



2024 Annual Meeting // // // // //

Becker Township Annual Meeting of the Electors

Agenda
Tuesday, March 12, 2024
Becker Township Hall



- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Election of Moderator**
Moderator needs to be available to meet with clerk by Thursday, March 14, 2024, to sign minutes.
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
Motion to approve as distributed or corrected.
- 4. Minutes**
Motion to dispense with reading of 2023 Meeting Minutes and approve as distributed or corrected.
- 5. Board of Audit Report - Clerk Lucinda Messman**
- 6. Treasurer's Report & Depository Recommendation - Treasurer Tanya Danielson**
- 7. Road Report - Township Road Supervisor Joe Danielson/Road Supervisor Robin Boros**
- 8. Fire Department – Preliminary Budget Allocation Report**
- 9. Hospital Report**
- 10. Permits Report - Supervisor Brad Wilkening, Chair Joint Planning Board**
- 11. Newspaper Recommendation**
Motion required to recommend: Official Newspaper (Currently, The Patriot)
- 12. Open Forum**
Any other considerations prior to setting the levy.
- 13. Set Next Annual Meeting**
Motion required to set: Time: 8:01 p.m., Date: 3/11/2025, 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 Post Office
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 will be available after Board of Canvass to meet immediately following this meeting.
- 18. Adjourn**

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Attendance: Joe Danielson, Tanya Danielson, Brad Wilkening, Betsy Armstrong, Bryan Olson, Phyllis Olson, Brian Kolbinger, Jill Babler, Luke Babler, Robin Boros, Mark Kolbinger, Lucinda Messman

Meeting took place immediately following the close of polls for township elections on March 14, 2023.

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

Nominations for moderator opened. Brian Kolbinger was nominated for moderator by Joe Danielson, Second by Robin Boros. Motion carried all voting in favor.

Brian Kolbinger was elected moderator for the 2023 Becker Township Annual Meeting took a seat up front and conducted the meeting.

Request by Betsy Armstrong to be sure an incorporate the Pledge of Allegiance into the Annual Meeting. Consent by all those present.

Motion to accept agenda by Robin Boros. Second by Joe Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.

Motion to dispense with reading of the minutes and approve as distributed by Betsy Armstrong. Second by Luke Babler. Motion carried, all voting in favor.

Board of Audit Report read by Clerk Lucinda Messman.

2021 Treasurer's report presented in the evening packet - Treasurer Tanya Danielson

- Depository recommendation for 2023 remains as it was last year, Sherburne State Bank.
- Money market is paying greater than 4% for municipalities.

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

- 2023 the 97th Street Joint project (City of Becker and Clear Lake Township) is planned. Challenge of three entities.
- Review of last years road projects, including upgrading another road from gravel to pavement in the Salida Plat.

Fire Department preliminary budget numbers were reviewed by Supervisor Brian Kolbinger.

- Fire department is funded based on Tax Capacity
- We continue to use the remaining surplus from prior years.

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

- 984 permits in 2022 due to hailstorm in May
- 19 new homes with average cost of approximately 427,000 (cost of home only)
- 22 Accessory structures with average cost of 67,000

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- 700 roofing and siding permits
- 34.9 million dollars valuation of all permits

Newspaper recommendation – keep as The Patriot.

Next Annual meeting set for Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 8:01 p.m. at Becker Township Hall, 12165 Hancock Street, Becker, MN. Motion by Brad Wilkening. 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 Brad Wilkening. Second by Joe Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.

Town Board Report – Brian Kolbinger, Town Board Chair

- Highlights of the year were reviewed
 - Town Hall upgrades to Audio visual, interior, ADA Bathroom, painting have been completed. Shed added outside, built by school class.
 - Moving forward to purchase the old fire hall for \$1. Platting and cleaning up boundary lines as well. There are a lot of repairs that have been neglected the past 20 years, so there will be quite a bit of money spent to fix up roof and exterior. Meetings will be here, elections will be there. Township is growing, and this facility is in a good location and will work well, benefiting many.
 - CIP is being used to document roads and try to be ahead of the maintenance requirements in a much better manner.
 - Economy is experiencing inflation and many factors were involved in reviewing budget. We are looking at increases to the levy. Review of all areas of the levy and recommended levels.
 - General Fund is costs of doing business and providing services
 - Road and Bridge fund project costs are increasing and we are trying to be reasonable with the roads we currently have
 - Town Hall has not been raised since prior to 2009. All excess funds were used to upgrade many aspects of the building and we need to continue to maintain our Town Hall
 - Fire Fund needs to be increased as we have been using the reserves.
 - No questions.

