

Special Town Board Meeting

Monday, April 7, 2020

8:50 a.m. by Tele/Video Conference due to pandemic

Attending Board Members

- Township Chair Brian Kolbinger - video
- Township Vice Chair Brad Wilkening - phone
- Township Supervisor Robin Boros - phone
- Township Supervisor Joe Danielson - phone

Township Supervisor Luke Babler – phone/left immediately following vote.

Township Clerk Lucinda Messman - video

Absent Members: Township Treasurer Tanya Danielson, Township Deputy Clerk Fran Seeley ,

Attending Staff: none

Others Attendees: none

Prior to the meeting, Chair Kolbinger found it wasn't practical or prudent to meet in person because of the health pandemic and state of emergency declared under Minn. Stat. Ch. 12. He set up a special teleconferencing/video conferencing meeting and proper postings were made. In addition to posting locations as adopted at the Annual Township Meeting, any township resident who had subscribed to the website also received a direct emailing regarding attendance and the information was posted on the front door of Township Hall in large lettering.

Meeting called to order, roll call taken [noted in attendance list above] and quorum verified by Chair Kolbinger.

Welcome to newest Supervisor, Robin Boros. Due to unique nature of things at this time, Supervisor Boros met with Clerk on 3/18/2020 and was given oath of office at that time.

Single agenda item regarding how we can conduct meetings moving forward due to the Peacetime Emergency and Pandemic.

Motion by Danielson to adopt Becker Township, Sherburne County Resolution 2020-15: A Resolution Establishing The Ability Conduct Open Meetings By Telephone

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz issued Executive Order 20-01, "Declaring a Peacetime Emergency and Coordinating Minnesota's Strategy to Protect Minnesotans from COVID-19," declaring a peacetime emergency under Minn. Stat. § 12.31, subd. 2.

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control has labeled COVID-19 as a pandemic illness.

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a risk to the health, welfare, and safety of the public.

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Health has issued guidelines and recommendations to slow the spread of COVID-19 that include limiting social interaction.

WHEREAS, the Township provides important services related to transportation, public safety, economic development, education, and protection of property.

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 13D.021 permits open meetings to be conducted through teleconferencing if:

1. the presiding officer for the governing body finds it not practical or prudent to meet in person because of a health pandemic or an emergency declared under Minn. Stat. Ch. 12;

2. all members of the body participating in the meeting, wherever their physical location, can hear one another and hear all testimony and discussion;
3. members of the public presents at the regular meeting location can hear all discussion, testimony, and votes of the public body, unless attendance at the meeting is not feasible due to health pandemic or emergency declaration;
4. at least one member of the body, chief legal counsel, or chief administrative officer is present at the regular meeting location, unless unfeasible due to health pandemic or emergency declaration; and
5. all votes of the body are conducted by roll call so each member's vote can be identified and recorded.

WHEREAS, the Township Chairperson finds it is not practical or prudent to hold Township Board meetings in person because of pandemic and public health emergency.

WHEREAS, the Township Board finds that public attendance at a meeting is not feasible due to health pandemic and public health emergency and the Township Board will not have any member, counsel, or administrator present at the regular meeting location.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Town Board of Becker Township, Sherburne County, Minnesota, will conduct meetings through teleconferencing so long as a health pandemic exists or an emergency is declared under Minn. Stat. Ch. 12.

Second by Babler. Motion carried, votes as follows:

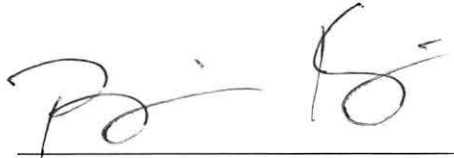
		Yes	No	Other
Supervisor	Brian Kolbinger	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Supervisor	Brad Wilkening	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Supervisor	Joe Danielson	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Supervisor	Luke Babler	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Supervisor	Robin Boros	<u> x </u>	_____	_____

Adopted this 7th day of April, 2020.

BY THE BOARD, Brian Kolbinger, Town Chair

Attested by Lucinda Messman, Town Clerk

Meeting Adjourned 8:55 a.m.



 Brian Kolbinger, Chair



 Lucinda Messman, Clerk