

Becker Town Board Meeting
Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 18th, 2025
12165 Hancock Street



Attendance

Board members: Brian Kolbinger (online), Brad Wilkening, Joe Danielson, Luke Babler, Clerk Lucinda Messman, Treasurer Tanya Danielson, Deputy Treasurer Marilyn Danielson, Deputy Clerk Megan Schmidt

Absent: None, seat 1 is vacant

Others: Sherburne County Sheriff's Department –, William Tessmer - Township Engineer, Ben Wikstrom – Township Planner, Township Attorney Kelli Bourgeois (online) Jacob Sanders -City of Becker Community Development Director (7:09), (online), Austin Peterson - City of Becker Community associate planner (online), Maria Moore. Cole Petroske (online) , see attached sign in sheet for large resident attendance.

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 Chair Kolbinger.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda Items

1. Minutes approved - December 2024 Minutes
2. Upcoming electronic fund transfers/automatic payments approval: City of Becker – water/sewer, Xcel Energy – gas/electric, 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, monthly credit card reader fee.
3. Correspondence/Information
 - a. 2024 County Wide Building and Population Report
 - b. Xcel Emergency Preparedness
 - c. Blood Drive
 - d. City of Becker Contribution Request
 - e. Snake River Cemetery Contribution Request
 - f. Records Destruction February 2025
 - g. MN Cybersecurity Incident Reporting
 - h. MP Asphalt Maintenance
 - i. Nature Talks
 - J. Becker TWP NTC Comparison
4. Approval/ Acceptance
 - a. Gopher Bounty Report
 - b. Res 2025-05 -Election Judges

Motion to approve consent agenda by Babler. Second by Wilkening. Motion carried all voting in favor. Kolbinger – aye, Wilkening – aye, Babler – aye, Danielson – aye.

Motion to approve a regular agenda by Wilkening. Second by Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor. Kolbinger – aye, Wilkening – aye, Babler – aye, Danielson – aye.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

156 calls for service.

- 67 traffic stops.
- 8 accidents.
- 4 animal accidents.

Annual Report – Ben Zawaki

- 2,312 Calls for service
- 14 Assaults
- 0 Burglaries
- 1 Narcotic
- 11 DUI
- 6 Thefts

Back up dispatch center

- The dispatch is located at the Zimmerman Public safety building. There is also another center in Elk River. If there are any power outages these centers will be able to take any 911 calls.

Retirements

- 9 individuals have retired ranging from 17 years to 30 years of service.

K9 update

- K9 Jax has retired and will be living with his handler.
- Bune will be the new K9 dog joining the force in April.

Emergency Response Team

- This is the counties SWAT team. They compete in many competitions, and they have taken home many awards.

Special Events

- Special Olympics – Torch Run.
- Nite to Unite- Tuesday evening in August.
- Shop with a cop.

Residential Open Forum

County Road 93. Residents brought a petition requesting the township to accept the turnback of County Road 93 and it become a 66' wide township road. Residents wanted board to know that they didn't get all the residents signatures along this road but will do so if the board wants them.

Attorney Bourgeois reviewed steps at this point. The board will formally accept the petition by resolution and call for roadside public hearing at the next meeting if the clerk is able to determine that the petition has required information.

Motion to accept the petition submitted for possible County Road 93 takeover, pending review, by Babler. Second by Danielson. Motion Carried, All Voting in Favor. Kolbinger – aye, Wilkening – aye, Babler – aye, Danielson – aye.

Snowmobile incident, there was an accident that happened at a property in the township where a snowmobile ran over a mailbox and a fire sign. Both riders of the snowmobile were ok. The location is along a road that snowmobile club maintains for a snowmobile path. The board was shown pictures of the property where the accident had taken place. The pictures show yellow tape across the driveway along with diamond signs that the snowmobile club placed in the ditch marking the culvert location. The trail has been there for many years. The home is new. All necessary documentation required is in place.

Board comments

Mistakes happen, the snowmobile was in the right of way where allowed by state law. However, there should not be tape across the ROW. Once the snow melts the Road Supervisor or Engineer will look at the driveway to make sure that there are no headwalls at this location. The snowmobile club was present and did check with the county to ensure that the easement on that side of the road is 33ft. The clerk did as well and the snowmobile club did go out and measure where the groomer was going and it is in the correct location.

PLANNING COMMISSION/JOINT PLANNING BOARD UPDATES – Wikstrom

- This month's meeting was cancelled as there were no applications received.
 - The previous month a Boundary Adjustment was approved.
 - Shipping container ordinance was passed.
 - Cannabis ordinance will be coming to the boards in the upcoming months.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Tessmer

- 109th St
 - In 1912 109th was established as a County Road, it is assumed that there is a 66 ft ROW. There were multiple slope easements found from past work after the road was turned back to the Township.
 - Clerk requested original records from Sherburne County, no width is discussed.

- Township Attorney stated that by use and maintenance, the 66' right of way exists, however, she recommends we go through the adjustment process to have the right of way width known and recorded as 66'.
- This is not a safe road by the road standards – it is too narrow at this time.
- Survey work has already been completed on this road.
- A legal description will be presented at the March 11th annual meeting. At this meeting the electors will be asked to give the board permission to move forward with alteration of the road.
- Note: when setting the public hearing, we need to remember that the DNR needs to be notified as there is an unnamed body of water abutting.
- Did Orrock have any other records? The clerk checked with Orrock Town Clerk and she provided a copy of a traffic study she had on file, but she did not have any further road descriptions than we do. Orrock stated they had widened the road to 22', but the survey verified it was not that wide. The board can plan to do a gradual decrease to meet their road surface at the Town line.
- Bid Openings
 - Legal notices were sent to the newspaper regarding the bid openings, they will publish this Saturday along with the following Saturday.
 - The bid opening will happen March 17th, 2025, and will be awarded to the lowest bidder.
 - The road projects were posted on Quest CDN as well, contractors can be notified of any job prospects depending on their settings that they have on this site.
 - We were called by a new contractor that is in Industrial Park that was asking about bidding for some of our upcoming road projects. We notified them of the publications to the newspaper along with Quest CDN.
- Final payment to Astec is requested from the board.
 - In the amount of \$6,087.52. The town clerk will get the correct paperwork completed to send the final payment to Astec.