Township Levy -

- **8:19 pm General Fund – motion to approve at \$195,000 by Tanya Danielson. Second by Robin Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- **8:19 pm Road and Bridge Fund - motion to approve \$1,300,000 by Bryan Olson. Second by Brad Wilkening. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- **8:20 pm Town Hall Fund – motion to approve \$25,000 by Joe Danielson. Second by Betsy Armstrong. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

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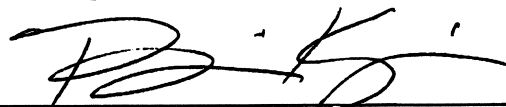
- **8:20 pm Fire Fund – motion to approve \$150,000 by Bryan Olson. Second by Robin Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

Report of Election – Seat #1 retained by Robin Boros, Seat #2 retained by Luke Babler. See Board of Canvass minutes and website for complete results.

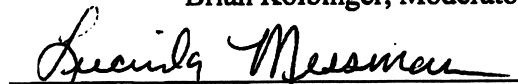
Last call for other topics – none presented.

Bryan Olson thanked all town officers present for their service in the past and appreciation for how things are managed even if many don't show up to vote.

Becker Township 2023 Annual Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.



Brian Kolbinger, Moderator



Lucinda Messman, Clerk

Becker Township
Board of Audit Report
March 8, 2024

Becker Town Board Supervisors Reviewed Clerk and Treasurer financial records.

Beginning Balance 2023:	1,706,768.77
Total Receipts for 2023:	1,969,712.95
Total Disbursements for 2023:	1,689,720.60
Ending Balance 2023:	1,986,761.12

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

Fund	2024 Certified Levy	2025 Levy Recommendation
General Fund	195,000	210,000
Road & Bridge Fund	1,300,000	1,430,000
Town Hall Fund	25,000	27,500
Fire Fund	150,000	170,000
Total Levy	\$ 1,670,000	\$ 1,837,500

Becker Township
General Revenue Fund
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

RECEIPTS	2023	2022	\$ Change
State of MN MV Credit Agr/Real/MH.....	\$ 9,193.24	\$ 8,801.12	\$ 392.12
City Annexation Payment.....	\$ 3,920.39	\$ 5,256.88	\$ (1,336.49)
County Tax Receipts.....	\$ 181,501.68	\$ 175,038.76	\$ 6,462.92
Forfeited Land Sales.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Assessment Fees.....	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00	\$ (25.00)
Money Market Deposit Account Interest...	\$ 14,578.83	\$ 3,167.49	\$ 11,411.34
Gopher Bounty.....	\$ 206.00	\$ -	\$ 206.00
Filing Fees/Admin Fees/Other.....	\$ 4.00	\$ 8.00	\$ (4.00)
Local Government Aid.....	\$ -	\$ 301.41	\$ (301.41)
State Aid.....	\$ 322.29	\$ 1,729.00	\$ (1,406.71)
Score Grant	\$ 2,664.09	\$ 559.77	\$ 2,104.32
Mailboxes.....	\$ -	\$ 603.00	\$ (603.00)
Transfers from other funds.....	\$ 50,500.00	\$ -	\$ 50,500.00
Donations.....	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
Reimbursements.....	\$ -	\$ 3,626.95	\$ (3,626.95)
Miscellaneous.....	\$ 264.82	\$ 350.50	\$ (85.68)
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE FUND.....	\$ 263,230.34	\$ 200,542.88	\$ 62,687.46

