



Attending,

- ❖ Board members: Chair Brian Kolbinger, Vice Chair Brad Wilkening, Luke Babler, Robin Boros, Joe Danielson, Deputy Clerk Fran Seeley, Treasurer Tanya Danielson
- ❖ Others: Sgt. Frank – Sherburne County Sheriff’s Department, Wes Davis – Twp. Engineer, Tony Wruck – Twp. Contractor, Mary Roe – City of Becker Planner, Ben Wikstrom – Twp. Planner (online), Kelli Bourgeois – Twp. Attorney, Mark Kolbinger – *The Patriot*, Marilyn Danielson – Becker Fire Department, Greg Pruszinske – City of Becker, Phil Knutson – City of Becker, Tracy Bertram – City of Becker, Rick Hendrickson – City of Becker, Robin Dingmann – City of Becker, Mike Doering – City of Becker, Becky Olmsheid – City of Becker

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 ITEMS APPROVED

- Minutes
 - April 19th Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
 - April 30th Special Town Board meeting minutes
 - June 2nd Special Town Board meeting minutes
 - June 21st Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
 - June 30th 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
 - Recycling Day Reimbursement Letter
 - City of Becker Bulletin
 - MAT Notification re: ARPA Funding

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

Motion to approve a regular agenda after adding Resolution 2021-15 related to Governor rescinding Minnesota’s state of emergency status, by Babler. Second by Wilkening. Motion carried, all voting in favor.

Sheriff’s Report – Sgt. Frank

- 166 Calls for service
- 50 traffic stops

- Toward Zero Death emphasis. Speed enforcement this month – County and State Patrol
- 97th Street complaint from last month. Wide open, so squad car is obvious and people stop.
- 185th Ave SE – careless driver doing donuts – has been caught

Bid Opening – Contract for General Maintenance – 2 year contract

- 1 Bid received from Wruck Excavating, Inc.
 - Grading of town roads \$95/hour
 - Gravel Application and Spreading Equipment list
 - Motor Grader \$95/hour
 - Rubber Tired Rollers
 - PT 13 WRT \$21/hour plus tractor
 - CAT P515OB \$80/hour
 - Tractor
 - 4020 JD \$60/hour
 - 4450 JD \$80/hour
 - Dump Truck/Belly Dump
 - 22.5 Ton Volvo \$98/hour
 - 25.25 Ton Volvo \$102/hour
 - Front End Loaders, either type \$105/hour
 - Skid Steers
 - CAT 289D and CAT 279D \$95/hour
 - CAT 259D \$90/hour
 - Water Truck
 - 3000 Gallon \$81/hour
 - Pull behind 1000 gallon \$25/hour plus tractor
 - Roadside Mowing and Weed Control Equipment List
 - Tractor with Mower and Operator
 - Tractor with 5' mower \$70/hour
 - Tractor with 6' mower \$75/hour
 - Miscellaneous Equipment for roadway maintenance and repair
 - Excavators
 - 115 HP, either one \$110/hour
 - 175 HP \$140/hour
 - General Labor for man hours not included in equipment operations \$60/hour
- **Motion to award the General Maintenance contract to Wruck Excavating pending Road Supervisors review by Wilkening. Second by Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

Bid Opening – Contract for Snow and Ice Control – 2 year contract

- 1 Bid was received from Wruck Excavating, Inc.
 - Plow Trucks
 - 4 listed, each at \$82/hour
 - Salt/Sand Mixture
 - With or without Plowing
 - 20% = \$90/hour
 - 50% = \$135/hour
 - 100% Salt = \$185/hour
 - Motor Grader \$105/hour
 - Loader

- 2 listed, each at \$105/hour
- Other Equipment
 - 2890 CAT \$95/hour
 - 279D CAT \$95/hour
 - 259D CAT \$90/hour
 - GMC Pickup \$82/hour
- **Motion to award the Snow and Ice Control Contract to Wruck Excavating pending review by Road Supervisors by Wilkening. Second by Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

Residential Open Forum

- None this evening

TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION/JOINT PLANNING BOARD UPDATES - Wikstrom

- Town Planning Commission meeting
 - Last week the City of Becker building a well house. A CUP is required as it is a permanent municipal structure. Recommended by Planning Commission.
 - Lot width variance for Kyle Schlief and Pauline Anderson. Splitting off house from land. Recommended for approval as well
 - Transportation plan within the comprehensive plan was discussed.
 - 3 corridors for access from 149th exit. Need to include in comprehensive plan.
 - Directive to bring it back next month for public hearing. Comp Plan Amendment with supporting maps as required.
 - Guiding document, doesn't mean exactly must be this.
 - Discussion of impact of our zoning code for the solar project (as far as waste from the panels/or after life as well as maintaining safe water somehow) – regarding Sherco Solar – it won't matter as the PUC is in charge of reviewing for potential hazards.
- Joint Planning Board next week. A final plat just arrived for next month.

ENGINEER'S REPORT - Davis

- Defer 153rd/127th discussion until after the recess for Annual Fire Board Meeting
- 67th Street – paved portion with cul-de-sac
 - Wetland approval estimates submitted to Road Supervisors
 - There will be engineering with this project as well as DNR involvement. Need to get this information to Santiago Township them so they know the wetlands and engineering will impact totals as well.
 - See if Santiago will participate with this. Then likely can go for quotes.
 - Santiago approved going out for quotes at their meeting. We are to do the same.
 - Estimate at this time from Knife River was \$110,000, but that was without wetland credits or engineering.
- 67th – East Gravel Portion
 - Road Supervisors met with Santiago Township
- 164th Street (Salida) Drainage easement. Quote package has gone out with alternate. One using existing easement, one to put in a culvert extension ourselves. Results in the beginning of August.

