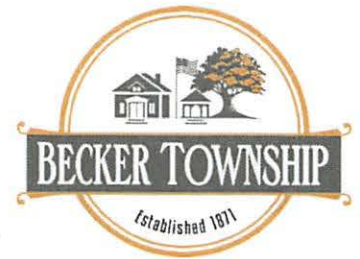


Becker Town Board Meeting
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 15, 2021
12165 Hancock Street



Attending,

- ❖ In Person Supervisors: Chair Brian Kolbinger, Vice Chair Brad Wilkening, Luke Babler, Robin Boros, Joe Danielson
- ❖ In Person Clerk/Treasurer: Treasurer Tanya Danielson, Clerk Lucinda Messman, Deputy Clerk Fran Seeley
- ❖ In Person Others: Damien Toven – Twp. Attorney, Tony Wruck – Twp. Contractor, Sgt. Frank – Sherburne County Sheriff’s Department, Kevin and Angela Maas
- ❖ Zoom Attendees: Wes Davis – Twp. Engineer, Jacob Sanders – City of Becker Planner, Mark Kolbinger – *The Patriot*, Blake Paulson

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.

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
 - Special Town Board Meeting February 16, 2021
 - Special Town Board of Audit Meeting February 22, 2021
 - Regular Town Board Meeting February 22, 2021
 - Special Town Board of Canvass Meeting March 9, 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:
 - City of Becker 2040 Comp Plan Information
 - Bertram Asphalt Services Ad
 - Becker Cemetery Association Donation Request
 - Snake River Cemetery Donation Request
 - City of Becker Parks & Rec Donation Request
 - Simply Surfacing LLC Services Email
 - League of Minnesota Cities Letter
 - DELL COMM Services Letter
 - CRMP Framework Round 2 Feedback Results

- 2021 Clean-up Days Grant Agreement

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

Motion to approve a regular agenda with no changes by Babler. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.

Sheriff's Report – Sgt. Frank

- 120 Calls for service
- 29 traffic stops
- Mail tampering complaints – 4 thefts
- Grant for speed enforcement received. Additional enforcement starts in a week.

Open Forum

‡ After the Fact Variance Request – Kevin & Angela Maas, 112th Street

- Staff Memo submitted by Wikstrom and images/application for variance received from Sherburne County [full text on file] reviewed with Board members by Clerk
 - Owners were notified in January that structure on their property was built without a building permit or review. Response: thought the contractor did this.
 - Cooperating with request to go through processes and obtain after-the-fact permit.
 - Further investigation revealed structure is closer to Duffy Lake than the 150' setback that is required. Sherburne County determined a 5 foot variance in setback would be required and has requested Township comments. Images viewed.
 - In addition to the ATF variance, an ATF Conditional Use Permit for the Personal Storage Structure will be required prior to a building permit application as there is no home on the site.
 - No matter if the variance is granted or not, the building will require an ATF Land Use Permit from Sherburne County, and both an ATF Conditional Use Permit application for the personal storage structure and ATF building permit from Becker Township.
 - If the variance is not granted, the structure will need to be moved and continue through processes.
 - If it is granted, it can remain in the current location and continue through the processes.
- **Motion to send favorable recommendation for approval of the variance to the County providing applicant continues through the required processes to obtain a proper building permit by Wilkening. Second by Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
 - Before applicants left, Supervisor Babler asked if the plowing issues the applicants had brought forth over the winter months had been resolved. Applicants stated yes. It works now and has improved greatly. No more issues.

Planning Commission/Joint Planning Board

- Hotspot meeting due to lack of internet. The meeting had to occur on time due to freeze/thaw schedule in order for the stockpiling to occur before ground thawed. It worked using old equipment. Sherburne County Conditional Use Permit Application for stockpiling at Bridge View Park. Approved by Joint Planning Board. They stockpiled the material the next morning before thaw started.
- Sherco Solar project – joint City of Becker/Becker Town Board Workshop on the 17th at 5 pm.

Engineer's Report – Wes Davis

- LRIP Grant was submitted. Due to the overwhelming number received this year, it will likely be May before we hear results.
- RFP (Quotes) will be going out for
 - 164th rebuild (by Peterson & Theco) .
 - 142nd Street rebuild
- Cores samples have been obtained and cores filled in
- 67th Street (from CR 23 to CDS) will be turned into gravel for this year. Future plans to be discussed.
- Chip seal test roads. Looked good in other townships viewed by Supervisors. Others have reported good success. Recommend a few test roads for this year to evaluate how the product holds up. If the test fails, the material is easy to take up and replace gravel.
 - Georgia Circle
 - Garden Grove Road
 - 127th Street – Directive from Town Board to add to the quote paperwork
 - Goal is to save money in the long run and have good roads
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Supervisor Reports

Fire Board – Supervisor Babler

- New truck is in service.
- Some maintenance will be performed on the old one and then it will be sold
- Hildebrandt donation accepted

CMRP – Supervisor Kolbinger and Planner Sanders

- No update this evening

Roads – Supervisor Boros and Supervisor Danielson

- Meeting with Engineer on Thursday to review bid openings by the County and prep recommendation for special board meeting on the 23rd.
- Garbage on the roads – lots being picked up
- Have begun filling potholes
- Tree trimming is almost complete
- Fire signs with road names as well as house number considered. Many of the fire signs need to be replaced. This new type would make it easier to figure out where you are located. These can be changed going forward.
 - Board requested sample next month
 - Would need to order ahead of time
 - Appears to be good opportunity – will talk with Jeff
 - This should help simplify things
- 67th Street – need to meet with Santiago Town Board. Meet with them at their new Town Hall next month if possible.
 - Plan for now is to mill and let settle for a year then chip seal. Meeting required as they do not wish to use an engineer and we use engineer.
 - A letter needs to be sent out to residents living there once the plan is finalized.
 - If chip seal is used, it should be better than a gravel road.
- Snowplow issues due to freeze/thaw right now.
- Fiberglass posts – there is now a statement on the Town website regarding use of these posts.

Town Hall

- Clock needs to be hung up, but arrived. Self-adjusting for daylight savings time.
- Tower behind the old fire hall – no longer in use. Can it be removed? Clerk to contact City of Becker and find out.
- Dumpster enclosure will be built when ground allows for it. Concrete pad with fencing. Add a 8x10 or 10x12 small building for storage. Clerk to find out about permit requirements.
- Freedom Days – have 150th Anniversary celebration at that time
 - Bandstand – use and find a band
 - Hotdogs, etc.
 - Clerk reminded 2 meetings before Freedom Days.
 - Committee formed (Babler, Kolbinger, Seeley and Messman)

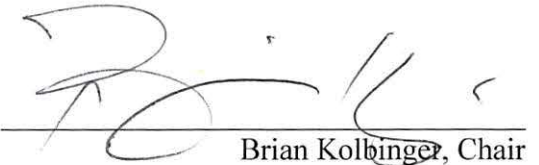
Treasurer's Report

- **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 14962 – 14993, PO 1352-1357, in the amount of \$82,785.60 and void check 14984 by Wilkening. Second by Babler. Motion carried, 4-0-1. Supervisor Danielson abstained as his company had presented a claim for payment.**
- Credit Card – still filling out paperwork.

Other

- North Metro Animal Control
 - **Motion to approve using North Metro for dog control services by Boros. Second by Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
 - **Motion to discontinue other services as indicated in contracts by Wilkening. Second by Babler. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

Meeting Adjourned 7:52 pm.



Brian Kolbinger, Chair



Lucinda Messman, Clerk