

Becker Town Board Meeting
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Monday, October 16, 2023
12165 Hancock Street



Attendance

Board members: Vice Chair Brad Wilkening, Joe Danielson, Robin Boros, Luke Babler, Clerk Lucinda Messman, Treasurer Tanya Danielson, Deputy Clerk Fran Seeley, Deputy Treasurer Marilyn Danielson

Absent: Brian Kolbinger

Others: Sherburne County Sheriff's Department, Wes Davis – Township Engineer, William Tessmer – Township Engineer, Ben Wikstrom – Township Planner, Mark Kolbinger – The Patriot Newspaper, Kelli Bourgeois – Township Attorney (online), Tony Wruck – Township Engineer

Zoom platform was available for any member of the public who wished to attend virtually.

Meeting called to order at 7 pm. Quorum verified by Vice-Chair Wilkening.

Pledge of Allegiance

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED

1. Approval of minutes
 - a. Regular Meetings September 2023
 - b. Special Meeting September 26, 2023
2. Approval of upcoming electronic fund transfers/automatic payments.
 - a. City of Becker – water/sewer for Town Hall
 - b. Xcel Energy – gas/electric for Town Hall
 - c. Midco Business – phone and internet
 - d. Upcoming EFTS related to payroll
 - i. Federal and State Taxes
 - ii. PERA
 - e. State of MN for building permit surcharge fees
 - f. Monthly credit card reader fee
3. Correspondence/Information
 - a. Northland Reliability Notice of Public Information and Environmental Assessment Scoping Meetings
 - b. Farm Friends Invite
 - c. 2024 Proposed Tax Capacity Values
 - d. Sherburne County Speed Limit Letter with Retro reflectivity Items

Motion to approve consent agenda as listed above by Babler. Second by Danielson. Motion carried all voting in favor.

Motion to approve a regular agenda after adding Road Agreement item by Boros. Second by Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Typical month, nothing out of the ordinary

RESIDENTIAL OPEN FORUM

None

PLANNING COMMISSION/JOINT PLANNING BOARD UPDATES – Wikstrom

- Activity
 - Approved boundary adjustment/cleanup – Dawson in September
 - Approved IUP – Stewart in September
 - Enforcement letters going out
 - Comprehensive plan to have some review/updates over the winter
 - Next month plan to bring pool ordinance section of building code updates
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ENGINEER'S REPORT – Davis

- 97th Street
 - Finish Class 5 this week and pave next.
 - **Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$258,181.44 and chair to sign required paperwork by Boros. Second by Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- 127th Street SE/153rd Ave SE – final payment of retainage.
 - We will bill the city for their half.
 - This payment waited until the stop bars were placed.
 - **Motion to approve payment of \$15,349.14 final payment to Knife River by Babler. Second by Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- 82nd Street SE – final payment of retainage.
 - **Motion to approve payment \$30,098.91 final payment to Knife River by Danielson. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- 164th Street SE/Salida – final payment.
 - **Motion to approve payment of \$4,621.20 to Knife River by Babler. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- 142nd Street SE – final payment.
 - **Motion to approve payment of \$3,340.97 retainage to TS Dirtworks by Boros. Second by Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- Davis – This is last meeting representing Bogart Pederson and Associates. Thank you for the privilege of working with the Becker Town Board. Introduced Engineer William Tessmer to the board who will be handling engineering for the township moving forward.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Fire Board – Supervisor Babler

- No quorum, no meeting

CMRP/PEL – Sanders/Supervisor Kolbinger

- No report

Solar Overlay group – Supervisor Kolbinger and Supervisor Babler

- No report

Roads – Supervisor Boros and Supervisor Danielson

- Road Tour was Friday – will be addressing various tree trimming, headwalls and fire signs over the winter.
- Engineer Tessmer – 107th Street Report based on Road Tour question regarding north ditch and secondary access near the river.
 - Based on imagery using Google Earth
 - It appears that the area used to drain east into the Elk River.
 - In 2021, a secondary access was installed improperly. This changed the drainage patterns. Clerk to review if secondary access was permitted.
 - Secondary access needs to be dug back out. If this secondary access is desired, it requires a culvert. If there is a culvert installed, it should remedy most of the drainage issue that was mentioned.
- Road Agreement – wait until next month to verify/approve.

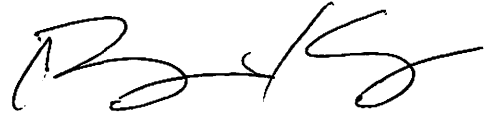
Treasurer's Report

- **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 16200-16238**
 - **PO's 1578-1585, void PO 1568**
 - **in the amount of \$ 117,639.39 by Babler. Second by Boros. Danielson – abstained as his company had submitted an invoice. Motion carried all voting in favor. Motion carried 3-0-1.**

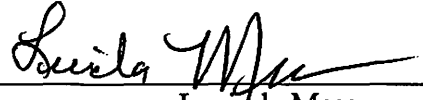
Other

- MS4 Front upgrades required to make the ROW app work properly. **Motion to approve the upgrades and cost estimate by Danielson. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- The City of Becker is researching a possible grant for trail from Edgewood to the City Park.
- Election issue – drivers licenses are no longer to be considered proof of citizenship. This is something that is known and will be included in election judge training.

Meeting Adjourned 7:22 pm.



Brian Kolbinger, Chair



Lucinda Messman, Clerk