DISBURSEMENTS.....	2023	2022	\$ Change
Supervisors.....	\$ 11,770.16	\$ 17,923.54	\$ (6,153.38)
Election	\$ 2,778.44	\$ 16,124.52	\$ (13,346.08)
Clerk/Deputy Clerk.....	\$ 42,051.54	\$ 55,279.81	\$ (13,228.27)
Treasurer/Deputy Treasurer.....	\$ 8,382.71	\$ 8,680.21	\$ (297.50)
Fed Withholding Employee & Employer....	\$ 17,249.89	\$ 26,812.59	\$ (9,562.70)
State Withholding Employee and Employer..	\$ 4,367.06	\$ 4,223.56	\$ 143.50
Education.....	\$ 65.00	\$ 684.00	\$ (619.00)
Recording and Reporting.....	\$ 774.32	\$ 406.24	\$ 368.08
Employee Recognition.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Printing/Publishing.....	\$ -	\$ 46.25	\$ (46.25)
Postage.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mileage/Travel.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Audit.....	\$ 18,757.56	\$ 14,608.37	\$ 4,149.19
Engineering Fees.....	\$ 3,642.50	\$ 3,750.00	\$ (107.50)
IT - Software.....	\$ 3,768.27	\$ 4,003.51	\$ (235.24)
Park and Recreation.....	\$ 15,825.00	\$ 16,500.00	\$ (675.00)
Appraisal Fees/Assessing.....	\$ 17,369.29	\$ 17,055.68	\$ 313.61
Historical Society.....	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Becker Clean Up.....	\$ 4,571.34	\$ 575.00	\$ 3,996.34
Insurance.....	\$ 7,577.88	\$ 4,719.00	\$ 2,858.88
Impound.....	\$ 1,190.00	\$ 265.00	\$ 925.00
Cemetery Association.....	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 2,450.00	\$ (100.00)
Supplies	\$ 6,101.40	\$ 6,139.84	\$ (38.44)
Gopher Feet.....	\$ 530.00	\$ 515.00	\$ 15.00
MAT Dues/Sherburne Cty Assoc. Twsp	\$ -	\$ 2,418.72	\$ (2,418.72)
All Night Grad Party.....	\$ 1,825.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 775.00
Legal.....	\$ 4,116.88	\$ 4,697.50	\$ (580.62)
Planner	\$ -	\$ 2,645.00	\$ (2,645.00)
Mailboxes.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous.....	\$ 51.00	\$ 39.01	\$ 11.99
Transfers to other funds.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 175,615.24	\$ 212,112.35	\$ (36,497.11)

Becker Township
Building Fund
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023

RECEIPTS	2023	2022	\$ Change
County Tax Receipts.....	\$ 15,144.41	\$ 15,260.00	\$ (115.59)
State Tax Receipts.....	\$ 10.93	\$ -	\$ 10.93
Rent.....	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00
Transfers.....	\$ 172,476.18	\$ -	\$ 172,476.18
Interest.....	\$ 2,255.85	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,005.85
TOTAL TOWN HALL RECEIPTS.....	\$ 190,687.37	\$ 15,510.00	\$ 175,177.37

DISBURSEMENTS.....	2023	2022	\$ Change
Gas/Electric/Water/Sewer/Garbage.....	\$ 6,982.63	\$ 6,862.32	\$ 120.31
Supervisors.....	\$ 256.39	\$ -	\$ 256.39
Outside Maint	\$ 12,575.00	\$ 17,119.50	\$ (4,544.50)
Inside Maintenance	\$ 2,112.65	\$ 7,997.60	\$ (5,884.95)
Supplies.....	\$ 974.73	\$ 1,273.04	\$ (298.31)
Insurance Claim.....	\$ 10,147.75	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 7,147.75
Misc.....	\$ -	\$ 448.39	\$ (448.39)
TOTAL TOWN HALL DISBURSEMENTS.....	\$ 33,049.15	\$ 36,700.85	\$ (3,651.70)

Becker Township
Fines and Fees
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023

RECEIPTS	2023	2022	\$ Change *
Fines and Fees Received.....	\$ 11,817.54	\$ 15,032.90	\$ (3,215.36)
Sign Replacement.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer.....	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
Interest.....	\$ 55.00	\$ 142.85	\$ (87.85)
TOTAL FINES AND FEES RECEIPTS.....	\$ 21,872.54	\$ 15,175.75	\$ (3,303.21)

