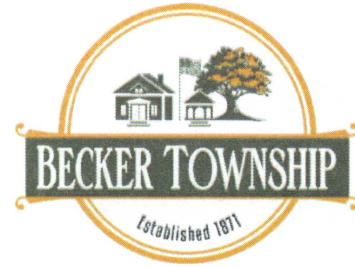


Becker Town Board Meeting
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Monday, January 22, 2024
12165 Hancock Street



Attendance

Board members: Brian Kolbinger, Brad Wilkening, Joe Danielson, Robin Boros, Luke Babler, Clerk Lucinda Messman, Treasurer Tanya Danielson, Deputy Clerk Megan Schmidt, Deputy Treasurer Marilyn Danielson

Absent: none

Others: Captain Broich - Sherburne County Sheriff's Department, William Tessmer - Township Engineer, Ben Wikstrom – Township Planner, Mark Kolbinger – The Patriot Newspaper, Kelli Bourgeois – Township Attorney (online), Tony Wruck – Township Engineer, Mike Goebel, Gregg Felber – Sherburne County Commissioner, Paul Hechtman, Sharon Hechtman, Greg Lerud – City of Becker, Gina Huga – Sherburne County.

Zoom platform was available for any member of the public who wished to attend virtually.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED

1. Approval of minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting December 2023
2. Approval of upcoming electronic fund transfers/automatic payments.
 - a. City of Becker – water/sewer for Town Hall
 - b. Xcel Energy – gas/electric for Town Hall
 - c. Midco Business – phone and internet
 - d. Upcoming EFTS related to payroll
 - i. Federal and State Taxes
 - ii. PERA
 - e. State of MN for building permit surcharge fees
 - f. Monthly credit card reader fee
3. Correspondence/Information
 - a. Center Point Energy Notice for Application rate increase and Notice of and Order for public hearing.
 - b. Dodge Data and Analytics Newsletter
 - c. Danish Cemetery Association Contribution Request
 - d. PEL Conflict Assessment and Management Process Summary
 - e. TAC 3 Agenda (slide decks available upon request due to size and not included in packet)
 - f. Broadband Grant Status Report
4. Approval/Acceptance
 - a. Resolution 2024-01: Appointment of Election Judges for the Township Election March 12, 2024

- b. Resolution 2024-02: Resolution of the Town of Becker Appointing Election Judges for the Presidential Nomination Primary March 5, 2024
- c. Resolution 2024-03: Appointing the 2024 Absentee Ballot Board for the Township Election March 12, 2024
- d. Resolution 2024-04: Appointment of Head Election Judges for the Presidential Nomination Primary March 5, 2024
- e. 2024 Recycling Day approval and authority to have clerk process paperwork as required for Grant.

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

Motion to approve a regular agenda after a by Babler. Second by Wilkening. Motion carried, all voting in favor.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Typical month, nothing out of the ordinary.
125 calls for service. Quiet month

OPEN FORUM

- None – other than trails concern – later in the meeting

PLANNING COMMISSION/JOINT PLANNING BOARD UPDATES – Wikstrom

- Activity
 - Planning Commission this month – continued review of shipping containers and how they may fit into code. Draft ordinance to be presented next month.
 - Comprehensive Plan updates/reviews have started.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Tessmer

- Latest CIP Updates have been distributed
 - Plans 80% complete for proposed projects
 - 137th Street SE – Engineer's preliminary Estimate - \$369,788.89
 - Road ID 3577 – only 5950' as a portion was done as Joint MN Dot project when road was realigned in conjunction with railroad crossing
 - Reclaim & Overlay
 - Majestic Ponds – Engineer's preliminary Estimate \$255,439.90
 - Road ID 1746 - 113th Street SE – Mill & Overlay
 - Road ID 1747 - 114th Street SE – Reclaim & Overlay
 - Road ID 7240 - 114th Street SE – Reclaim & Overlay
 - Bridgeview – Reclaim & Overlay - Engineer's Estimate \$557,593.51
 - Road ID 3962 – 170th Street SE (ID 7261 done earlier)

- Road ID 7267– Riverview Circle
- Road ID 327 – Riverview Lane
- Road ID 767 – Riverview Lane
- Road ID 1185 – Riverview Lane
- Road ID 4407 – Riverview Lane
- Road ID 7262 – 172nd Street SE
- Road ID 7263 - 175th Street SE
- Road ID - 170th Street SE
- Eagles Landing – Mill & Overlay - Engineer’s preliminary estimate \$195,528.00.
 - Road ID – 82nd Str SE
 - Road ID – 85th Str SE
 - Road ID – 172nd Ave SE
 - Road ID – 173rd Ave SE
- Specs likely changing following board discussion of paving standards based on road status in comprehensive plan, budgetary restraints and statutory signing roads for any road that does not meet existing Township 10 ton standard. If we adjust from a 10 ton road standard, our road dollars will go farther. This will require posting roads at the lower rate. The roads will still be heavy enough for buses and all. Considering a 7 ton standard or heavy 5 ton standard for some roads. Roads named collectors in the comprehensive plan will remain 10 ton roads. Consistency in posting will be required. Attorney Bourgeois to weigh in regarding the change in size and posting requirements.
- Discussion of spec updates. Most not an issue. Question on handling the Surety Deposits for Non-Minnesota Construction Contractors. Due to technical difficulties with sound, **Motion authorizing Road Supervisors to approve of spec changes after input from the Township Attorney on this and road specs/weights issues so bidding can move forward on schedule by Danielson. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

Sherburne County/City of Becker Request - Trails

This topic was tabled last month with no vote.

