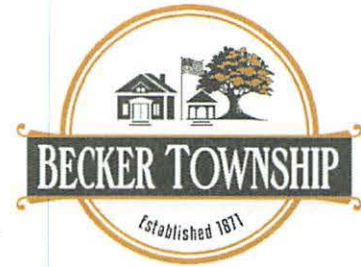


Becker Town Board Meeting  
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, June 20, 2022  
12165 Hancock Street

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**Attending,**

- ❖ Board members: Chair Brian Kolbinger, Vice Chair Brad Wilkening, Luke Babler, Robin Boros, Joe Danielson, Treasurer Tanya Danielson, Clerk Lucinda Messman, Deputy Treasurer Marilyn Danielson
- ❖ Absent: Deputy Clerk Fran Seeley
- ❖ Others: – Sherburne County Sheriff’s Department, Wes Davis – Twp. Engineer, Kelli Bourgeois – Twp. Attorney, Ben Wikstrom – Township Planner, Mary Roe – Planner, City of Becker, Tony Wruck – Township Maintenance Contractor, Jeff & Lynn Peterson
- ❖ Zoom platform was available for anyone who wished to call in virtually.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED**

Minutes

- a. Road Tour Minutes May 2022

Upcoming Electronic Fund Transfers/automatic payments for approval

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

Correspondence/Information

- a. Changes to Truth in Taxation Notice
- b. Municipal Fee & Expense Report 2021
- c. 2021 Population & Household estimates
- d. Danish Cemetery Thank you
- e. Snake River Cemetery Thank you
- f. LTAP Newsletter
- g. Sherburne History Center Newsletter

Approval/Acceptance

- a. 6-14-2022 Records Destruction Report
- b. Updated IRS Mileage Rate beginning 7/1/2022 @ \$ 0.625

**Motion to approve consent agenda as listed above 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.**

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**Sheriff's Report – Aaron Sturm**

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- 212 Calls for service
- 101 Traffic Stops
- Traffic Task Force is working with departments from Sherburne, Wright and Stearns Counties in a cooperative effort.
- Deer on the move, increased number of accidents.

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**Residential Open Forum**

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- G & M Outdoor Services – Marlana
  - Inquiry regarding 157<sup>th</sup> Street Plans – will it be paved?
  - Not at this time, there is a gas valve in the way holding things back. Conflicting utilities placed – large regional power pole – Xcel energy and GRE Power Poles, and a Gas line
  - Board is still figuring out options for the area. There will be improvements to the road to incorporate a turn around.
  - MnDOT and the Railroad want to see changes
  - The county wants changes
  - All entail private land so not sure when this will happen
  - Maintenance discussion regarding dust control. It will be determined this week an clerk to contact.
- 127<sup>th</sup> Street – statutory at 55 mph, Option for Rural Residential, but the driveways are > 300' apart so it cannot drop to 35 mph. If driveways were consecutively <300' for ¼ mile or more it could be decreased.
- Blake Angel
  - Wishes to dig out the man made pond on his property
  - It is not DNR listed
  - It is marshy and smelly – he wants it deeper (6' or so to get rid of cattails) and a bit larger
  - **Motion to allow the enlargement of the pond by working in the drainage and utility easement around the pond by Babler. Second by Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

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**PLANNING COMMISSION/JOINT PLANNING BOARD UPDATES – Wikstrom**

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- Activity
  - No Planning Commission meeting earlier this month. There will be a special one for Sherburne County IUP prior to the Joint Planning Board
  - Cole Johnson Variance and the School Bus Transportation Facility were heard, recommended, and approved last month.
- Annexation – Roe

- Map displayed showing City of Becker owned parcels. The city intends to annex these into the city in the coming months as allowed by the Orderly Annexation Agreement. No developments planned at this time, mainly housekeeping.
- Purpose at this time, make sure the Town knows of plans
- Bus Transportation Facility is not included at this time due to infrastructure needs. Potentially it may be annexed in the future. At issue, roads and who installs them as well as volume/flow issues for their needs.

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### ENGINEER'S REPORT – Davis

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- 97<sup>th</sup> meeting was moved off due to personal conflict of City Engineer.
- Easement consent forms, need ownership by township. Connexus and MnDOT yet to respond. Others have been received.
  - **Motion to allow payments to be made as established in purchase agreements and authorization for checks to be drafted if paperwork is complete prior to the next meeting by Danielson. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
  - **Motion to allow either the Chair or the Road Supervisor to sign any paperwork necessary to conclude the transactions by Wilkening. Second by Babler. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- 2022 Road projects – start date August 1 for 127/153 and 82<sup>nd</sup>.
- 164<sup>th</sup> Paving to be completed prior to August 1. Working with Farm in the area to be sure all works well

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### Supervisor Reports

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#### Fire Board – Supervisor Babler

- Sold engine that was replaced last year to North Carolina
- Working on Budget
- American Legion Building
  - Met with City representatives earlier this week
  - Structural report came back from Duffy Engineering that the building is in good shape if the roof is replaced.
  - Eventually the legion has indicated they wish to purchase
  - Phil Knutson from City of Becker stated the city is looking at the cost of roof repair
  - When digging into documentation there appear to be
    - some discrepancies with contracts and equity
    - 2008 house where land was Fire Departments and it changed to City with a quiet title action
    - Working through these items to figure out what is up/what happened
  - City concern of Legion using the facility and other entities are benefiting as well since the Legion lets them use it. They want it stopped.

