



Regular Town Meeting
Monday, March 16, 2020
12165 Hancock Street

Attending

- Township Chair Brian Kolbinger
- Township Vice Chair Brad Wilkening
- Township Supervisor Gary Gilbert
- Township Supervisor Joe Danielson
- Township Supervisor Luke Babler
- Township Clerk Lucinda Messman
- Township Treasurer Tanya Danielson

Absent Members: Township Deputy Clerk Fran Seeley

Attending Staff: Kelli Bourgeois – Township Attorney, Sgt. Frank – Sherburne County Sheriff’s Department, Jacob Sanders – City of Becker Planner

Others Attendees: Tony Wruck – Township Contractor, Dave Anderson – Sons of American Legion Post 193

Due to social distancing recommendations by the CDC and Minnesota’s Governor, a limited number of people are allowed in the building at one time. Engineer Davis and Planner Wikstrom sent reports in written format and were available by phone if required.

Meeting called to order and quorum verified by Chair Kolbinger.

Pledge of Allegiance

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Consent Agenda Items:

- Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes February 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: Simply Surfacing LLC, Carr’s Tree Service, City of Becker, Xcel Energy, March 2020 LTAP Newsletter

REGULAR AGENDA APPROVAL

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

SHERBURNE COUNTY SHERIFF’S REPORT

- 157 Calls for service.
- 53 Traffic Stops
- April 1 – ATV’s south of 95 not allowed.

OPEN FORUM

- Dave Anderson – Sons of American Legion Post 193. Request for land use.
 - Concert planned behind legion (next door) August 22, 2020 from 1-6 pm
 - Fisher House in MN is beneficiary
 - Three bands planned – Country, Blue Grass, Western-Swing

- Would like to use the grassy area behind the building rather than try to fence off
- If alcohol, will be by the Lions as they have a handle on alcohol at events
- Free will donations will be accepted
- Security will either be Becker Police Reserve or Sherburne County – still working on this part
- City of Becker requested noise permit - would Township approve/be willing to sign?
- Township requested event insurance certificate – agreed to
- Planning to advertise – Radio, printed ads, Bank Marquis, Fisher House in Minneapolis
- Town Board Supervisors in full support of event – consensus
- **Motion to authorize Chair to sign forms as necessary to allow the event by Babler. Second by Gilbert. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION/JOINT PLANNING BOARD UPDATES – Planner Wikstrom

- Memo reviewed. Full text on file.
 - Nominal 40, Sign for Theco
 - Shipping container ordinance needs work as some public businesses have them. One idea from other LGU's – if <200 square feet – allow them. This would allow those 20' long, but not the larger ones. Current businesses with them on site have been told no enforcement will occur until the ordinance is revamped as they were not addressed specifically prior to the change in ordinance.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Wes Davis

- Memo reviewed. Full text on file.
 - Working with Sherburne County regarding monument preservation
 - Pre-con for 185th Ave had not yet been scheduled

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Fire Board – Supervisor Babler

- Mayor presented commendation letter for outstanding job with Northern Metals Fire.
- Bills are coming in – so are funds. Northern Metals is covering costs of Becker Fire Department and the other Fire Departments who assisted. No taxpayer dollars are being spent on that event.

Central Mississippi River Regional Planning Partnership – Framework 2040 – Planner Sanders

- Structure handed out and reviewed. Similar information to Annual meeting so not very in depth tonight as all Supervisors were at that presentation.
- More discussion planned for April
- It is not a comprehensive plan, it is a regional planning effort. Framework is helping with land use and transportation. It is more robust than previous plans – a type required for federal funding.
- Supervisor Kolbinger stated that this doesn't get done unless all regions pull together
- Reminder for all board members to fill out the survey by March 31.

Roads Report – Supervisor Danielson

- Wruck Excavating and Jim's Tree Service are finishing up this week
- Most trees are done
- Potholes are coming out – patching, just not with hotmix yet. If you see, let him know where they are located.
- Road restrictions have started
- Road Tour – put on hold until we see how this Covid-19 situation resolves itself.

Town Hall – Supervisor Babler

- Top flagpole – quote to fix needed – board consensus – get them
- Should we get a 150 year flag made for the Township? - board consensus – yes – make both happen

Animal Control

- After review, board wants to set up contract. **Motion to approve Chair signing contract documents as necessary by Danielson. Second by Wilkening. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

Other –

- Park Funds – discussion of how they can be used and possibilities.

TREASURER’S REPORT - TANYA DANIELSON

- Road allotment was discussed. All money goes into road and bridge.
- **Motion to approve treasurer’s report as presented by Babler. Second by Gilbert. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- **Motion to pay claims 14548-14583 and PO’s 1216-1225 in the amount of \$74,203.72 by Wilkening. Second by Babler. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

OTHER ITEMS

- With the Covid information – recommendations for next week’s public hearings? Get text numbers and have people wait in cars until their turn/item they want to hear. Try to be as exact as possible on scheduling. Chair will do best to keep on time.
- Attorney Bourgeois reviewed information available. It is changing daily right now.
- Annual Election March 10th – 10 am – 8 pm voting

Meeting Adjourned 7:58 p.m.



Brian Kolbinger, Chair



Lucinda Messman, Clerk

