

Regular Town Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Monday, January 25, 2021
12165 Hancock Street

Attending

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Township Chair Brian Kolbinger | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Township Clerk Lucinda Messman |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Township Vice Chair Brad Wilkening | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Township Treasurer Tanya Danielson |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Township Supervisor Robin Boros | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Township Deputy Clerk Fran Seeley |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Township Supervisor Luke Babler | (zoom) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Township Supervisor Joe Danielson | |

Absent Members: none

Other in person attendees: Kelli Bourgeois – Township Attorney, Tony Wruck – Township Maintenance Contractor; Craig Wensmann (for Wes Davis); Brandon & Nicolle Hines; Dave Anderson – SAL Squadron 193.

Remote (zoom or phone) Attendees: Sgt. Frank – Sherburne County Sheriff’s department (phone), Mark Kolbinger – The Patriot Newspaper

Tuesday, April 7, 2020 The Becker Town Board passed Resolution 2020-15: A Resolution Establishing the Ability Conduct Open Meetings by Telephone. The Town Board of Becker Township, Sherburne County, Minnesota, will utilize teleconferencing as requested so long as a health pandemic exists or a peacetime emergency is declared under Minn. Stat. Ch. 12. This meeting was held both in person and utilizing a remote system.

Meeting called to order at 7 pm. Clerk took roll call of those in attendance. Quorum verified by Chair Kolbinger.

Pledge of Allegiance

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes Approval:
 - Regular Town Board Meeting December 2020
 - Special Town Board Meeting January 11, 2021
- 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 acknowledgement: Sherburne State Bank Changes, City of Becker Revised Utility Rates, Contribution Request – Danish Cemetery Association; MPCA

Notice of Public Hearing; Vonco Notice of Major Modification MPCA Application, MN DOR Property Tax Levy Report.

- Approvals:
 - Chair to sign 2020 Gopher Report for submission to Sherburne County authorizing reimbursement for \$1 per set of paws.
 - Clerk to sign paperwork for SCORE Grant as necessary.
 - Just Host website – upgrade to Site Lock Essential
 - Resolution 2021-01: Appointing Absentee Ballot Board for Township Election
 - Resolution 2021-02: Appointing Election Judges for Township Election

Motion to approve consent agenda by Wilkening. Second by Danielson. Motion carried all voting in favor.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Motion to approve a regular agenda after adding S.A.L. Squadron 193 to Residential Requests by Babler. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

- Report distributed. Mail theft has been an issue lately.
- No other concerns brought forth by public.

RESIDENTIAL OPEN FORUM

- Sons of American Legion Squadron 193 – Dave Anderson
 - Holding fundraiser for Fisher House this summer (if covid allows, event cancelled last year).
 - Requesting Township to again sign a noise permit for the bands.
 - **Motion to approve chair signing the noise permit by Babler. Second by Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.** Form from the City of Becker was signed at meeting, clerk did not retain a copy. Becker Township was first to sign.

TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION & JOINT PLANNING BOARD UPDATES

- In January, Town Planning Commission held a workshop to discuss specific items to pursue for this year. Joint Planning Board cancelled for January.
- Permit information reviewed for 2020.
- Vonco submitted a major modification permit – paperwork in board packet.
- Sherco Solar plan notification received. Appears to be on the majority of our industrial planned land that is left in the township. Wikstrom sending out letter regarding zoning. They offered to do a meeting with the board to cover actual plans. Does the board want this?
 - Board is not aware of what the permitting process is at this time.
 - Location discussed. Board has plans for roads in the area.
 - Would like to have them present what they are doing/plan of what is up.
 - Clerk directed to set up a separate meeting to allow ample question/answer period.

ENGINEERING REPORT – Craig Wensmann for Wes Davis

- Roads planned for work this year
 - 4 through county contracts
 - 142nd Street near Buck Lake
 - Paving in August
 - Timing for reconstruction is tight and township is on their own for this part
 - 67th Street – from CR 23 to Cul-de-sac
 - Joint with Santiago – reclaim portion
 - 82nd Street (Anderson Road) from Peterson Farm to 163rd (S8 and S9 T34 R28)
 - Reclaim to gravel
 - Approximately 850 feet
 - Verify number with Engineer – seems long
 - Garden Grove/Georgia Circle
 - Gravel – Regrade and Chip Seal
 - Test area for the township – want to see how it holds up
 - 164th Avenue North/South
 - 2 lifts, 2” each – industrial grade
 - 41,000 w/county paving
 - Rest is regrade/reconstruction and doing a horseshoe
 - Background investigations of area required
 - Buck Lake Blvd and Wildwood are not going to do just yet to make sure there is room if bids come in higher than expected (est. for these two at just under \$250,000) Total at this point is \$920,000 for all projects. Budgeted 800,000 for roads in 2021.
- **LRIP Grant.**
 - 97th street from CR 23 to Hwy 10
 - Good area for the grant as there would be several entities (Becker Township, Clear Lake Township and City of Becker) applying for the grant. Increased number of jurisdictions should give a better chance to receive the grant.
 - Grant cap is 1,250,000
 - 2 options
 - 1) Get all three together for the applications, but money is shared among all three
 - Can they apply for their own portions? Yes
 - Clear Lake Township and City of Becker not planning on this right now
 - Requesting letters to agree to joint effort or not
 - If all three group together, reconstruction & regrade is covered, but township is on the hook for the paving costs.
 - 2) submit for our own part and the 1,250,000 would almost cover our costs
 - How aggressively working with others? If not on board, include 82nd from CR 23-CR 25?