Supervisor Reports

Fire Board – Supervisor Babler

- Coveralls still haven't arrived with the CARES act money. Company still hasn't sent, and keeps saying delays again. Two different companies quoted and went with the one who said they could get them soonest and within deadlines. Chief asked if they can go to a different company where they found they can get the coveralls right away. Same thing, just can get them right away. Attorney advised yes, go ahead and document reasons/delays. Same pricing/same items.

CMRP – Supervisor Kolbinger and Planner Sanders

- A regular meeting of Thursday this week – nothing new to report. They were looking to hire a position to put together the framework.

Roads – Supervisor Boros and Supervisor Danielson

- Road Tour date - goal everyone going out together. August should work. Setup next meeting as clerk is not in attendance today.
- History and how they work discussed.
- Discuss shared 153rd/127th in workshop later this evening

Other

- August 3rd – discussion of someone attending on 173rd. They wanted to close part of the road – ok to close the cul-de-sac portion, not the through road. Someone will try to attend.
- MN Dot Survey – check with clerk when return
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Town Hall

- Sprinklers working ok. Tree is down, next week get rid of rest and lined up for concrete after. Permit needs to be filled out for city then we are set. Hoping next meeting enclosure is up or close to having it done.
- Bathrooms – still for this year – wondered on date.
- Paint for gazebo needed – Joe and Luke will walk through and create list on work to be completed

Treasurer's Report

- Property tax money – large one has arrived.
- **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 15084-15101 and 15169-15178 and PO's 1381-1387, in the amount of \$60,590.43 by Wilkening. Second by Babler. Motion carried, 4-0-1. Supervisor Danielson abstained as his company had presented a claim for payment.**

Other

- **Motion ordering clerk to apply for ARPA funding by Danielson. Second by Babler. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- In March 2020, the Peacetime emergency was enacted and open meetings could be done by phone. This has now expired so best if Town Board removes the option for teleconferencing. Still can do zoom meetings, but elected officials need to be here in person to do the job elected to do. There are some limited exceptions to teleconference into a meeting, and can still do facetime type meetings via zoom if posted correctly. Does not preclude board from using Zoom for the public/staff/consultants. Does the board wish to continue zoom for the public? **Motion to approve Resolution 2021-15: by Babler. Second by Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

Motion to recess meeting at this time. Meeting will resume immediately following the Annual Joint Fire Board meeting in this location this evening by Babler, second by Wilkening. Motion carried, all voting in favor.

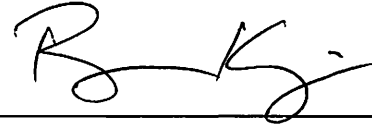
Return from Recess – 8:25 p.m.

Moved into workshop portion of meeting with City of Becker Council members and Becker Town Board Supervisors regarding 153rd/127th.

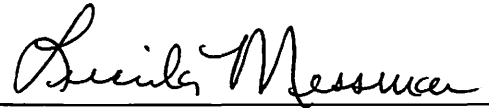
- Engineer Davis handed out estimates
 - Location described – 153rd Ave SE and 127th Str SE – Total length 3,700 LF
 - Currently gravel roads – shared
 - Drainage issue
 - Dust control issue
 - Waterboarding issue
 - There is a lot of through traffic on this road.
 - Need to do both sections (153 and 127).
 - At intersection – should we do a two way stop? There is a driveway in the area that will impact things. Engineer to look into handling this.
 - Viable options to increase usability/safety of roads (none include engineering fees)
 - First – pave the entire area at Township Standard
 - \$200,000 estimate for paving, including a 4” base of gravel @ 28’ wide
 - Additional Maintenance costs over 20 years = \$88,000
 - Second – complete a double chip seal of the area
 - \$110,000 estimate including 4” base of gravel @ 28’ wide
 - Additional Maintenance costs over 20 years = \$24,000
 - Third – City of Becker does curb/gutter/sewer/etc.. The Township cannot afford to pave at this level and is not interested in pursuing this option.
 - Gravel needed no matter which solution – at least a 4” base is required no matter what option is selected. The road is in very rough shape.
 - Discussion
 - What is a Double Chip Seal and how it works
 - described to board members present (oil and tiny rocks – more driven on, more tightly things compact and mesh together).
 - Ends up as a thin bituminous road, eliminating grading and dust control.
 - Is there any type of ADT count for this type of surface? Keeps gravel road classification as a 5 ton road – no structural advantage.
 - Worry on double chip seal – worry is that a farmer or plow goes down and rips this up- big issue with blowout. If paved, may be a mark instead of tearing up the whole road.
 - Paving – recalled Orderly Annexation discussion and impasse at options as neither entity was willing to pave at other entity’s standards.
 - Leave gravel only
 - Maybe dust control
 - Do nothing. This option was brought forth by City Council member multiple times as it is possible that a developer may come in and upgrade the roads. Worry of wasting money.
 - No matter which direction, at a minimum, gravel really needs to go in this year.

- Tonight's consensus: likely do 4" gravel only for this year and revisit the rest after re-gravel. 28' wide. Road is currently 36' wide. How will this impact mailboxes if only 28' wide?
Discussion
- Rather than make a decision tonight, this will be taken up at individual entities next meetings. They will decide on gravel and look at paving.

Meeting Adjourned 8:55 pm.



Brian Kolbinger, Chair



Lucinda Messman, Clerk