DISBURSEMENTS.....	2023	2022	\$ Change *
Fire Numbering and Signing.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supervisor.....	\$ 1,444.22	\$ -	\$ 1,444.22
Sign and Signing.....	\$ 21,878.90	\$ 54,918.38	\$ (33,039.48)
Legal.....	\$ -	\$ 57.50	\$ (57.50)
Recording & Reporting.....	\$ -	\$ 156.00	\$ (156.00)
Transfer to other funds.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL FINES AND FEES DISBURSEMENTS.....	\$ 23,323.12	\$ 55,131.88	\$ (31,808.76)

Becker Township
Road & Bridge Fund
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

RECEIPTS	2023	2022	Change
County Tax Receipts.....	\$ 1,056,686.25	\$ 1,008,447.97	\$ 48,238.28
Green Acres Payback.....	\$ 321.86	\$ 58.25	\$ 263.61
State Pmts in Lieu of Aid.....	\$ 729.49	\$ -	\$ 729.49
Gravel Tax.....	\$ -	\$ 1.88	\$ (1.88)
Gas Tax/Road Allotment	\$ 45,598.14	\$ 62,882.82	\$ (17,284.68)
Money Market Deposit Account Interest.....	\$ 60,472.30	\$ 15,861.38	\$ 44,610.92
Mailbox.....	\$ 308.00	\$ -	\$ 308.00
Reimbursements.....	\$ -	\$ 22,486.84	\$ (22,486.84)
Transfer from other funds.....	\$ 166,947.57	\$ 200,000.00	\$ (33,052.43)
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE RECEIPTS.....	\$ 1,331,063.61	\$ 1,309,739.14	\$ 21,324.47

DISBURSEMENTS	2023	2022	Change
Supervisor.....	\$ 12,636.74	\$ 9,034.19	\$ 3,602.55
Clerk/Deputy Clerk.....	\$ 10,092.87	\$ -	\$ 10,092.87
Treasurer/Deputy Treasurer.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Gravel Roads.....	\$ 39,908.78	\$ 67,273.34	\$ (27,364.56)
Snow/Ice Removal.....	\$ 182,097.00	\$ 129,817.00	\$ 52,280.00
Ditch Assessments	\$ 616.05	\$ 169.35	\$ 446.70
Land Acquisition.....	\$ -	\$ 19,515.00	\$ (19,515.00)
Culverts.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Road Tour.....	\$ 200.15	\$ -	\$ 200.15
Mowing/Weed Control.....	\$ 8,653.50	\$ 8,925.00	\$ (271.50)
Cat/Dozer/Loader/Trucks/Small Equip/Labor	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 1,045.00	\$ 80.00
Tree Removal and Trimming.....	\$ 1,628.00	\$ 8,040.50	\$ (6,412.50)
Recording and Rptg - Advrtsig & Publishing.	\$ 630.80	\$ 1,159.44	\$ (528.64)
Engineering Fees.....	\$ 150,380.00	\$ 206,814.11	\$ (56,434.11)
Attorney Fees.....	\$ 1,450.34	\$ 4,427.50	\$ (2,977.16)
Planner.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Technology.....	\$ 1,002.80	\$ -	\$ 1,002.80
Garbage Collection.....	\$ 148.00	\$ 1,162.25	\$ (1,014.25)
Mailboxes.....	\$ 2,640.00	\$ -	\$ 2,640.00
Road Const New/Reconstruction - Paved Strc	\$ 474,221.93	\$ 1,104,075.65	\$ (629,853.72)
Grading/Summer Road Work	\$ 7,930.00	\$ 13,680.00	\$ (5,750.00)
Sweeping.....	\$ 16,950.10	\$ 13,800.00	\$ 3,150.10
Shouldering.....	\$ 3,750.00	\$ -	\$ 3,750.00
Dust Control.....	\$ 625.00	\$ 2,415.00	\$ (1,790.00)
Supplies.....	\$ 212.61	\$ 829.90	\$ (617.29)
HWY 25 Coalition.....	\$ -	\$ 10,714.00	\$ (10,714.00)
Transfer to other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE DISBURSEMENTS.....	\$ 916,899.67	\$ 1,604,919.23	\$ (699,692.98)