Supervisor Boros

- Talked with many homeowners in the Township. They understand that Sherburne County and the City of Becker wish this trail to go through.
- They also understand that the grant being applied for has a better chance of success if the Township supports the request.
- It is felt that no matter what the Township opinion may be the trail will go through.
- Township residents abutting the trail that he spoke with do not want it abutting their property and are concerned about trespassing and garbage.

- Cannot support the trail as elected Township official.

Supervisor Babler

- Has spoken with 8 of the 9 property owners to date. The 8 he has spoken with are not in favor of the trail.
- Concerns include taking trail to 103rd, a Township road with no sidewalks. Safety concerns brought forth.
- There currently are two trails into the park – why not use those or develop those more appropriately if issues
- Cannot support as elected official for the Township.

Paul Hechtman

- Owns undeveloped site on CR 23. No current access.
- Concerned if when he is ready to put in a driveway – would it be allowed. There is no other access to the front of the parcel due to wetlands.
- Concerned that the trail would be too close to people driving at high speeds. Not in support of the trail.

It was noted at the meeting that Mr. Hechtman was the only person Supervisor Babler was unable to reach for comment regarding this proposal.

City of Becker, Administrator Greg Larud

- 1) Trail will be located entirely within the County Right of way, not on Township residents land.
- 2) Building the trail would be part of the Sherburne County 23 Reconstruction project
- 3) This trail appears in multiple documents for the County and City of Becker
- 4) Current trail through Oak Savannah park is not ADA Compliant. This proposed trail would be 10' wide and fully accessible.

Motion to sign a resolution of support for the trail by Kolbinger. Second by Danielson. Motion failed, 1-4-0. Kolbinger – aye, Babler – nay, Boros – nay, Danielson – nay, Wilkening – nay.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Fire Board – Supervisor Babler

- Started with Red Path. Overall things are going well, a few bumps as we get into the new process.
- New JPA, Contract, and Bylaws here tonight for approval. Recommended by Fire Board. Documentation has been reviewed by Township Attorney. **Motion to approve**
 - **Joint Powers Agreement Continuing the Becker Fire Department**
 - **Bylaws Governing the Becker Fire Department Joint Powers Board**
 - **Contract to provide Fire Protection services between the City of Becker, Town of Becker, and Becker Fire Department Joint Powers Board**
 - **By Babler. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

River Crossing Group – Sanders/Supervisor Kolbinger

- CMRP – due to sound issues, report next month.
- PEL Study - More next month

Roads – Supervisor Boros and Supervisor Danielson

- Would like to use a new tree service for smaller projects (used to be Jim Free).
 - Mike Gobel bought Jim’s Tree Service.
 - Proposed Tree Trimming Contract for MG Tree Service brought forward.
 - Road Supervisor in support of approval
 - All required documentation is present
 - **Motion to approve adding MG Tree Service to the list of approved vendors for Road Supervisors to use by Wilkening. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

Facilities

- **Town Hall**
 - Clerk has just started looking into materials for the floors. Carpet for main room. Some type of tile/vinyl/laminate for the entryway. Two townships were going to get their contractors to us to assist in obtaining prices
 - Reminder – carpet squares desired by the board for ease of replacement


Treasurer

- 2024 Budget presented to the board
- **Motion to approve the General Fund Budget as presented by Danielson, Second by Wilkening. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- **Motion to approve the Road and Bridge Fund Budget as presented by Danielson, Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- **Motion to approve the Fire Fund Budget as presented by Babler, Second by Wilkening. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- **Motion to approve the Building Fund Budget as presented by Wilkening, Second by Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- **Motion to approve the Permits Fund Budget as presented by Boros, Second by Babler. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- Treasurer Report
- Plan to allocate salaries by fund more appropriately as we progress into the year. Will be breaking down permit costs more closely, made a few transfers closing out all covid funds.
- **Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report as presented by Babler. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- **Motion to approve payment of**
 - **Warrants 16315-16354**
 - **PO’s 1598, 1600-1607**
 - **Void PO 1536, 1601, 1602**
 - **in the amount of \$ 92,413.69 by Wilkening. Second by Boros. Danielson – abstained as his company had submitted an invoice. Motion carried all voting in favor. Motion carried 4-0-1.**

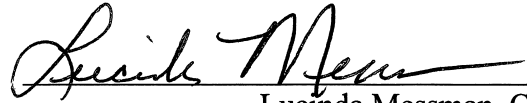
Other

- none

Meeting Adjourned 7:41 pm.



Brian Kolbinger, Chair



Lucinda Messman, Clerk