

Becker Town Board Meeting
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 20th, 2024
12165 Hancock Street



Attendance

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

Absent: None

Others: Sargent Dan Frank - Sherburne County Sheriff's Department, Craig Wensmann - Township Engineer, Ben Wikstrom – Township Planner, Kelli Bourgeois – Township Attorney (online), Tony Wruck – Township Engineer, Alan Imholt

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
 - a. April 2024 Minutes
 - b. Spring 2024 Road Tour Minutes
2. Upcoming electronic fund transfers/automatic payments approval
 - a. 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. History Center Spring Newsletter
 - b. BSSA Update information
4. Approval/Acceptance –
 - a. Approval of Resolution 2024-03 [full text on file]: A Resolution Setting Fees and Charges for the Town of Becker
 - b. Approval of Tobacco Renewal License for Holiday [full text on file]

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

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



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SHERIFF'S REPORT

Typical month.

185 calls for service. There have been issues when it rains that there have been 911 calls being made and then hung up. When the power lines get wet, then it dials 911.

Open Forum- Residential Requests

- Wikstrom- Alan Imholte is looking at a couple of lots wondering if they are buildable, as they are unsure if the right of way abuts the parcel. 92nd Street and 157th Avenue Gravel Road
 - Parcel appears to be landlocked given viewing of road area
 - Road order exists all the way to the parcel, but road is not located in the right of way area.
 - In 1997 there is a minute's reference to acquiring additional right of way to fix the curve, but no further paperwork
 - 2003 image shows the road in the new location
 - Right of way to the north of the 157th Avenue was dedicated to the Township
- Wensmann – over time curves on gravel roads will flatten. Sometimes the roads pull away from the properties over time.
 - 1998-2001 there was a push by the board to acquire ROW and flatten the curve
 - By use and maintenance, the road exists where it is, not by road order
 - BPA was hired to complete a drawing in 1998. Intent of Board was not to land lock anyone.
- Attorney Bourgeois hasn't had a chance to research all the information related to this at this time.
- Imholt - no easements through other properties to where the road currently exists were found by his title company.
- Board Consensus – Attorney to review materials and this will be discussed next month.

PLANNING COMMISSION/JOINT PLANNING BOARD UPDATES – Wikstrom

- Planning Commission this month public hearings conducted for
 - home-based dog grooming – recommended for approval
 - stock piling for the township – recommended for approval
 - boundary adjustment between two parcels – recommended for approval
- The Joint Planning Board next week will make final determinations on the above items.
- Drop yard will be further discussed next month after reviewing compliance check report that was recently completed. Findings will be discussed at that next meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Wensmann

- Agreement with Big Lake Township for 187th in Bridgeview recommended for approval.
- **Motion to approve Resolution 2024-12 [full text on file] An agreement for maintenance of certain township roads along the Becker-Big Lake town line by Danielson. Second by Boros. Motion carried all voting in favor.**

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2. It is essential to ensure that all entries are supported by proper documentation and receipts.

3. Regular audits should be conducted to verify the accuracy of the records and identify any discrepancies.

4. The second part of the document outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze data.

5. These methods include surveys, interviews, and focus groups, each with its own strengths and limitations.

6. The choice of method depends on the specific research objectives and the nature of the data being collected.

7. It is important to select the most appropriate method to ensure the reliability and validity of the results.

8. The third part of the document describes the process of data analysis and interpretation.

9. This involves identifying patterns, trends, and relationships within the data set.

10. Statistical techniques are often used to quantify these findings and test hypotheses.

11. The final part of the document provides a summary of the key findings and conclusions.

12. It emphasizes the need for transparency and honesty in reporting the results of the study.

13. The document concludes by highlighting the value of research in informing decision-making and improving outcomes.

14. Overall, the document provides a comprehensive overview of the research process from data collection to final reporting.