#### Central Mississippi River Regional Planning Partnership – Supervisor Kolbinger and Planner Sanders

- Getting ready to refocus on bridge and what is needed to get funding for something as large as the additional crossing. Getting prepared/learning what processes are required in order to obtain funding.

### **Roads – Supervisors Boros and Danielson**

- 67<sup>th</sup> Street Culvert is in. Looks good, has been seeded. Attended pre-con for the bituminous.
- Attended Santiago Town Board meeting regarding gravel. Presented the two quotes for 4” aggregate, 30’ wide, approximately 3,025 tons class 5 aggregate, laid in compaction, watering
  - TS Dirtworks \$50,160.00
  - Helmin \$45,267.25
  - Santiago approved going with Helmin/paying ½ and want it done as soon as possible.
  - Need this board approval as well to get things moving.
  - Engineer reviewed and recommends Helmin.
  - **Motion to agree with engineers recommendation of Helmin Construction for the gravel contract by Danielson. Second by Babler. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
  - Board request for someone on site at job to check aggregate received, take photographs, etc..
- Discussed West 67<sup>th</sup> part and signing the agreement where the culvert was. Asked for ½ the invoice and we will pay as agreed in the contract.
- Dust Control – 157<sup>th</sup> Street - Wruck Excavating
  - 1.50 per foot
  - 2.50 for water/pack/grate
  - Estimating about 900 feet long
  - Planning this week or next
  - 18’ wide
  - Area in front of business very sandy. Prior to that location, looks typical of gravel road.
  - Board approved what is needed to prep and dust control the road.
  - It may take up to two weeks to complete
- Fire Signs – Jeff Peterson
  - Replacement off to a good start
    - Signs were to be by the road, they are not, they are everywhere.
    - Taking a lot more time in loading and running to get the signs ready for placement.
    - Signs were to be by the road.
  - How many signs was board anticipating could not be changed? Didn’t have firm number, that is why contract was to be like for like. If bolted to wooden posts/additional bolts beyond the typical we were not to change.
    - Since starting, some posts have been changed/updated to new posts with the old signs that will allow replacement. Concern thinking this is an alteration of contract. Images were to be taken, even if cannot replace the

signs. Now there are posts we can install the signs. Is this a change of the contract? Doesn't feel like it is working out for us.

- Contract was for the 1800 signs (roughly)
  - Q: Did you anticipate only putting up 75%, now you are putting up more like 90%?
  - At this point, Jeff is ahead of where the fire post replacements were done.
  - Q: Where are the signs that are not done – contract says daily? Jeff: Just dropped off tonight, will do more often in the future. Will drop off at least weekly.
  - Silver posts are how to tell new posts rather than just taking photos of the old posts. How to tell what was there verses changes.
  - New posts were to simplify things.
  - Clerk to count the silver posts from those submitted.
  - At this point, no more posts in front going forward, alteration of contract? Will review everything.
- Mowing – 2 passes – this week and next week.

## Town Hall

- Paint and crackfilling of walls looks good. Things are getting back to normal.
- Water filter has been put in, water is better.
- New cabinet estimate will come later – at least 6 months out before it can be installed (one to hold chairs). Supervisors approve of the idea and like the idea of keeping same contractor as did the other cabinetry.
- Shed is done, other than large door. Will be here soon.
- Sidewalk to new pad? How is this going? Will be installed once the shed and dumpster are in place. Then it will go all along the building to allow for an actual sidewalk all the way to the front of the building.
- Insurance adjuster here today and said he saw a lot of damage to the roof. Town Hall has more damage than the Gazebo – found spots along all the windows and the roof. Said one window in very bad condition, clerk reviewed with supervisors. Also a spot on gazebo that needs attention. Mentioned it seems that the buildings are being maintained very well. Supervisor Danielson said he would take care of sealing up the window issue to be sure no further damage.
- Photo of group who built the shed was taken. Can put into scrapbook. Photo on wall without names for now.
- Midco decision needed. If we do not contribute, Santiago's won't happen. Long discussion. Santiago participated, but not in the full amount. Households – 42. After much discussion, Treasurer suggested 100 per home contribution. Supervisors have a hard time giving a public company grant money and the homeowners will not receive a break in their rates. Much discussion. **Motion by Kolbinger to give \$5,000 to this. Second by Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- Hearing Loop – with current design, if someone sits on the grate, they may not hear perfectly. Discussion with Wes and Mary regarding how hearing loops work and their experiences with them. Loop Minnesota asked if the board would mind using their building to show people how it works, board said that is fine. No recarpeting is necessary, it will just be a loop around the room. Clerk to verify if it is going under the

carpet and to ask what timing would be available for installation. **Motion to approve estimate received for \$3,375 by Danielson. Second by Babler. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

- Recycle Day Report – only 57 people this year. Much lower than past years. Suggestions of different locations have been made.
- Software – order what is necessary

#### **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 15507-15541 and PO's 1461-1468, and void PO 1449, 14441, 14530, 14969 (they were already reissued as needed) in the amount of \$110,355.94 by Wilkening. Second by Bablers. Motion carried. Voting in favor: Babler, Boros, Kolbinger and Wilkening. Danielson abstained as his company had submitted an invoice.**

#### **Other**

- **Motion to cancel June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting as it is not needed by Kolbinger. Second by Wilkening. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- Next Town Board meeting July 18, 2022.

Meeting Adjourned 8:22 pm.

  
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Brian Kolbinger, Chair

  
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Lucinda Messman, Clerk