Motion to Authorize final payment to Astec by Danielson. Second by Babler. Motion carried, all voting in favor. Kolbinger – aye, Wilkening – aye, Babler – aye, Danielson – aye.

○ 92nd ST / 157th Ave

- The Township has documentation that they purchased land from JP Kolbinger in 1998 to move this corner and make it safer. The minutes also have the engineer reporting on the work completed. Nothing was ever recorded.
- Attorney Bourgeois recommended we go through the road alteration process to make sure everything is recorded properly. Again, we have right of way by use and maintenance, the 66' right of way exists, however, she recommends we go through the adjustment process to have the right of way width known and recorded as 66'. The old road order has the road in a different location so this will need to be addressed as well.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Fire Board – Supervisor Babler

- Meeting for this month will be held next Monday.

CMRP/River Crossing Group – Sanders/Supervisor Kolbinger

- The board was shown a resolution to join the Central Mississippi River Partnership.
- Membership dues have also gone done in cost.
- Technical advisory group has meet and are running through all the options for the crossing.

Motion to Approve Resolution 2025-04; A Resolution for Becker Township to Join the Central Mississippi Partnership by Kolbinger. Second by Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor. Kolbinger – aye, Wilkening – aye, Babler – aye, Danielson – aye.

Roads –Supervisor Danielson

- Engineer Tessmer has been working on the upcoming road projects
- There were a few snow events recently and we have been working Wruck to increase the service in a timely manner.

Facilities - Town Hall & American Legion

- The legion will have WCCO at their location next week to complete a story on their horseshoe league.
- We have been getting many edits of our new website, lots of work on the coloring of the website due to colorblindness, looking good so far.

Treasurer's Report

- **Motion to approve Treasurer's Report as presented by Babler. Second by Danielson. Motion carried all voting in favor. Kolbinger – aye, Wilkening – aye, Babler – aye, Danielson – aye.**
- **Motion to approve payment of**
 - **Warrants 16862-16883**
 - **PO's, 1690, 1692-1696**
 - **Void 16786, 16844-16852, 16842**
 - **in the amount of \$ 99,715.80****by Danielson. Second by Babler. Motion carried all voting in favor. Kolbinger – aye, Wilkening – aye, Babler – aye, Danielson – aye.**
- **Motion to approve warrants as presented by Danielson. Second by Babler. Motion carried all voting in favor. Kolbinger – aye, Wilkening – aye, Babler – aye, Danielson – aye.**
- **Motion to approve 2025 budget as presented by Danielson. Seconded by Kolbinger. Motion carried all voting in favor. Kolbinger – aye, Wilkening – aye, Babler – aye, Danielson – aye.**

Other:

Wages

- 3% annual wage increase for staff to take place automatically moving forward.
- Deputy Clerk – move in two steps to get to the same wage as Deputy Treasurer. Figure the 3% increase on the Deputy Treasurer wage. The difference between that calculation and the current Deputy Clerk wage should be divided in two. ½ to be given now and the other ½ in 6 months.
- **Motion to approve the annual 3% wage increase and stepped wage increase for the Deputy Clerk by Kolbinger. Second by Babler. All voting in favor.**
Kolbinger – aye, Wilkening – aye, Babler – aye, Danielson – aye.


iPad Metro West – MS4

- Metro West has asked the township to provide an iPad for use in the field as we have requested they input their inspections directly into the MS4 software.
- Board consensus:
 - Clerk confirmed there is an available iPad at the townhall.
 - Have IT verify it is ready for field use, security wise.
 - It shall remain property of the Township.
 - Purchase an Otterbox type case prior to giving to Metro West for their use.

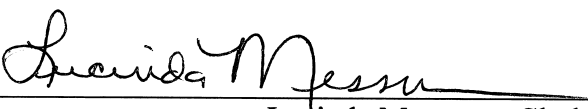
Other Reminders

- Local Board of Appeal and Equalization changed to 6 pm, Monday, April 7
- Reorganizational Meeting, 7 pm, April 7
- Special Election to be held at American Legion, Tuesday, April 8, for the St. Cloud School District levy question
- Reminder – new website will be www.BeckerTwpSherburneCoMN.gov

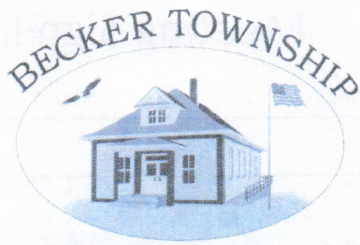
Meeting Adjourned 7.58 PM.



Brian Kolbinger, Chair



Lucinda Messman, Clerk

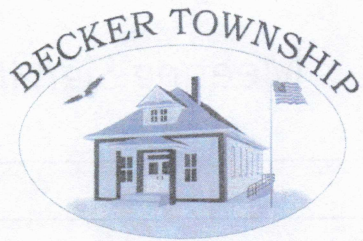


Meeting Sign In

Date: 2/18/2025

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Name/phone	Are you representing some- one other than yourself? Please indicate whom.	Do you want to be added to township email list? Please provide email address
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Wanda		



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Chris Will		