15. It serves as a valuable resource for anyone interested in understanding the fundamentals of research methodology.

16. The document is well-organized and easy to read, making it accessible to a wide range of readers.

17. It is a must-read for students, researchers, and professionals alike who want to enhance their research skills.

18. The document is a clear and concise guide to the research process, covering all the essential steps.

19. It provides practical advice and examples to help readers understand and apply the concepts discussed.

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- There are many fire signs that are very rusty due to iron in water (sprinkler systems). These were recently replaced. Township position?
- Board consensus - property owners responsible for cleaning up or replacement. It is easy to clean off the sign so it can be easily read.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Fire Board – Supervisor Babler

- No new business.

River Crossing Group – Sanders/Supervisor Kolbinger

- Looking into lobbying firms as part of their nonprofit organization.
- Related to this group, Sherburne County is going to submit a grant request for Federal Funding assistance to install grade separation of the railway at Trunk Highway 10 and County Road 11 to improve safety and accessibility for all residents.
 - Sherburne County is requesting that Becker Township write to Secretary Buttigieg in support of Sherburne County’s request for funding.
 - **Supervisor Babler stated he is abstaining from this motion due to his position with the Railroad.**
 - **Motion to approve letter of support by Wilkening. Second by Danielson. Motion carried all voting in favor. Motion carried 4-0-1.**
- CMRP, Level 1 plans complete, for crossings over the river. Public meeting engagement plans coming this summer.

Roads – Supervisor Boros and Supervisor Danielson

- The road tour went well, we have a maintenance list started.
- Pre-con is May 21st for Bridgeview and Eagles Landing
- 67th Street Cooperative Agreement with Santiago is before us tonight for approval.
 - There was a question regarding maintenance until the project is completed. They would like us to pay for half of this until the project is done.
 - Board Consensus – No. Our road contractor is capable of the maintenance. And we have a contract with him already. No matter who is used, the road will need to be restored and compacted prior to paving.
 - Additional items requested by Santiago Township
 - Engineering paragraph removal.
 - Santiago Township stated they do not use engineers and do not want any engineering completed.
 - This paragraph was in the last contract, but they want it removed this time. It states that both townships are to agree to engineering costs before any are incurred.
 - They have stated the project will not move forward with this paragraph in the contract this time. Paragraph removed.
 - Typo in the numbering system. Will be fixed.

Motion to sign the agreement on 67th ST by Danielson Second by Boros. Motion carried all voting in favor.

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Facilities

- **Town Hall & American Legion**
 - Clerk has requested estimates for the basement door – not back yet.
 - Carpet – still working on getting quotes.
 - French drain behind the basement door is still to be installed, the water is destroying the stucco. Board comment to have it completed.
- Opinion letter from SJJ Attorney. Clerk has not had time to obtain an estimate of services. Board consensus to continue with the current representation.
 - Attorney Bourgeois suggested a do not exceed amount would be appropriate at this time.
 - **Motion by Wilkening to authorize continuing with Smith Jadin & Johnson with a Do Not exceed of \$20,000 at this time. Second by Babler. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**

Treasurer's Report

- **Motion to approve Treasurer's Report as presented by Wilkening. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- **Motion to approve payment of**
 - **Warrants 16458-16495**
 - **PO's 1628-1633**
 - **in the amount of \$154,366.59****by Wilkening. Second by Boros. Danielson – abstained as his company had submitted an invoice. Motion carried all voting in favor. Motion carried 4-0-1.**

Other

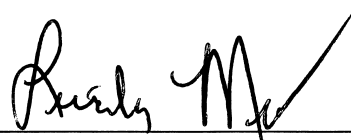
- **Capital Asset Policy Updates**
 - Due to technology updates, our road scoring has changed.
 - Paver can now accommodate the gravel roads as well.
 - Capital Asset Policy needs to be amended to reflect this change and set the numbers representing this past year's inspections.

Motion to approve revisions to the Capital Asset Policy as presented by Boros. Second by Babler. Motion carried all voting in favor.

Meeting Adjourned 7:40 PM.



Brian Kolbinger, Chair



Lucinda Messman, Clerk

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