

BECKER TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING | 2023

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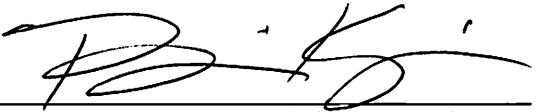
- **8:20 pm Fire Fund – motion to approve \$150,000 by Bryan Olson. Second by Robin Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

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.

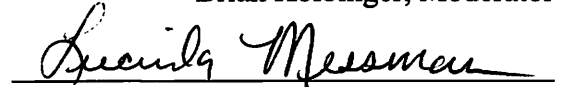
Last call for other topics – none presented.

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