- There are a lot of requests – goal is to make the best request and receive the funding
- Directive by the Town Supervisors – continue to work with the other two entities. We will go with option number 2 if the others drop out.
- Discussion of changing curves from 30 mph to 55 mph. Directive to engineer to provide exhibit depicting 55 mph curves for next meeting.
- A meeting will be next week with engineer to discuss exhibit and if meetings need to occur with owners.

Public Hearing – Town Planning Commission Ordinance Revisions

Attorney Toven reviewed changes with the Town Board members. Last month a draft was reviewed. Cleaning up items from originally enacted 13 years ago.

- Section 4.00 – if no meeting, no minutes. The proper term is records.
- Section 5.00 - adding Joint Planning Board reference multiple times
- Sections 6.00 and 7.00 – for Board of Adjustments and Appeals, the Joint Planning Board is now the proper entity
- Questions: does this make things easier? A: it is more cleanup/clarification to match procedure and current zoning ordinance than anything. This doesn't change anything currently in existence.
- No further comments/questions

Motion to close the public hearing by Wilkening. Second by Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.

No further board discussion.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-01: An ordinance amending sections 4.00, 5.00, 6.00 and 7.00 of ordinance 2007-01: Establishing a Planning Commission for the Town of Becker by Wilkening. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.

Motion to approve Summary Ordinance 2021-01: An ordinance amending sections 4.00, 5.00, 6.00 and 7.00 of ordinance 2007-01: Establishing a Planning Commission for the Town of Becker by Wilkening. Second by Danielson. Motion carried: 5 voting for, 0 voting against.

SUPERVISOR AND BOARD REPORTS

FIRE BOARD – Supervisor Babler

- \$200 donation received
- Coveralls updated arrival now February
- Turnout gear still coming
- Audio visual equipment all arrived (December)
- Truck should be here 2nd or 3rd week of February. Mid March it should be ready to go.

CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER REGIONAL PLANNING PARTNERSHIP – Supervisor Kolbinger

- Meeting Thursday – no report this evening

ROAD REPORT – Supervisor Boros & Supervisor Danielson

- Fiberglass poles/marketing stakes
 - Cold weather = likely to be snapped off
 - Cannot be on road/in right of way
 - While Town Board understands people’s desire to place them, it is not the Town Board’s or Township Snow Removal Contractors responsibility if plows snap them off. The right of way is for snow storage and needs to be cleared beyond edges of pavement for safety. Notice to go on website after review by legal.
 - Swing Safe mailbox changes – clerk to have Supervisor Danielson review and recommend which to order.

TOWN HALL

- Estimates for larger monitor for supervisors to view speakers for zoom meetings presented. Clerk to order new monitor and have it installed.

FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

- Tekstar (Arvig) Response received
- Midco is going out
- Goal, put both through at same time?

150TH YEAR CELEBRATION - tabled

CARES FUNDING

- Partial funds being requested back from one.
- Some just didn’t provide paperwork.

TREASURES REPORT

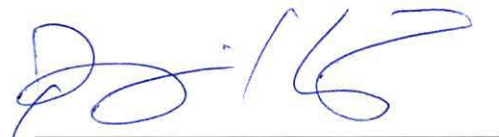
- Budget distributed – motion to approve is required.
 - Chip sealing – can move around, will stay within the budget
 - **Motion to approve 2021 budget as presented by Danielson. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- Treasurer’s Report
 - **Motion to approve treasures report as distributed by Boros. Second by Babler. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- Motion to pay warrants. Supervisors Danielson abstained from voting on warrants as his company submitted a claim for payment.
 - **Motion to pay warrants 14910-14932 and PO’s 1323-1335 and check 8426 in the amount of \$93,030.54 by Babler. Second by Wilkening. Motion carried 4-0-1.**

- Credit Card and debit card. Go with Credit card only.
- W-2's and 1099's are going out after this meeting

OTHER

- Final notice of violation to go out in the morning for 16154 70th Street. Property with a multitude of violations. Some are County enforcement, others fall under Township enforcement. Township Attorney working with County Attorney on this one as there are County and Township violations. This should be a coordinated so dual action can occur as a single court action in district court. Goal is to bring compliance. **Motion to authorize staff and attorneys to take whatever action is necessary correct and abate nuisances as needed by Wilkening. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- Board of Audit meeting scheduled for 6:30 pm on February 22, 2021 – before the regular board meeting.
- Animal Control – history discussed. North Metro Animal control interested in providing all services for the Township. Board directive move forward.
- Reminders
 - Local Board of Appeal and Equalization 4/6/2021 at 6 pm.
 - Weed inspector form due end of this month.
 - Road inspector report due 5 days prior to annual meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.



Brian Kolbinger, Chair



Lucinda Messman, Clerk