

Becker Town Board Meeting  
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, August 18, 2022  
12165 Hancock Street

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**Attendance**

Board members: Chair Brian Kolbinger, Vice Chair Brad Wilkening, Luke Babler, Robin Boros, Joe Danielson, Treasurer Tanya Danielson, Clerk Lucinda Messman, Deputy Clerk Fran Seeley, Deputy Treasurer Marilyn Danielson

Absent: none

Others: Sherburne County Sheriff's Department – Sgt. Frank, Wes Davis – Twp. Engineer (online), Kelli Bourgeois – Twp. Attorney, Ben Wikstrom – Township Planner (online), Jacob Sanders – City of Becker, Tony Wruck – Township Maintenance Mark Kolbinger – The Patriot Newspaper, Russ Armstrong (online part of meeting)

*Zoom platform was available for anyone who wished to call in virtually.*

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Meeting called to order at 7 pm. Quorum verified by Chair Kolbinger.

Pledge of Allegiance

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED**

Upcoming Electronic Fund Transfers/automatic payments for approval

- a. City of Becker – water/sewer
- b. Xcel Energy – gas/electric
- c. Ace Disposal – Twp maintenance
- d. Advanced Disposal – Twp hall
- e. Midco Business – phone/internet
- f. Related to payroll: Federal payroll taxes, state payroll taxes, PERA
- g. State of MN for building permit surcharge fees

Correspondence/Information

- a. Sherburne County Comprehensive Land Use Kickoff Email
- b. District 7 MAT Notice
- c. ARCA Search rate increase notice
- d. MATIT Endorsement Change

Approval/Acceptance

- a. Resolution 2022-22, Resolution to Spend ARPA Funds on Lost Revenue Replacement Category
- b. Resolution 2022-23, Resolution Appointing Election Judges

**Motion to approve consent agenda as listed above by Boros. Second by Danielson. Motion carried all voting in favor.**

**Motion to approve a regular agenda by Wilkening. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

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### **SHERIFF'S REPORT – Aaron Sturm**

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- 207 Calls for service
- 98 Traffic Stops
- Traffic Task Force is working with departments from Sherburne, Wright and Stearns Counties in a cooperative effort through fall.
- 1 Aircraft complaint – crop dusting.
- August 1, ATV's are allowed back in ditches.

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### **RESIDENTIAL OPEN FORUM**

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- Via phone concerns for state of 127<sup>th</sup> Street SE

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### **PLANNING COMMISSION/JOINT PLANNING BOARD UPDATES – Wikstrom**

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- Activity
  - Approved Xcel Energy CUP last month through 1 private property.
  - IUP public hearing at the Town Planning Commission – Alpaca Farm with retail sales of Alpaca related materials. First Home Business IUP since revision of ordinance. Recommended for approval to Joint Planning Board next week.

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### **ENGINEER'S REPORT – Davis**

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- Coming this Friday – update on 97<sup>th</sup> Street – joint meeting with the County, Clear Lake Township, City of Becker and Becker Township.
  - Close to 100% plan by November 1, 2022
  - Next update will be in October
  - Right of way acquisition for the Township is complete (None needed for Clear Lake Township)
  - Utility coordination is complete
- Precon for 82<sup>nd</sup> Street with Knife River and TS Dirtworks
  - Reclaim will begin Monday (depending on rain)
  - Plan is a 2 week duration
- 127<sup>th</sup>/153<sup>rd</sup> Precon will be later

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### **SUPERVISOR REPORTS**

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#### **Fire Board – Supervisor Babler**

- Standard meeting – fairly quick.
- American Legion Building
  - Brief update on status of committee talks – looking at various cost sharing with the City as it was left non-compliant for the past 20 years.
    - Curb line needs to be redone
    - New parking lot?
  - Discussions of Township acquiring the parcels to make the corner township property.
  - City will have the lands currently theirs surveyed.

