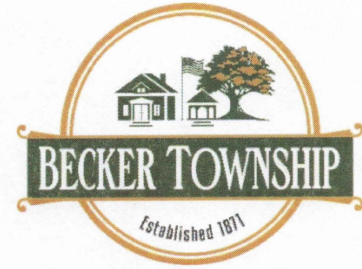


Becker Town Board Meeting
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Monday, December 16, 2024
12165 Hancock Street



Attendance

Board members: Brian Kolbinger, 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 – Sgt. Frank, William Tessmer - Township Engineer(online), Ben Wikstrom – Township Planner, (online), Jacob Sanders -City of Becker Community Development Director (online), Austin Peterson - City of Becker Community associate planner (online), Maria Moore.

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 - November 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. Sherburne History Center Newsletter
 - b. Sherburne County SWCD AIS Email
 - i. AIS Grant Application Form
 - ii. AIS RFP Cost-Share & Incentive Grant Program
 - iii. Xcel Route Permit
 - iv. Xcel Smart responders e-learning
 - c. LTAP Newsletter – December 2024
4. Approval/Acceptance
 - a. Resolution - Town Planning Commission Appointments
 - b. Resolution - Joint Planning Board Appointments

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

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

SHERIFF'S REPORT

187calls for service.

- 80 traffic stops.
- 13 car vs deer accidents.
- Snowmobile ROW issues will be handled tomorrow.

Residential Open Forum

None

PLANNING COMMISSION/JOINT PLANNING BOARD UPDATES – Wikstrom

- This month, 3 Interim Use Permits, a Conditional Use Permit and rezone came before the Planning Commission and Joint Planning Board.
 - Short term drop yard at Wruck Excavating.
 - This has been tabled as we are waiting for more information for storm water management.
 - IUP's on Frank Kasowski, Jr. Property on 137th Street SE
 - Stockpiling activities.
 - This was tabled awaiting more information that the county wanted to see on where the piles are and to make sure there is not any drainage into the nearby wetlands.
 - Toilet Storage – was denied as it does not meet ordinance requirements.
 - Falls as commercial seasonal storage and are only allowed in existing buildings on Ag sites.
 - Rezone on 162nd- STORE Master Funding XII, LLC
 - This was rezoned from industrial 1 to industrial 2.
 - This was for two parcels, both were rezoned.
 - This was completed so the applicant could apply for a CUP.
 - CUP - STORE Master Funding XII, LLC
 - Transmodal facility for shipping and staging area for different types of goods that they purchased.
 - Called investment recovery.
 - This is allowed in the industrial 2 zone.
 - Will work with staff for appropriate screening when necessary.
 - Other items
 - Floodplain ordinance – was passed by the Joint Planning Board.
 - Cannabis information – Attorney Bourgeois memo-She is working on the licensing ordinance and joint powers agreement with the County and plan

to have it ready for action at January's meeting. There are draft documents being finalized between the County and other townships that we would like to model Becker Township's after so there is just a bit more time needed. Additionally, she believes we should have zoning amendments worked on in January for action in February. The state has extended implementation of the business licensing program into early 2025 so we are not behind or at risk of things happening in the Township before licensing is approved at the state level.

- Shipping container ordinance-
 - This was extend to next month again, we had anticipated some residents coming to the meeting to discuss this no one showed up.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Tessmer

97th Street

- We received an email with an invoice from the All State Signage Company. Tessmer had found some issues with the invoice as square footage and the number of signs did not match. They had stated that we had 27 chevron signs, this did not match his counts. The chevron signs are all double sided, this should be an even number. The extra chevron was removed from the invoice and then the square footage that we paid out then matched what they had put on the invoice. There has not been a response from Tessmer email to the invoice.
- Also included in this email was a request for an additional mobilization fee of \$578.00. We initially said that we did not want the end 30/ reduce speed ahead signs. Road supervisors later decided that they wanted those signs. Signage company sent Knife River an invoice for the remobilization. We asked for the signs after the initial mobilization, however this was 6 months ago that they had installed the signs and over a year ago that we had asked for the signs. Tessmer talked with Kristi at the county, and she had stated that we would need to put together a change order for this as it was not on the original bill. This is something for the board to consider, Road Supervisor Danielson is aware of this they discussed earlier. Board consensus - the work was completed so the change order is necessary.

