Bourgeois reminded the board that bidding laws must be followed if the town board is purchasing equipment but will do some research to find out if the town board should donate funds for specific items for the fire station or if it is better to donate the specific items.
- The fire board had budgeted some of the other items expected to be on this list so they didn't request any of those.
- The City of Becker has also been provided this list. The city is looking to use their findings to get the washer/drier/extractor. Santiago Township is still getting their funds and they're planning to help here as well.
- Atty. Bourgeois also reminded the board that decision seemed to be made as soon as possible so the funds and the requirements of spending those funds are met.
- **Motion by Boros to authorize purchasing new coveralls in the quantities needed by borrows second by Danielson. Motion carried all voting in favor**
 - Turnout gear discussion. Not designed to be washed all the time. What is wash it takes 3-4 days to dry and there are a lot of issues getting all of the turnout gear washed/dried. Also the time it takes to make this happen. A lot of communities have been ordering turnout gear. If the board is considering this, need to get ordered as soon as possible if we want it in time to be able to utilize the cares funding. **Motion by Wilkening to authorize supervisor Babler working with the fire chief to purchase turnout here as needed in the appropriate quantities not to exceed \$135,000. Second by Danielson. Motion carried all voting in favor**
- Supervisor Babler will make sure that the township sees the quotes on the materials and to get the stuff ordered so it gets him a long time

Central Mississippi River Regional Planning Partnership – Framework 2030 – No meeting this month.

Roads Report – Supervisor Danielson and Supervisor Boros

- Supervisor Boros observed the Woodberry farms cul-de-sacs - someone has been mowing them for graduation party. Recent storm has some trees down in other areas of the township
- Supervisor Danielson reported that some trees on 168th street are to come down letters have been sent Jim Free Tree service will be doing this
- On 77th street new mailboxes were do the owners living there. This agreement was made back when the road orders were being completed in 2018 and 2019. The owners agreed to give the easements to the township as in exchange for the relocation of their mailbox is to their road. Township contractor directed to get this done.
- **164th avenue in Salida area**
 - Supervisor Danielson will arrange a meeting was the owners adjacent to this cul-de-sac so they can be in on the discussions and know what's going on. When we redo this road, it will change as right now the road is in the wrong spot. Engineer Davis was ordered to get specific estimates so we can move forward with this road.
 - We're looking at doing the road next year or maybe this year depending on prices. This needs to be a ten ton road.

CRF/cares fund meeting to take place Wednesday at 7:00 PM to 26 at Sherburne County

150 Year Township Celebration

- Clerk presented logos to the board. After discussion the board decided to go with established 1871 on the logo. The board said the clerk can it get some masks with the logo ordered. This logo is what we will use for the 150th celebration

TREASURER'S REPORT - TANYA DANIELSON

- **Motion to approve Treasurer's report as submitted by Wilkening. Second by Babler. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- **Motion to pay PO 1257-1270 and warrants 14968-14745 in the amount of \$121,965.54 by Babler. Second by Wilkening. Motion carried the vote was four in favor zero against and supervisor Danielson abstained as his company had submitted an invoice.**
- Authorization to treasurer to transfer cares Monday monthly as necessary by Boros second by Babler motion carried all voting in favor
- **Motion to appoint the treasurer as electronic funds authority by Babler second by Boros motion carried all voting in favor. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

OTHER

- Directive to the clerk ordering ipads in order to facilitate board members meeting remotely as needed. Board members will meet at Town Hall to pick up ipads and return the following morning when necessary.

- Clerk mentioned with a new ice cream shop across the street the trash can on the front of Townhall get sticky lot and requested the board consider a nicer trash can that is open to top and could be placed near the gazebo so people can enjoy it. Board ordered to clerk to bring quotes to the next meeting Supervisor Babler suggested we'd look into getting some sort of bench as a nice place for people to relax when they're walking around in the downtown Becker area.
- Clerk asked if the board would like to have Gazebo open during the day or not? After much discussion it was determined that the clerk is in, gazebo can be open the hours the clerk is in the office but it has to be locked when no one is in the building.
- Clerk updated that additional microphones are still on order as is some of the computer equipment. All additional pieces should be here by next month to complete the microphones in the room so people calling into the meeting can hear. Waiting on price for hearing loop.

Meeting Adjourned 8:04 p.m.



Brian Kolbinger, Chair



Lucinda Messman, Clerk