

Special Meeting
Wednesday June 2, 2021
6:30 pm, 12165 Hancock Street
Meeting held with in person and zoom option

Town Board Members Present: Chair Brian Kolbinger, Vice Chair Brad Wilkening (on phone), Supervisor Joe Danielson, Supervisor Luke Babler, Supervisor Robin Boros, Clerk Lucinda Messman

Others Present online: Kelli Bourgeois, Township Attorney; From NG Renewable: Mark Shephard, William Risse, Jordan Burmeister; From Xcel Energy: Ellen Heine, Mark Austendorf, Aaron Brixus, Toby _____; Greg Pruzinski - City of Becker

Tuesday, April 7, 2020 The Becker Town Board passed Resolution 2020-15: A Resolution Establishing the Ability Conduct Open Meetings by Telephone. January 1, 2021, the Town Board of Becker Township, Sherburne County, Minnesota, will continue to use the Zoom platform as an option for meeting attendance as long as a health pandemic exists or a peacetime emergency is declared under Minn. Stat. Ch. 12.

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Chair Kolbinger. Quorum verified. Introductions were made
2. Discussion of roads in the area of 149th Ave SE (by Salida) and the lack of alternate point of exit for the area.
 - a. Risse mentioned they feel the study is showing symptoms of other issues and wondered if an overpass would be a better solution? What is the Town Board's goal with roads request?
 - i. There is another light at Liberty Lane - would this work?
 - b. Kolbinger stated
 - i. Goal is to get another exit from our commercial/industrial corridor.
 - ii. As far as the CMRP group (conductor of study - full text on file) it is looking at everything, not just this intersection. At this time we are unaware of ANY over/underpass discussions
 - iii. Train and stoplight both add to backups
 - iv. Support solar - this intersection is our biggest concern as the businesses have been increasing and brought the issue to the forefront of planning. The solar project will landlock the area therefore looking for alternate exit for the road now.
 - c. Risse - Want something that may work for both parties - Xcel and Becker Township. Requested the meeting so we could obtain background and understand the issues. Now to look for solutions.
3. LRIP grant was received by the township. Wes is looking into putting this together similar to the 185th project - phases likely. The City of Becker and Clear Lake


Township on board as well. In our section we hope to straighten the curves somewhat, but will wait to see what is required.

- a. Wilkening has experience with this grant w/other entity. Engineering testing will be required, Right of Way acquisition is not included in the funding, we need to start this piece as soon as possible if it is required. State Aid design standards are required, clear zones and recovery areas.
4. Resolution support request by the Sherburne County 2nd Amendment group. Would the township be willing to sign a note of support requesting the County Commissioners support the group?
 - a. Legal – creates no obligations for the township, no concerns
 - b. Motion to sign the request for the Sherburne County Commissioners to support the Second Amendment group by Boros. Second by Babler. Motion carried, all voting in favor.
 - c. Clerk to get copies to the person emailing request.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m..



Brian Kolbinger, Chair



Lucinda Messman, Clerk