## **Central Mississippi River Regional Planning Partnership – Supervisor Kolbinger and Planner Sanders**

- Lots of frustration but finally moving forward
- Simplifying to just Transportation – more unanimous views
- St. Cloud article regarding a 33<sup>rd</sup> Street crossing appeared
- Funds may be available in the partnership to fund and RFP

## **Roads – Supervisors Boros and Danielson**

- 97<sup>th</sup> Street is moving along, more later
- 82<sup>nd</sup> Street moving as planned

## **Town Hall**

- Advantage Construction, Mark Limpert attended meeting to discuss process/procedures to get this repaired. The roof needs to have shingles removed in order to replace the damaged metals. Requested \$3,000 for the work to be done to go through insurance process and would like to see his company awarded the contract. Board consensus, his company would have the contract providing we don't run into issues related to contracting laws as the township must follow statute. Much discussion.
  - Board would like local guys hired whenever possible, don't want to see out of state individuals doing roofing work. Concerns expressed that there is not a need to bring in out of state workers for this job and Limpert stated that Advantage Construction is in Otsego and uses people who work for them (they don't necessarily live in Becker Township). He will do what is needed to use local people.
  - **Motion to Authorize payment to Advantage Construction in the amount of \$3,000 at this time for the work involved in getting insurance issues resolved by Wilkening. Second by Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- Basement needs work. It may be major and needs to be handled before winter. One duct is not connected properly and water is getting in somehow.
- Sidewalk will be replaced and go through to the front once everything is resolved regarding American Legion building.

## **Orderly Annexation**

- Sanders brought forth Resolution for annexation of two parcels (05-120-4200 and 05-128-4100), approximately 160 acres of land owned by the City of Becker.
  - Parcel 4100 has the new well for the City located on it. Right now there are no immediate plans to install sewer, just water.
  - If the township approves, the resolution moves to City Hall and then to the State.
  - Questions/Discussion by the Town Supervisors
    - Supervisor Babbler asked, "What benefit is this to the City by annexing two parcels that are not connected to any other city parcel?"
      - Continuity. We would like all city owned parcels to be located in the City limits.
      - The orderly annexation agreement does allow the City to annex any city owned pieces.
      - There are no plans to develop either parcel at this time

- We need the lift stations/etc in order to get things done.  
Discussion of a looped water system. The City of Becker's water system is not a looped system at this time.
- Why is the Bus Garage parcel not being annexed into the City as well at this time? Wouldn't it benefit them to have city water rather than a well and tank to handle their fire suppression?
  - Not right now, possibly in the future
  - If they annex, they would be responsible for various septic/water and road upgrades. That is under discussion and there wasn't enough time to plan in order to have the Bus Transportation Facility operating by this fall, hopefully.
- What is the benefit of the City owning where the well house is located?
  - There is no intent of subdividing right now, just bought the land at the right time and location. It will stay City property. Could it change back to Township? Yes, but not likely.
- Supervisor Babbler stated he is struggling with the City owning land without generating revenue. Worries something backhanded is going on in the background that could be detrimental to the residents of the Township as well as cost residents in the City more money. This seems like paperwork and costs for both entities without clear goal and does not make sense.
  - Sanders stated there are no discussions at this point and no developments planned. This is for continuity only, nothing more. The goal is for all City owned parcels to be located in city limits. This would do that as no other City owned parcels are located in the Township. That is the entire reason for bringing this up and handling now.
- **Motion to approve resolution 22-62: In the Matter of the Orderly Annexation between the City of Becker and Becker Township Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §414.0325 by Boros. Second by Wilkening. Motion carried, 4-1, Babbler opposed.**

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Question on election judge pay. Should all receive same rate for the job of election judge. Current resolution states \$15.00 per hour unless you are an employee of the Township earning a different rate. Question of appointed body members and if they are really township employees. Yes, by IRS standards.
  - Board directed to leave as stated in the resolution for this year unless clerk is having issues finding workers. No issue at this time.
  - Clerk to bring estimates and rate variations of surrounding areas to the next budget meeting – amounts to be addressed in 2023 and forward.
  - Agreement that head judge should likely make more and that wages need to be reviewed for next budget cycle due to recent changes in wages. Fast food restaurants are advertising starting wages at \$16 per hour.
- **Motion to approve Treasurer's Report as presented by Babler. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

- **Motion to approve payment of**
  - **Warrants 15584-15642 and 8431-8432**
  - **voiding 15582-15583**
  - **PO's 1473-1480**
  - **in the amount of \$79,246.19 by Wilkening. Second by Babler. Motion carried.** Voting in favor: Babler, Boros, Kolbinger and Wilkening. Danielson abstained as his company had submitted an invoice.

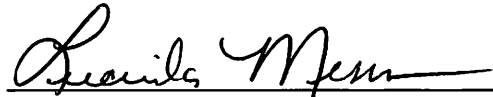
**Other**

- Levy certification fine as passed in March.

Meeting Adjourned 7:48 pm.



Brian Kolbinger, Chair



Lucinda Messman, Clerk