

**Becker Township Board  
Regular Board Meeting  
January 23, 2017**

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Present: Brian Kolbinger, Brad Wilkening, Jamie Johnson, Joe Danielson, Jeff Lambert, Tanya Danielson, Fran Seeley, Lucinda Messman

Absent: None

Also Present: Damien Toven - Township attorney. T. VanderEyck – Township Engineer, Wes Davis – Bogart Pederson, Joel Brott - Sherburne County Sheriff, Marie Pflipsen – Community Development Coordinator, Mark Wimmer, Tony Wruck – Wruck Excavating, Bill Morgan – Citizen-Tribune, Paul Kleinwachter

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Meeting called to order by Chair Kolbinger at 7:00 p.m.

Quorum verified.

**Motion to approve Resolution 2017-01: Resolution Declaring A Vacancy In The Office Of Supervisor [full text on file] by Wilkening. Second by Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

**Motion to approve Resolution 2017-02: Resolution Appointing A Town Board Supervisor To Fill A Vacancy On The Town Board [full text on file] by Johnson. Second by Wilkening. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

Clerk issued certificate of appointment to Jeff Lambert. Lambert took oath of office. Welcome to Supervisor Lambert.

Consent agenda presented. No movement of items, consent agenda items approved as follows:

- a. Minutes
  - i. Regular December 19, 2016, Town Board Meeting
  - ii. Special Town Board Meeting January 9, 2017
- b. Treasurer's Report
- c. Acknowledge receipt of donation requests
  - i. Danish Cemetery Association – \$700
  - ii. Snake River Cemetery - \$700
  - iii. Becker Cemetery Association - \$800-\$1000
  - iv. Becker Safety Camp - \$1000
- d. Appointment of Absentee Ballot Board for March Township Election– Resolution 2017-03:Appointing the 2016 Absentee Ballot Board [full text on file]
- e. Appointment of Election Judges for March Township Election – Resolution 2017-04: Appointing Election Judges [full text on file]
- f. Gopher report submission to Sherburne County for 2016
- g. Highway 25 Corridor Coalition Joint Powers Agreement
- h. Building Inspector Authorization to inspect a property in regards to expired building permits

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**Motion to approve agenda as presented by Wilkening. Second by Lambert. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

Sheriff Joel Brott presented a summary report of activity in Becker Township for 2016. A copy of the report is on file with the town clerk. There were 2103 calls for service. This increase is expected as population has an influence on the number of calls. Sherburne County has its own Drug Task Force consisting of 4 officers plus one Elk River officer.

- Q: What is the difference in Theft vs. Burglary? A: Theft has to do with cars, or unattached structures. Burglary is if it is a dwelling/attached garage or business.
- Q: Are DUI arrests in the Township on Highway 10 in the numbers presented? A: No, but can be obtained if the board would like.
- Q: What is Criminal Damage to Property? A: keying a car, driving through property, damaging something others own.
- 5 new deputies this year
- Q: How many officers? A: 300 employees, most with the jail. Patrol consists of 26 deputies, 6 sergeants, 12 captain, and 1 sheriff = 34
- Q: With current levy – any issues? A: No
- New K-9 is Riggs
- Sheriff expressed his thanks for the time and reminded board members and those in attendance to feel free to contact him with any questions.

Residential Open Forum – no comments

Updates – Joint Planning Board and Planning Commission

- Midwest Bus has applied for a conditional use permit.
- Predatory Offender Draft Ordinance presented and both boards will review prior to next month's Town Board meeting/public hearing.

Engineer's Report

- Wes presented some estimates for 185<sup>th</sup> Ave SE Phase I and Phase II
  - Phase I estimates (South Portion)
    - County Road 72 to 120<sup>th</sup> Street (4,531 linear feet) grading work only \$428,578.48
    - Future surfacing rough estimate is \$191,000
  - Phase II estimate (Middle Portion)
    - 120<sup>th</sup> Street to 109<sup>th</sup> Street (5,300 linear feet) grading work only \$401,255.48
    - Future surfacing rough estimate is \$224,000
  - South portion was sent out for bids this past fall, it didn't happen due to lack of bids. Permitting is done for Phase I though it went from 4:1 slopes to 3:1 slopes to decrease wetland impacts.

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- Phase II has been delineated and is working through approval process now.
- Board discussion regarding completion of Phase I now and Phase II later vs. combining projects. Discussion included:
  - Can both be bid at same time or should it wait for final approval from Army Corps of Engineering.
  - Grade and base first, then let overwinter. Overwinter when in graveled state is goal for all phases of this project. Final surfacing to occur the following year.
  - Possibly Phase I only this year. Phase II less traffic congestion concerns
  - Project timing discussed (1.5 weeks of excavation required) – 2018 paving
  - If take on both projects at once, significant portion of budget will be used up (813,000)
  - Treasurer reported we do have enough funds to do the project.
  - Board is trying to complete without assessments.
- **Motion by Johnson to proceed with advertising Phase I of the project, though adjust start date to 10/1/17 rather than 10/15/17 if possible. Second by Danielson. Motion carried. All voting in favor.**
  - Engineer directed to advertise the project.
- County Planning and Zoning announced it is close to a negative balance on wetlands banking. The county is checking to see if there will be a wetlands replacement cost. Phase three may be impacted. Costs are often \$ .50/square foot (\$43,560/acre).
- BOWRS is actively dealing with the legislature as what we take away we have to replace at 2X
- Lester Olson Memorial Sign revisions presented to the board. Board wants estimates of cost from Neuman Signs and possibly others for next month so they can finalize their decisions.
- 166<sup>th</sup>/168<sup>th</sup> – Board will look at this area on the road tour. No work will be completed in this area at this time. Decision to be made after the spring road tour.
  - Questions/Discussion from those in attendance:
    - Will cul-de-sac be moved? Last month plans showed it is in the wrong spot. A: Board is not committing to anything at this time.
    - Notice? How to find out? A: subscribe to website, attend meetings, call and ask clerk.
    - Board announced it will discuss this project the month before it would be scheduled, and will discuss what is viewed at an open meeting.

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Supervisor Reports

- Fire board – Supervisor Kolbinger – new radios are needed and a Sherburne County Grant may be possible to help with replacement
- Parks and Trails – no report
- Highway 25 Coalition – Supervisor Kolbinger – we are now a part of this and the cost being shared is as was originally discussed (25,000).
- Road Report – Wruck Excavating – no questions at this time, all going ok. Works with road supervisor as needed.

Treasurer's Reports

- **Motion for Treasurer to sign township Engagement letter from KDV for \$7250 by Wilkening. Second by Lambert. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- **Motion to void check 13249 in the amount of 1546.69 due to lost check by Wilkening. Second by Johnson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- **Motion to pay warrants 13413-13443 and Purchase Orders 875664-875673 in the amount of \$91,049.58 by Wilkening. Second by Johnson. Motion carried, Kolbinger, Wilkening, Johnson and Lambert voting in favor. Danielson abstained as his company had submitted a claim.**

Other Business

- MATIT now offers different bond levels for clerk and treasurer. Board consensus no need to increase as we are audited yearly and monthly the board reviews the books.
- Reminders April 11, 2017 is Local Board of Appeal of Equalization meeting at 9 am
- March 14 is Town Election.

**Motion to Adjourn by Wilkening. Second by Johnson. Motion carried, all voting in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.**



Brian Kolbinger, Chair



Lucinda Messman, Clerk

