

Regular Town Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Monday, June 15, 2020
12165 Hancock Street

Attending

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

Absent Members: none

Attending Staff: Kelli Bourgeois – Township Attorney, Mary Roe – City of Becker Planner – phone;

Others Attendees: Wes Davis – Township Engineer; Tony Wruck – Township Maintenance Contractor; Sgt. Frank – Sherburne County Sheriff’s Department; Ron & Shelly Hall

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 – no one called in this evening – all present in person. Quorum verified by Chair Kolbinger.

Pledge of Allegiance

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE BY WILKENING, SECOND BY DANIELSON – MOTION CARRIED

Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes Approval: Regular Town Board Meeting April 20, 2020.
- 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: Demographic Data Report, Central Applicators Treatment of ROW around Town Hall, Municipal Construction and Development Fee Revenue and Expenses Annual Report 2019, City of Becker Newsletter, Thank you from Snake River Cemetary.
- Resolution Approval: Res 2020-22: Resolution Authorizing Contract with Interested Officer under Minn. Stat. §471.88, subd. 5 for Supervisor Boros.

REGULAR AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion to approve agenda by Babler after adding additional items regarding mailboxes and polling location. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

- 118 Calls for Service
- 20 Traffic complaints
- Saturation patrolling occurring – distracted driving
- Peggy Place Road had dirt bike complaints, citations have been issued

RESIDENTIAL OPEN FORUM –

- 96th Street – mailbox viewed, history discussed. Nothing for the board to take action upon at this time.
- Carefree Variance Application – Comments Requested
 - Ron and Shelly Hall – lot 727
 - Images and board packet forwarded by Sherburne County reviewed
 - This seems consistent with other requests the board has heard
 - Clerk directed to submit favorable comments to the County Board
- Woodberry Farms Cul-de-sac's
 - Bare/weeds now
 - Planting – nothing obtrusive.
 - Still curb – ditch grass
 - Directive to Engineer to have hydro mulch of wildflowers/prairie grass mix added – some type of Native Landscape mix at the same time as the restoration of slope grass on 185th.

TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION/JOINT PLANNING BOARD UPDATES

- Wilkening reviewed staff memo with board members
- Question regarding exterior doors – real data presented. **Motion by Wilkening to change existing exterior door replacement to an over the counter permit. Second by Babler. Motion Carried, all voting in favor.**
- **Motion to approve Resolution 2020-17: A Resolution setting fees and charges for the Town of Becker by Wilkening. Second by Babler. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Wes Davis

- 185th Ave SE was paved last week. Estimated at 5,100 tons, took 5,000 tons actual. Some inside corners have been widened and patch was placed over a crack that formed over a culvert.
 - SE end started a bit further away than planned due to the County's upcoming reconstruction of that area. They plan to add a bypass lane.
 - Striping/shouldering/seeding scheduled for next week.
 - Will check curve signs at that time.
 - Concrete Driveways
 - What timing does the board desire
 - Separate contractor for all or individuals and reimbursement

- Issues with David Moore driveway – when initially removed, engineering suggested going to next expansion joint. Homeowner would not allow, now that installations coming, homeowner has requested we remove as originally recommended. If left as is, grade will be more than 5% when additional concrete is poured.
 - No concrete contractor yet
 - Board directive to Engineer to get bids/quotes ASAP
 - Originally planned to replace like with like
 - Handle the removal of additional material at Mr. Moore's. This is not a typical situation so it will be allowed in this instance.
- Gravel pit behind 137th/170th is active again. Engineer to handle obtaining appropriate paperwork as required by their CUP.
- CIP – progressing. Directive to Engineer to assist with the Capital Asset Policy work that is required.
- Midco – tearing up yards. They go beyond the right of way and into the drainage and utility easements. Engineer to explain/has explained turf establishment must be finished and property corners need to be left in place. The Township does hold a performance bond for them.
- 112th Street
 - Hammer head/cul-de-sac historical discussion
 - Access issue right now is due to snow plowing – can it be resolved by plowing to the gate? Push snow up the drive a bit?
 - Engineer to review the easement/right of way documentation
 - Verify reading of easements – does it cover the cul-de-sac? If not, we need to get those documents prepared and signed.
 - Directive to Engineer to sketch the old plan so the board can see how much additional space, if any, required by the cul-de-sac

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Fire Board – Supervisor Babler

- Northern Metals Fire cost over \$255,000. They are paying
- Final paperwork for build of fire truck.
- July is the Annual Meeting of the Joint Powers Fire Board at 8 pm at Township Hall. Town meeting will recess at 8 pm to allow Joint Board to meet.
- Fire Retirement – relief association ratification needs to occur.

