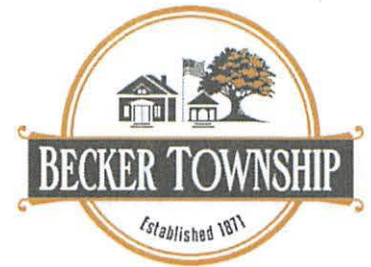


Becker Town Board Meeting
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Monday, August 16, 2021
12165 Hancock Street



Attending,

- ❖ Board members: Chair Brian Kolbinger, Vice Chair Brad Wilkening, Luke Babler, Robin Boros, Joe Danielson, Treasurer Tanya Danielson, Clerk Lucinda Messman
- ❖ Others: Deputy Clerk, Fran Seeley, Sgt. Frank – Sherburne County Sheriff’s Department, Wes Davis – Twp. Engineer (via Zoom), Tony Wruck – Twp. Contractor, Jacob Sanders – City of Becker Planner, Ben Wikstrom – Twp. Planner, Kelli Bourgeois – Twp. Attorney, Mark Kolbinger – *The Patriot*, Janet & Curtis Proehl, Jeff Anderson, Ather Jameel
- ❖ Zoom platform was available for anyone (other than board members) who wished to call in virtually.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED

- Minutes
 - July 19th Town Board Meeting Minutes
 - August 6th Special Town Board Meeting Minutes
- Upcoming electronic fund transfers/automatic payments approval
 - City of Becker – water/sewer
 - Xcel Energy – gas/electric
 - Ace Disposal – Twp maintenance
 - Advanced Disposal –container at Town Hall
 - Midco Business – phone and internet
 - Upcoming EFTS related to payroll: Federal taxes, State taxes and PERA - mandated rates
 - State of MN for building permit surcharge fees
- Correspondence/Information
 - Xcel Energy Response
- Approvals/Signatures
 - Approval for Chair signature on General Maintenance 2 year Contract
 - Approval for Chair signature on Snow and Ice Control 2 year Contract
 - Approval for correction in April 2020 minutes. Replace motion to pay warrants for the month with the following text and action:
 - Motion to pay PO 1228-1239; warrants 14584-14607 (includes payroll = \$5,789.03); and void 14584 as noted in the claims list for approval and net payroll distribution in the amount of \$67,206.97 by Babler. Second by Boros. Motion carried, 4-0-1.
 - Votes recorded below.
 - Supervisor Kolbinger – Aye
 - Supervisor Babler – Aye
 - Supervisor Boros – Aye
 - Supervisor Wilkening – Aye
 - Supervisor Danielson abstained from voting as his company has submitted a claim.
 - Motion to approve amendment for the minutes of April 2020. We still have the voided check in file.

Motion to approve consent agenda by Babler. Second by Boros. Motion carried all voting in favor.

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

Sheriff's Report – Sgt. Frank

- 179 Calls for service
- 67 traffic stops
- New program with Central Minnesota Health. Responding to mental health problems. It has shown benefit having him with them. No end in sight to his services at this point as he has been swamped.

Residential Open Forum

- Jeff Anderson
 - Engineer Davis reviewed revised drainage and utility waiver of liability area/map to the board as it is much larger than the one the board had anticipated last month. Davis has no concerns regarding the owner taking responsibility for the entire section as indicated in the agreement as long as original conditions are maintained.
 - Attorney Bourgeois stated no legal concerns.
 - **Motion to approve Waiver of Liability Agreement for Jeffrey Anderson at 17321 168th Street SE, Becker, MN with revised Exhibit A and description of the encroachment agreement area by Wilkening. Second by Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- Ather Jameel
 - New owner of Bar 10 (previous name Monty Tropical Hideout) new owner.
 - Liquor license approval needed. Plan to serve American food as well.
 - **Motion to forward favorable comments to Sherburne County regarding liquor license by Babler. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- Janet & Curtis Prohl
 - Carefree Country Club residents, requesting a 25' variance to allow deck and steps on the front of their MN Room.
 - Clerk reviewed documentation sent by Sherburne County with Town Board members.
 - Carefree has had a septic compliance check and their most recent was a few years back.
 - **Motion to send comments recommending approval of the variance as it is in line with other applications from the area and the addition will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood by Wilkening. Second by Babler. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

PLANNING COMMISSION/JOINT PLANNING BOARD UPDATES – Wikstrom

- Ongoing items with just one new. Interim Use Permit Application on 87th Street SE to live in their camper until next spring when they can build. One neighbor comment about improvements they have made to the property. They have a septic for a 4 bedroom home installed at this time. Planning Commission recommended approval. If they want longer than one year, they must come in for extension.

Public Hearing – Comprehensive Plan Updates – Transportation Section

Planner Wikstrom reviewed the documentation with the Town Board

- Potential connectors shown
- Goal and Strategy language being added along with revised transportation map
 - Add goal Continue to develop roadways network – drivers safety

- Strategy, work with landowners and developers to connect to 137th Street to 149th street, providing access to highway 10.
 - There is space to expand our industrial in the area, even with the land potentially being utilized by solar farm
 - Is now the appropriate time to amend the industrial section? Not in transportation, but could be done in the land use area of the comp plan.
 - **Motion to close public hearing by Wilkening. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
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Motion to recommend and approve the map and goals by Boros. Second by Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.