Becker Township
Fire Fund
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

RECEIPTS.....	2023	2022	Change
County Tax Receipts.....	\$ 120,065.71	\$ 100,968.71	\$ 19,097.00
State Tax Receipts.....	\$ 72.92	\$ -	\$ 72.92
Money Market Deposit Account Interest.....	\$ 6,746.37	\$ 1,880.65	\$ 4,865.72
Miscellaneous.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer from other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL FIRE FUND RECEIPTS.....	\$ 126,885.00	\$ 102,849.36	\$ 24,035.64

DISBURSEMENTS	2023	2022	Change
Fire Protection.....	\$ 133,704.50	\$ 124,055.00	\$ 9,649.50
Fireman's Retirement - Relief Assoc.....	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -
Supervisor.....	\$ 89.50	\$ -	\$ 89.50
Misc.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Legal.....	\$ 115.00	\$ -	\$ 115.00
TOTAL FIRE FUND DISBURSEMENTS.....	\$ 139,909.00	\$ 130,055.00	\$ 9,854.00

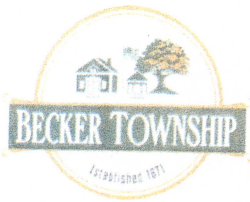
Becker Township
Permit Fund
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

RECEIPTS	2023	2022	Change
Permits.....	\$ 230,044.87	\$ 309,464.38	\$ (79,419.51)
Transfers from other funds.....	\$ 983.12	\$ 8,118.44	\$ (7,135.32)
Interest.....	\$ 458.83	\$ -	\$ 458.83
Misc.....	\$ 496.00	\$ 83.25	\$ 412.75
TOTAL PERMIT RECEIPTS.....	\$ 231,982.82	\$ 317,666.07	\$ (85,683.25)

DISBURSEMENTS.....	2023	2022	
Supervisors/Planning/Joint Planning...	\$ 9,898.13	\$ 8,204.92	\$ 1,693.21
Clerk /Deputy Clerk	\$ 27,143.87	\$ 22,151.59	\$ 4,992.28
Treasurer/Deputy Treasurer.....	\$ 12,513.52	\$ 6,858.80	\$ 5,654.72
Federal Withholding.....	\$ 7,057.02	\$ -	\$ 7,057.02
State Withholding.....	\$ 591.10	\$ -	\$ 591.10
Recording.....	\$ 2,784.05	\$ 2,657.92	\$ 126.13
Soil Borings.....	\$ -	\$ 5,950.00	\$ (5,950.00)
Legal.....	\$ 6,224.65	\$ 8,932.50	\$ (2,707.85)
Engineering Fees.....	\$ 15,666.25	\$ 16,802.50	\$ (1,136.25)
Planning/Zoning.....	\$ 14,443.24	\$ 15,266.22	\$ (822.98)
Planner.....	\$ 44,381.25	\$ 30,197.50	\$ 14,183.75
Technology.....	\$ 1,864.30	\$ -	\$ 1,864.30
Supplies.....	\$ 1,323.84	\$ -	\$ 1,323.84
City for Permits.....	\$ 9,001.59	\$ 5,347.50	\$ 3,654.09
Building Inspections.....	\$ 83,729.32	\$ 88,997.92	\$ (5,268.60)
Reimbursements	\$ 1,009.00	\$ 93.00	\$ 916.00
State Surcharges.....	\$ 3,576.72	\$ 8,691.82	\$ (5,115.10)
Credit Card Fees.....	\$ 495.00	\$ -	\$ 495.00
Software.....	\$ 3,768.28	\$ -	\$ 3,768.28
Misc.....	\$ 500.00	\$ 210.18	\$ 289.82
Transfer to Other Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL PERMIT DISBURSEMENTS....	\$ 245,971.13	\$ 220,362.37	\$ 25,608.76

