BECKER TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

Attendance: Brian Kolbinger, Brad Wilkening, Joe Danielson (8:15), Tanya Danielson (8:15), Luke Babler, Fran Seeley, Lonny Seeley, Joshua Williams, Jason Schmidt, Lucinda Messman

Meeting took place immediately following the close of polls for township elections on March 11, 2025.

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

Nominations for moderator opened. Brian Kolbinger was nominated for moderator by Luke Babler, Second by Brad Wilkening. Motion carried all voting in favor.

Brian Kolbinger was elected moderator for the 2025 Becker Township Annual Meeting took a seat up front and conducted the meeting.

Motion to accept agenda by Brad Wilkening. Second by Fran Seeley. Motion carried, all voting in favor.

Motion to dispense with reading of the minutes and approve as distributed by Lonny Seeley. Second by Brad Wilkening. Motion carried, all voting in favor.

Board of Audit Report reviewed by Clerk Lucinda Messman.

2024 Treasurer's report presented in the evening packet - Treasurer Tanya Danielson. Depository recommendation for 2024 remains as it was last year, Sherburne State Bank. She is an employee of the bank.

Road Report presented by Engineer William Tessmer. Information distributed could be read by those in attendance.

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

Newspaper recommendation – keep as The Patriot.

Motion to approve Electorate Resolution 2025-01: A Resolution of the Town Electors Authorizing the Becker Town Board to Initiate the Alteration of Town Road 109th Street SE, also known as Road ID 1745 by Fran Seeley. Second by Joe Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.

Motion to approve Electorate Resolution 2025-02: A Resolution of the Town Electors Authorizing the Becker Town Board to Initiate the Alteration of Town Road 92nd Street SE and 157th Ave SE, also known as Road IDs 2845 and 2846 by Lonny Seeley. Second by Brad Wilkening. Motion carried, all voting in favor.

Next Annual meeting set for Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 8:01 p.m. at Becker Township Hall, 12165 Hancock Street, Becker, MN. Motion by Joe Danielson. Second by Luke Babler. Motion carried, all voting in favor.

Open Forum – first call for other business to be conducted.

Posting locations recommended as Becker Town Hall, Becker City Hall, Becker Post Office and Becker Township website www.beckertownship.org. Motion by Lonny Seeley. Second by Brad Wilkening. Motion carried, all voting in favor.

Town Board Report – Brian Kolbinger, Town Board Chair. Highlights of the year were reviewed.

- Township staff have taken over handling permitting duties.
- Town Board has been responsible with spending and proposed levy increases were explained and questions answered regarding the roof and proposed additional \$100,000 for this year's levy. See Board of Audit minutes for complete explanation.
- 97th Street project, involving three jurisdictions was a successful project.
- Partnership with the American Legion has been and anticipated to continue to be a good relationship.

Township Levy -

- 8:40 pm General Fund motion to approve at \$225,000 (210,000 plus 15,000 for donations) by Brad Wilkening. Second by Joe Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.
- 8:40 pm Freedom Days Donation motion to approve a \$5,000 donation for a community celebration in accordance with MN §365.10 by Fran Seeley. Second by Brad Wilkening. Motion carried, all voting in favor.
- 8:41 pm Road and Bridge Fund motion to approve \$1,530,000 by Luke Babler. Second by Jason Schmidt. Motion carried, all voting in favor.
- 8:41 pm Building Fund (previously noted as Town Hall Fund) motion to approve \$30,000 by Lonny Seeley. Second by Luke Babler. Motion carried, all voting in favor.
- 8:41 pm Roof item motion to approve \$100,000 for use on the roof or building fund as determined by the Town Board by Brad Wilkening. Second by Lonny Seeley. Motion carried, all voting in favor.
- 8:42 pm Fire Fund motion to approve \$190,000 by Joe Danielson. Second by Fran Seeley. Motion carried, all voting in favor.

Report of Election – Seat #1 – Mark Swanson was elected to fill the remainder of this term. Seat #3 was retained by Brad Wilkening. See Board of Canvass minutes and website for complete results.

Last call for other topics – none.

Becker Township 2025 Annual Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Brian Kolbinger, Moderator

Lucinda Messman, Clerk