

Becker Town Board Meeting
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 21, 2022
12165 Hancock Street



Attending,

- ❖ Board members: Chair Brian Kolbinger, Vice Chair Brad Wilkening, Luke Babler, Robin Boros, Joe Danielson, Treasurer Tanya Danielson, Deputy Clerk Fran Seeley, Clerk Lucinda Messman
- ❖ Absent: none
- ❖ Others: Sgt. Frank – Sherburne County Sheriff’s Department, Wes Davis – Twp. Engineer, Kelli Bourgeois – Twp. Attorney, Mary Roe – Planner, City of Becker, Mark Kolbinger – *The Patriot*
- ❖ Zoom platform was available for anyone who wished to call in virtually.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED

- Minutes
 - February 2022 Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
- 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/Information
 - Xcel Energy Pipeline Safety
 - Midco Planned Outage
 - MP Asphalt Maintenance
 - Bertram Asphalt
 - 2021 Sherburne County Report

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

Motion to approve a regular agenda after addition of staff memo and Option 7 by Sherburne County, by Babler. Second by Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.

Sheriff's Report – Sgt. Frank

- 174 Calls for service
- 85 traffic
- 3rd Quarter toward zero deaths patrols
- April 1-August 1 – no ATV's in ditches due to migratory bird nesting
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Residential Open Forum

- None

PLANNING COMMISSION/JOINT PLANNING BOARD UPDATES – Wikstrom

- Planning commission has been reviewing current ordinance requirements for home occupations and home-based businesses. Full draft to board next month. Staff memo outlined [full text on file]:
 - Three base types planned
 - In-Home business – in residence or attached garage, limited employees and trips, no outdoor storage.
 - Site-Based business – predominantly ones that use accessory structures, often in addition to the home. More comprehensive review by staff for an administrative permit. If questionable, staff can move to Planning Commission/Joint Planning Board for review of interim use permit.
 - On-site Business – use outdoor areas in addition to accessory structure. All require approval of an interim use permit by the Planning Commission/Joint Planning Board.
 - Chart being developed to aid in determining which category a business may fall into.
- Xcel Powerline had a high attendance public hearing that has been continued. They want to change poles from 40/50' in ROW along CR11 to 80/100' steel structures on private property outside the ROW.
- Review of Permit fee schedule
 - Above ground pools – remain at \$100 flat rate plus \$30 fee plus surcharge
 - Home Business staff permit - \$100
 - **Motion to approve Resolution 2022-17 [full text on file]: A Resolution Setting Fees and Charges for the Town of Becker by Wilkening. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Davis

- 97th is still moving along.
 - Coordinating with utilities to move power poles this summer
- Other projects – Pre-con is coming up, not scheduled yet.

Supervisor Reports

Fire Board – Supervisor Babler

- Nothing out of the ordinary – standard meeting.

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

- More next month

Roads – Supervisors Boros and Danielson

- Working with Engineer to stay on schedule and moving forward with all projects.
- Fire signs – need directive to advertise for quotes. **Motion to proceed with advertising for fire sign project and obtain quotes by Wilkening. Second by Babler. Motion carried, 4-0-1. Supervisor Danielson abstained as his company would likely provide a quote.**
- Woodberry Farms Cul-De-Sac – Supervisor Babler
 - Plans were no more work in the area, but after speaking with company who did the installation, they recommend taking care of a few things this year.
 - Three planned visits at \$375/visit.
 - Only this year recommended for the prairie areas in the cul-de-sacs.
 - **Motion to approve Chair signing forms and paperwork as necessary by Babler. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- 97th Street discussed. Attorney Bourgeois explained processes involved including acquisition of land vacation of any areas no longer needed at the end of the project.
 - **Motion to approve Resolution 2022-11 [full text on file]: A Resolution to Purchase Land for 97th Street SE Realignment by Danielson. Second by Wilkening. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

Town Hall

- New Paint quote/repair of interior cracks obtained. Board directive to contact and setup to have it completed this summer.
- Cleaning the American Legion every other week in exchange for Township use of the facility as needed during elections discussed. Directive from the board to the clerk to set it up and have the Township billed.

Other

- Sherburne County Broadband Proposal – Midco – Additional information brought in and Township does not have to give \$75,000 towards the project, any amount helps with the grant. Board directive to clerk, have both the County and Midco come in next time to talk and show us why a for profit business needs township assistance.
- Precinct Discussion – split the Township into 2 or leave as 1. Four possible splits from the County presented.
 - 1 commissioner vs. 2 commissioners
 - Is there value to 2 commissioners?
 - Understand the county would help with costs

- Not against commissioners or the cost – what does/would the township gain?
- Discussion of when a county commissioner actually attended a town board meeting – none have been in over past 6+ years.
- **Motion to approve Resolution 2022-08 [full text on file]: A Resolution Reestablishing Precinct and Polling Location by Babler. Second by Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

Treasurer's Report

- **Motion to approve Treasurer's Report as presented by Babler. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- Supervisor Danielson abstaining from voting on payment of warrants as his company has presented an invoice.
 - **Motion to approve payment of Warrants 15399-15440, void 15400 and PO's 1442-1447, in the amount of \$121,282.74 by Wilkening. Second by Babler. Motion carried 4-0-1, all voting in favor.**

Other

- Review of reminders as listed in the agenda

Meeting Adjourned 8:04 pm.



Brian Kolbinger, Chair



Lucinda Messman, Clerk