

Becker Town Board Meeting
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Monday, December 19, 2022
12165 Hancock Street



Attendance

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

Absent: none

Others: Sherburne County Sheriff's Department – Sgt. Frank, Wes Davis – Twp. Engineer (online), Kelli Bourgeois – Twp. Attorney, Ben Wikstrom – Township Planner, Jacob Sanders – City of Becker - Online, Mark Kolbinger – The Patriot Newspaper, Rum River Consultants – Andy Schreder, Roxanne Schreder, and Carrie Levitske.

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

Approval of Minutes as listed

- a. November 2022 Town Board Meeting Minutes

Upcoming Electronic Fund Transfers/Automatic Payment Approvals

- b. City of Becker – water/sewer
- c. Xcel Energy – gas/electric
- d. Midco Business – phone/internet
- e. Related to payroll: Federal payroll taxes, state payroll taxes, PERA, etc.
- f. State of MN for building permit surcharge fees

Correspondence/Information

- a. Notice regarding Annual Election
- b. MPCA Notice
- c. Sherburne County HHS Grants

Approval/Acceptance

- a. Options Contract, 2023
- b. Resolution 2022-31 [full text on file]: A Resolution Permitting Use of Certain Town Road Rights of Way by Sherburne County Snowmobile Trail Association.
- c. Resolution 2022-28 [full text on file]: A Resolution Adopting Regular Meetings for 2023.

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

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

SHERIFF'S REPORT – Sgt. Dan Frank

- 167 Calls for service
- 55 Traffic Stops
- 8 Car/Deer Accidents
- 18 Motor Vehicle Accidents - Please slow down when driving.
 - 10 car-deer
 - 5 vehicles off road – slow down
- Lower calls for service in winter is expected.
- Additional Traffic enforcement on 127th Street, no speeders to date.

OPEN FORUM

Rum River Consultants – presentation to Board members regarding their services. They offer building inspection services, permit review services and others as indicated in their presentation. They would like the opportunity to partner with Becker Township. Gave a brief presentation about their services and experience. Currently 22 employees and complete electronic plan review and processing. Average turn around for SFR w/septic – 5-10 business days – includes engineering. 10 inspectors and all electronic so no passing of plans. Multiple types of reviews can occur simultaneously. Fees are based on a percentage of building permit fee and would like to see a multi-year contract. Wait time for field inspections is typically 1-2 days with a three day notice. Saturday inspections are available.

No other open forum items.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Davis

- 97th Street
 - Grant allocation meeting was held
 - Split to be based on linear footage of existing roadway
 - 21% City of Becker
 - 60% Becker Township (\$750,000)
 - 19% Clearwater Township
 - Resolution will be required and the Joint Powers Agreement with Sherburne County is not yet ready. Sherburne County will handle bidding and administration of the contract as required by the LRIP Grant.
 - Plans are under review at the County at this time and planning on Late January/February to go out for bids.
 - A special meeting may be required to get the resolution completed in a timely manner.

SOLAR OVERLAY GROUP - Sanders

- Activity
 - Meeting canceled due to weather – report next month

PLANNING COMMISSION/JOINT PLANNING BOARD UPDATES – Wikstrom

- Activity
 - Subdivision for Gapen Acres was approved. Metes and Bounds for 40 acres, then one of the 20 acre parcels was platted.
 - Discussions of Accessory Dwellings, solar, comprehensive plan occurred
 - No Joint Planning Board this month.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Fire Board – Supervisor Babler

- Typical meeting
- Grass rig – F550 – working to get one but issues with supply chain

CMRP – Sanders/Kolbinger

- Nothing new at this time

Roads – Supervisor Boros and Supervisor Danielson

- First event snowfall issues reviewed
- Large event (12+ inches) expected this Wednesday-Friday
- 164th Manhole cover issues – ok now
- Motorworks is pushing snow onto road, Supervisor Boros will talk with them tomorrow.
- Peggy Place Cul-de-sac/Kenny Court & 17065 172nd Street have waste bins in the right of way where snow will need to go and present safety hazard if not removed. Clerk to contact owners/bin owner [after meeting it was determined Waste Management owned the containers and they stated they would be removed] and have them removed prior to Wednesday.
- Budget for 97th has changed. Projections are higher than originally anticipated, however, until actual bids arrive we are not exactly sure what the price will be. Treasurer to address options/further information in her report.
- Tony Wruck, GPS bad device received, will be installing one after new arrives. Will communicate data with Clerk to see if it works out as hoped.