ENGINEER'S REPORT - Davis

- 142nd Street update – from CR 11 to Town Line past Buck Lake
 - Swamp area excavated and geofabric put down to increase stabilization
 - Today placed base course, tomorrow the wear course goes in
 - Contractor stated \$3,800 to re-pour concrete apron if the board wishes
 - How far back on driveway? It is within the right of way. 2, 4-5 foot panels. A crack in 2nd panel closest to house. Paver block up to right of way and concrete in the right of way.
 - How does price compare to the other driveways we have done this? It is comparable to others.
 - How soon can they do it? Right away with a change order to this contract. Homeowner has been good to work with as they have two property accesses.
 - **Board directive – proceed with concrete/change order.**
- 67th West portion – looking at next year
 - Started plan set
 - Started ball rolling on wetland delineation and hoping for final tep panel approval in next month and wetland credits.
- 153rd/127th
 - Started plan set
 - Will have more detailed estimate regarding specific reconstruct of the road
 - Plan it so shave it a bit thinner/skinnier – bring from 34' wide to 30' wide. Salvage that class 5 if we can to use with surface
- 164th/Salida Crossing This is to handle the storm sewer/gravel replacement. Pavement is different
 - 2 quotes received with
 - Alternate one – using catch basin on site and a new drainage easement agreement with Theco
 - Wruck Excavating \$104,612.09
 - TS Dirtworks \$ 99,060.00
 - Alternate two – additional pipe and structure to bypass the Theco property and discharge water into pond.
 - Wruck Excavating \$ 132,159.19
 - TS Dirtworks \$ 125,347.00
 - TS Dirtworks is the apparent low quote for both items
 - Need to handle the storm sewer work before roadwork can begin
 - Once drainage easement is decided, we can proceed
 - Attorney Bourgeois will research to see if ARPA funding can be used for this Storm-sewer project

- **Motion to award contract to TS Dirtworks based on engineers approval and review of quantities by Danielson. Second by Wilkening. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- Double Chip Seal on Garden Grove Road/Georgia Circle
 - Planning to start the middle/end of next week
- Road Supervisors to meet with Engineer later this week.
- Right of way staking of 136th/96th – directive to Engineer to survey and stake the area so Jeff can go in and put permanent right of way stakes.

Supervisor Reports

Fire Board – Supervisor Babler

- \$7,000 donation from the Lions
- \$20 donation from Iced T Screen Printing.
- Coveralls are now coming from original place. When called to cancel the order, they said they were just shipping.

CMRP – Supervisor Kolbinger and Planner Sanders

- Project manager has been hired. .

Roads – Supervisor Boros and Supervisor Danielson

- Road Tour date – September 17th at 7:30 am if transit van is available
- Potholes – a few more out there, Supervisor Danielson will touch base with Maintenance Contractor
- Right of way tree trimming will happen once it is safe to do oak trees in 4 different sections of the township

Road Supervisor Resolution

- Clarification added to clarify that if a vendor charge is in excess of \$15,000, it must be approved prior to spending. Road work change orders are capped at \$25,000 due to the immediate need for approval, however, if the change will be over \$25,000 an emergency board meeting must be called.
- Change of language that the Town Board must approve all purchases prior to the expenditure being charged to approval of all expenditures before payment is made. The resolution purposely is giving limited power to the two road supervisors to consult with the engineer when change orders must be done on site.
- **Motion to approve Resolution 2021-16: A Resolution Authorizing the Road Supervisors to make Purchases using the Vendor Accounts and Change Orders for Executed Contracts for Road Maintenance/Construction Purposes [full text on file] by Danielson. Second by Babler. Discussion – this is to allow Township Road Supervisors to authorize change orders in field. Yes if contracts exist and up to \$25,000. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

Other

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Town Hall

- Gazebo needs paint and some wood that has rotted needs to be replaced. Clerk check with contractor for pricing. The structure is ok
- Sprinklers – brief discussion for sand point well. New clock tried and it seems to be working better. Look at sand point next year if still desired.


Treasurer's Report

- Received first ARPA payment of \$289,000
- **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 15179-15199 and PO's 1388-1395, void 15200-15201, in the amount of \$30,804.66 by Wilkening. Second by Babler. Motion carried, 4-0-1. Supervisor Danielson abstained as his company had presented a claim for payment.**

Other

- City of Becker has a staff member available to scan old permits into our system. Clerk reviewed rates that could increase in January. Clerk was unaware that all paper files they store for us have been destroyed since they began digitizing permits. **Motion to approve City of Becker Staff scanning old documents into the filing system and paper files being transported here after for Clerk to handle disposal according to the Township's Records Retention system by Wilkening. Second by Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- Reminders of Solar meeting on 8/31 at Becker High School
- SCWD Tour RSVP's required (*event was cancelled due to COVID environment by time minutes were typed*)

Meeting Adjourned 8:09 pm.



Brian Kolbinger, Chair



Lucinda Messman, Clerk