

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



Attendance

Board members: Chair Brian Kolbinger, Luke Babler, Robin Boros, Joe Danielson, Clerk Lucinda Messman, Treasurer Tanya Danielson

Absent: Brad Wilkening

Others: none

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm. Quorum verified by Chair Kolbinger.

Treasurer laptop crashed, so used budget items from September meeting handouts. Treasurer will work on budget and bring back an actual that can be finalized later this year.

To maintain fund balance, need to have 500,000-600,000 left in cash at end of year in order to continue Township activities until next tax payments arrive.

Roads:

- 1) 2025 – Plan Road and Bridge paved roads for 1,400,000.
- 2) Treasurer stated there is enough in road and bridge for approximately 10,000 in tree trimming yet this year.
- 3) Road Standards discussed.
 - a. **Motion to approve a road standard shouldering mix as rock/gravel by Danielson. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
 - b. **Motion to approve only a single access for any homes located on a cul-de-sac, effective 10/7/2024. Any properly permitted, existing secondary accesses located within a cul-de-sac are allowed to remain in place at this time by Danielson. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- 4) 92nd Street/157th Ave gravel road corner needs to be on the agenda for the March annual meeting. Need voter permission to have road work completed. There is an individual looking to acquire property on that corner who will need access, but due to issue, waiting on probate court. Board will work with the individual regarding access. The answer may be known before the board gets the road order corrected.

Buildings


- 1) Revised amortization table for 12155 Hancock is not ready, will be prepared once the estimates for flooring and lights are received.
- 2) Building fund
 - a) Move forward with the low bid on the shed/basement area
 - b) Court of appeals is still ongoing with roof. Plan to have individual, one year levy item for the roof at the 2025 Annual Meeting
 - c) Carpeting – schedule with Joe for moving the filing cabinets – plan first week of December.

Payroll

- 1) Wages will be discussed in January, following receipt of the review of wages for Sherburne County Townships and will be retroactive to January 1, 2025. As stated last year, "baseline raise amounts to be based on 4%. Amount is not set and may vary."
- 2) Realized the Township is inadvertently out of compliance with MN wage law regarding payment to all employees every 30 days when there are federal holidays on the third Monday. Verified no exception for Townships in the law. Board consensus to move all meetings that would normally occur on a third Monday falling on a Federal Holiday to the Tuesday of that same week. Clerk to put on the schedule as regular meeting dates for 2025.

Levy recommendations cannot be made tonight and will take place following the budget approval.

Meeting Adjourned 8:40 pm.



Brian Kolbinger, Chair



Lucinda Messman, Clerk