As on 12/31/2023

Fund	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Sale of Investments	Transfers In	Disbursements	Purchase of Investments	Transfers Out	Ending Balance	Investment Balance	Total Balance
General Fund	148,158.37	212,730.34	0.00	50,500.00	175,615.24	0.00	0.00	235,773.47	0.00	235,773.47
Road and Bridge	875,766.39	1,331,063.61	0.00	0.00	916,899.67	0.00	0.00	1,289,930.33	0.00	1,289,930.33
Building Fund	14,121.95	18,211.19	0.00	172,476.18	33,049.15	0.00	0.00	171,760.17	0.00	171,760.17
Fire Fund (Joint with city)	100,285.37	126,885.00	0.00	0.00	139,909.00	0.00	0.00	87,261.37	0.00	87,261.37
Fines and Fees	4,477.00	11,872.54	0.00	10,000.00	23,323.12	0.00	0.00	3,026.42	0.00	3,026.42
Permits - (Internal Break Out from General Fund)	169,758.53	230,999.70	0.00	983.12	245,971.13	0.00	0.00	155,770.22	0.00	155,770.22
Escrowed Funds - Held	63,055.94	37,950.57	0.00	0.00	71,184.25	0.00	6,583.12	23,239.14	0.00	23,239.14
Park Acquisition and Development (Optional)	14,400.00	0.00	0.00	5,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
COVID Fund	316,745.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	83,769.04	0.00	232,976.18	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total :	1,706,768.77	1,969,712.95	0.00	239,559.30	1,689,720.60	0.00	239,559.30	1,986,761.12	0.00	1,986,761.12



2024 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 2023.
- 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 to 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 issues may be submitted online through the Becker Township website: <https://beckertownship.org/report-road-concern.html>

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.

Planned Road Improvements for 2023 included:

- 97th ST

Unplanned 2023 Road Improvements

- Bridge View – 172nd only
- 137th Street – gravel road portion
- Eagles Landing
- 67th St East

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 IMPROVEMENT PLANNED FOR 2024

- Road Upgrades/Replacements
 - 67th Street
 - Bridgeview Development
 - 137th Street (paved from Hwy 10 to CR 11)
 - Eagles Landing.
- Crack filling
- Patching
- Double Chip Seal of two roads

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

- Project is complete.

Submitted by Road Supervisors Robin Boros and Joe Danielson
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Becker Fire Department – Preliminary Budget Allocation

Jurisdiction	Allocation Percentage	2023 Allocation Amount	2024 Proposed Tax Capacity Values	Allocation Percentage	2024 Allocation Amount
City of Becker	68.19%	\$ 368,414	21,554,026	70.99%	\$ 374,522
Becker Township	26.63%	\$ 133,704	9,459,536	29.01%	\$ 153,074

Fire Department funding is based on Tax Capacity of the two entities. The City of Becker's tax base will be decreasing due to the loss of the power plant; the Township's allocated share will be increasing.

Township residents consider fire protection an important asset and we are able to provide this excellent protection which is owned jointly by the City and Township.

Actual 2023 Township Net Tax Capacity \$ 8,710,730

Actual 2024 Township Net Tax Capacity \$ 9,459,975

The Joint Fire Department contracts services for Santiago Township.



Becker Township Building Permit Report					
	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	12/31/2021	12/31/2022	12/31/2023
Number of Commercial & Residential Building Permits Issued	323	385	263	984*	623
Total Building Permit Valuation	10,623,841	13,951,576	11,687,497	34,904,132	\$ 19,006,385.00

*due to May 2022 storms, high number of re-roofing/siding permits

Type of Permit Issued	Number of Permits Issued			2023 Valuation
	2021	2022	2023	
New Single Family Dwellings	21	19	11	\$ 5,013,205
New/Upgraded/Repaired Septic Systems	52	53	36	\$ 108,000
Accessory Structures - Residential	26	22	32	\$ 2,204,034
Commercial - New Structure	1	1	0	\$ -
Commercial Renovation/Addition	4	12	4	\$ 457,693
Cell Towers	4	3		
Deck/Pool	15	17	19	\$ 393,842
Interior Renovation/Additions	39	31	47	\$ 1,826,114
Miscellaneous	44	131	11	\$ 799,260
Roofing/Siding	52	691	458	\$ 8,071,525
Solar - Commercial Permit	0	1	0	\$ -
Solar - Non-Commercial	5	3	5	\$ 132,712
Total Building Permits Issued	263	984	623	\$ 19,006,385

Becker Township Non-Building Permits Issued		
	12/31/2022	12/31/2023
Use Permits	17	16
All other non-building permits*	14	51

*Non-building permits include Private Kennels, Driveway, Food Trucks, Solicitors, and Utility Permits. 2023 saw another uptick in Utility Permits related to internet service.