Town Hall

- MATIT insurance sheets received. First time this type of data was set out. If do nothing, limits as distributed – no change from last year. New system in their office and they break out by every piece. Deductible is \$2,500.
- Cabinets – big one was approved. Would like a small table/desk type thing to match. Estimate is \$2,500. Board said fine, get it done.
- Annual Appointments for Town Planning Commission and Joint Planning Board for 2023.
 - Right now Ryan Peckskamp's appointment is expiring. He is willing to continue serving. Supervisor Wilkening – good variety on the board now.
 - **Motion to approve Resolution 2022-29 [full text on file]: Resolution Appointing Members to the Town Planning Commission by Wilkening. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

- Joint Planning Board, Brian Kolbinger's is expiring, Luke Babler is interested in the position. **Motion to approve Resolution 2022-30 [full text on file]: Resolution Appointing Members to the Becker Joint Planning Board by Kolbinger. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

AUAR – Wilkening

- City of Becker and Xcel submitted, map shows township parcels discussed. The Threshold triggered the requirement for 'guiding' use of land, not dictating what will necessarily be completed.

Treasurer's Report

- **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 15809-15850**
 - **PO's 1503-1509**
 - **Void 1851-1857**
 - **in the amount of \$100,739.47 by Wilkening. Second by Babler. Motion carried 4-0-1.** Danielson abstained as his company had submitted an invoice.
- **Becker Township North Fund**
 - Starting this out – what amount? Various factors discussed. Funds to come from ARPA monies.
 - Roof issue – working through things as a grant may be available to the American Legion.
 - Allocation/levy – getting this moving and processes discussed.
 - Direction sought – do we allot fund how? Board directive – wait until after first of year as we should have better idea.
- **97th Street Budget Discussion**
 - Road Supervisors brought up that 97th potentially \$200,000 over original budget.
 - Want to change the Road and Bridge budget by \$200,000 and request transfer approval of ARPA funds.
 - **Motion to approve transfer of 200,000 from ARPA Funds into the Road and Bridge Fund by Danielson. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

Other

- Local Board of Appeal and Equalization, April 11, 2023 at 6 pm (Tuesday night). Three are trained so good to go.
- Filing for office is in January 3-17, 2023. Seats 1 and 2 are up for election this year.
- City Hall contract – initial received. Attorney Bourgeois – in general this is fine. There are some detail questions regarding detail, ex: utilities – extending/connections – are any planned? Etc.
- Tri-County Humane Society – same as last year. Secondary one. **Motion to approve by Wilkening. Second by Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- Meeting before Christmas (Friday) if possible – with insurance attorney. Township Attorney reviewed what the letter means with the board. Appraisal process first.

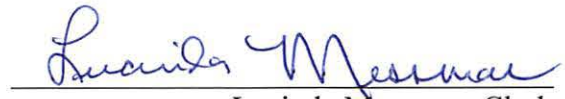
Attorney Bourgeois – originally filed with the board as the policy and bylaws didn't match up and we did not want to lose our opportunity to appeal. This attorney has the same interpretation of the policy. Have him handle things for the Township at this point, stay the appeal and do the appraisal process is best. Short meeting with him would be required on Friday to move this forward. Zoom meeting for anyone not in person, clerk to send out notice that needs to be posted where they are located and clerk will post the locations as well. 9 am Friday is the meeting.

- Reviewed the photos of Town Hall throughout the year. Some damage is clearly visible, even with the limited zooming capabilities of presentation equipment.

Meeting Adjourned 7:58 pm.



Brian Kolbinger, Chair



Lucinda Messman, Clerk