Eagle's Landing

- We received an estimate from MPM to mill off just over 40 ft road piece and replace that section that was damaged from the garbage truck load fire. Town Clerk has that estimate for repairs along with the engineering estimate involved in getting this put together. Town Attorney is moving forward with a letter.
- We have received the notice of designation into the MS4 system. Tessmer will need authorization from the board to spend time working on this system. This system would include mapping culverts, we do have some mapping complete but will still need mapping done.
Board gave directive for Tessmer to work on the MS4 system to accomplish necessary tasks for compliance.
- Still moving forward on next year's projects. Bids should be out this winter.

- 109th Street
 - We received the approved wetlands delineation last week. This will not delay 109th St project as originally thought.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Supervisor vacancy-

- **Motion to accept Robin Boros resignation by Wilkening. Second by Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- Declaration of Vacancy in office of supervisor's seat #1 needs to be handled via resolution. **Motion to approve Resolution 2024-19 A resolution to declare the vacancy in seat #1 by Wilkening. Second by Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- Reviewed clerk's letter adding seat to the March ballot and notice to County Auditor.

Board Discussion

- Does the appointment happen at a meeting A) yes.
- Wait till the election.
- The board would like to use word of mouth to let the public know of the vacancy for supervisor seat #1.
- Revisit this at the January meeting in case we have had any luck with possible candidates.
- This will be posted into the newspaper about the vacancy of this seat as it was due this week.

Noxious Weed Report – Supervisor Babler

- Annual Report will be filed by end of month as required.

Fire Board – Supervisor Babler

- No updates

CMRP/River Crossing Group – Sanders/Supervisor Kolbinger

- They are officially a 501 C 4. This pertains to how the finances are handled along with the articles and bylaws.
- For the Pell, they have highlighted the recommendations and then they have moved onto the public engagement.
- A few options are one that goes to 11 by the nuclear plant, one that is closer to Hasty to name a few. These options are moving through public engagement in terms of the Pell.
- As this is now a nonprofit then there will be a meeting in January to set up that board.
- Planner Sanders added that including the public comment piece this also includes the comments from the environmental quality boards. State agencies, MPCA, DNR to list a few. Comment period closes January 23 and will reopen the 24th.
- Also to note that it will not be the \$15,000 contribution that we had originally thought, it is much more minimal than that.

Roads –Supervisor Danielson

- Engineer Tessmer did cover a lot of the items already.
- Rechecked 185th Ave culvert, this is still open, and it looks like we have taken care of the beaver issue.

- Wruck has been out a couple of times salting the icy spots. We may consider switching to just salt as we are currently using a salt/sand mix.

Facilities - Town Hall & American Legion

- New carpeting is in place. The Legion also has new carpet. The Legion is looking at possible new flooring also.
- Clerk asked about additional supervisor for the Town hall properties? Supervisor Babler will continue with Supervisors Danielson and Kolbinger helping as available.

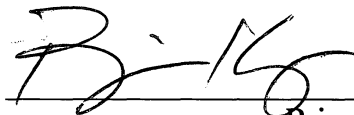
Treasurer's Report

- **Motion to approve Treasurer's Report as presented by Babler. Second by Wilkening. Motion carried all voting in favor.**
- **Motion to approve payment of**
 - **Warrants 16787-16786**
 - **PO's, 1675- 1678**
 - **in the amount of \$ 138,597.60****by Wilkening. Second by Babler. Danielson – abstained as his company had submitted an invoice. Motion carried all voting in favor. Motion carried 3-0-1.**

Other:

- Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Tuesday, April 8, 2025. Danielson will not be present for this meeting. Clerk reminded Wilkening and Babler that they have not completed their training. Kolbinger is the only one available for this meeting that is trained.
- Tri County Contract- does the board wish to continue this contract? We do not have a dog catcher so there is no one to bring these stray animals to this shelter on the weekends. They rely on citizens to bring them there. Our current contract is not doing anything for the Township right now. They have also included a new feral cat program in the contract, there are positives and negatives regarding this. The board has chosen to discontinue this contract.
- MS4 Documentation Classes- There is an upcoming class for the MS4 we have been designated. There are mandated to reporting and data collections required. This will teach about the documentation that is needed to be kept by this office. Is the board ok with the clerk going to this class, there are two different days, and the clerk needs to also become a member of Mecca. It is \$60.00 to become a member of Mecca and classes will be about \$400. The board stated the clerk should definitely go to the trainings.
- Our new domain BeckerTwpSherburneCoMN.gov once we get to the new website.

Meeting Adjourned 7.26 PM.



Brian Kolbinger, Chair



Lucinda Messman, Clerk