Central Mississippi River Regional Planning Partnership – Framework 2040 – Update by Planner Roe

- Last meeting – reviewed what has come in on surveys work group has reached out to various stake holders
- Awaiting feedback

Roads Report – Supervisor Danielson and Supervisor Boros

- Repair took place at Mr. Kleinwachter's on 168th. Image displayed.
 - History on his parcel discussed

- No commitments at this time – need to speak with homeowner
- Mailbox posts discussed
 - Posts in box are shorter, appropriate in some areas of the township, but not all.
 - Need to have 2nd posts on hand for people to purchase if needed.
 - Future mailbox supports – clerk directed to order without posts.
 - Supervisor Danielson will order appropriate posts.
 - Recent mailbox installation to be billed to Mr. Peterson at \$175.
- Mowing
 - State has been out mowing
 - Township usually does 2 passes
 - Starting next week
- CR 67 paved section with CDS (East of CR 23) is in very bad shape.
 - Sinking down/breaking up
 - Needs to be repaired
 - Need borings to figure out what to budget
 - Townline road so work with Santiago Township to do this – since it will be on the CIP the Engineer is developing – wait until that is complete to move forward on this road
- Garbage pickup – burned out camper on 163rd Ave SE (north of CR 24)
 - Sgt. Frank said if any identifying materials are found – let him know.
 - Board directive to Joe’s Bobcat & More to go in with appropriate equipment/personnel to clean this up. Joe stated this mess may need to go directly to the St. Cloud landfill – board Okayed whatever is necessary.
- Salida area – off 164th Ave SE
 - Theco is planning to put in driveway off the cul-de-sac, we are planning on rebuilding this road
 - Supervisor Danielson to talk with Brian Dodd, owner to see if we can get timing on this together
 - Engineer Davis to bring drawings/plans of the cul-de-sac next month – verify easements
 - Attorney Bourgeois requested history of the area. Clerk to send.
 - Meeting to be set with area business owners

150 Year Township Celebration

- Thinking summer 2021 with Freedom Days
- Do a flag
- Think of ideas

Other

- Tobacco license comments
 - Holiday license
 - Clerk directed to send favorable comment to County Board

TREASURER’S REPORT - TANYA DANIELSON

- **First half taxes will arrive later this month**
- **Review of cash balances – general fund and permit fund are negative at this time.**

- **Motion to approve Treasurer's report as submitted by Wilkening. Second by Babler. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- **Motion to pay PO 1244-1252 and warrants 14641-14667 in the amount of \$92,652.27 by Babler. Second by Wilkening. Motion carried, 4-0-1. Supervisor Danielson abstained from voting as his company has submitted a claim.**
- Audit going on right now.


OTHER

- Elections will present unique challenges this year due to the COVID-19 environment. Maintaining social distancing will create very long lines during voting at Township Hall. Clerk & Deputy Clerk requested permission to use the American Legion site next door. This has been discussed with the Legion and they are open to allowing Township use. Due to COVID-19, the state has changed the laws and allow until July 1, 2020 to find a new polling location. **Motion to approve Resolution 2020-23: Resolution Designating Polling Place for August Primary and November General Election due to COVID-19 Pandemic by Wilkening. Second by Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- Clerk mentioned there will likely be other changes/requirements that are unknown at this point. Will update board members as they are known.
- Watch mailboxes this week for Election Judge training links. They were emailed earlier today.

Meeting Adjourned 8:23 p.m.



Brian Kolbinger, Chair



Lucinda Messman, Clerk