

Becker Township Board/Becker City Council  
Special Joint Meeting  
May 23, 2017



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Town Board Members Present: Brian Kolbinger, Brad Wilkening, Luke Babler, Joe Danielson (6:18 pm), Jeff Lambert, Lucinda Messman

City Council Members Present: Tracy Bertram, Lori Keller, Rick Hendrickson, Mike Doering, Todd Hanrahan.

City Staff members present: Greg Pruszinske – City Administrator, Marie Pflipsen – Community Development Director, Jacob Sanders – City Planner

Township Staff Present: Kelli Bourgeois - Township attorney, Ben Wikstrom – Township Planner

Others Present: John Basol (6:07 pm)

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Call to order 6:03 p.m. by Supervisor Wilkening, moderator for the meeting.

Quorum for both Town Board and City Council verified.

Attorney Bourgeois reviewed the reason for the meeting and reviewed the Orderly Annexation Agreement (OAA) with all present.

- Current agreement to expire 12/31/2017
- Main purpose of this meeting – discussion of how to handle joint roads
- City Attorney and Township Attorney have reviewed the draft documents distributed [full text on file]
- Original OAA was entered into when development was booming. The crash occurred and now roads around Fossum Fields are a concern.
- Since the edits began on this document, there have been changes in the makeup of the Town Board.

#### Discussion

- Councilman Hendrickson commented that Item 7 dealing with revenue sharing, was originally required by statute, is no longer required, but City is fine with keeping this in the agreement.
- Supervisor Kolbinger commented on item 10c, this is new language to get this discussion going, correct? What is the intent?
- Supervisor Wilkening reviewed estimates provided to bring roads to township standards vs estimates to bring roads to city standards (including curb/gutter/stormwater/sewer).
- Driving factor for this discussion is the 127<sup>th</sup> Street SE ongoing maintenance complaints
  - Currently
    - City blades with trucks weekly
    - Township blades every third week
    - Chloride treatment expected tomorrow
    - Supervisor Danielson suggested application of dust suppression material twice this season.
- Mayor Bertram asked if development starts booming again, would this agreement need to be reopened? Attorney Bourgeois – no, this document just holds both bodies to the basic agreement. The Town and City can make other agreements for road maintenance as needed/desired.
- Pruszinske expressed concern due to traffic volume on 127<sup>th</sup> Street SE. While this is a factor, it really isn't a large concern.
- Councilwoman Keller asked how Fossum Fields and Elk Wynd Creek maintenance was handled prior to annexation. Attorney Bourgeois will review the annexation documents for these two developments as this OAA was not in place at that time.

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- Pflipsen commented that additional language that states if one side is annexed by city, maintenance would be 50/50 split and if both sides are annexed the maintenance would become fully city.

Final decisions

- Item 10c has been removed
- Both Township and City feel things would be better off without a specific timeline for improvement of the roads.
- Attorney Bourgeois will change the language for item 10B as discussed

Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) also exists. It handles staffing and other issues. Once this OAA is complete, the JPA can be edited as necessary and approved by the Board and Council respectively.

From this point, once the revised language for item 10b is completed, both entities will need to approve the OAA. It needs to be completed by December.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



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Brad Wilkening, Moderator



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Lucinda Messman, Clerk