

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 16th, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, August 16th, 2022, in the Board Meeting Room. Present were Supervisors: Chuck Voss, Greg Hull, and Chris Jaeger; Deputy Clerk Katie Anderson; Treasurer Jamie Pellman; Wastewater Operator Mike Hoops; and Town Operations and Facilities Manager Jody Reineccius.

Absent: Clerk Alison Oftedah

Chairman Voss called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:

Udenberg Hall rental refund – The Board discussed whether to refund the rental fee to Neil Udenberg for his mother’s 80th birthday party that was cancelled due to her illness. Motion Hull, second Jaeger to authorize the refund. Carried unanimously.

ROAD & SAFETY:

Road Report – Reineccius reported that he applied chloride to the Duluth Township roads. They will pay costs. He reported the grader is in non-working condition. He said it might be the transmission. After discussion motion Hull, second Voss to authorize Reineccius to spend up to \$5,000.00 on a replacement grader while ours is down. He also said that Thompson will be on vacation August 18th – August 29th.

Gravel pit application – Anderson reported, she heard that Lake County is reviewing our application. The hearing date will be September 19th, 2022. Anderson was directed to contact Lake County to request a hearing date in October because no supervisor’s will be available to attend the hearing in September.

Cemetery – Reineccius reported that he and Thompson planted eight trees (two Crabapples, four Red Maples, and two Silver Maples) to replace trees that died from Spruce Bud Worm. Also, a new rock and planting display for the area around the flagpole is in progress.

Ukulele Festival - Reineccius said everything is set for the festival.

SEWER OPERATIONS:

Reineccius said he is scheduled to attend the Wastewater Operator refresher class, and the Class C Wastewater Facility Operator exam in September 2022.

New installs – Mike Long installation is in progress.

Operator Hoops presented his report. Motion Voss, second Jaeger to accept the Wastewater Operator’s Report as included below. Carried unanimously.

Wastewater Operator’s Report – August 15, 2022

Influent	2021	2022
January	0.4689 million gallons	0.4204 million gallons
February	0.4855 million gallons	0.4570 million gallons
March	0.7586 million gallons	0.6321 million gallons
April	0.6806 million gallons	0.8675 million gallons
May	0.6131 million gallons	0.8232 million gallons
June	0.8192 million gallons	0.8657 million gallons
July	1.1059 million gallons	approx. 1.0000 million gallons
August	0.9969 million gallons	
September	0.8284 million gallons	
October	0.7134 million gallons	
November	0.5272 million gallons	
<u>December</u>	<u>0.4614 million gallons</u>	
<u>Total</u>	<u>8.1410 million gallons</u>	

In addition, there were 0.0551 million gallons of trucked in wastewater during July.

Effluent	2021	2022
May – Discharged	2.859 million gallons of water	3.018 million gallons irrigated
June – Discharged	3.19 million gallons of water	2.986 million gallons irrigated
July – Discharged	3.246 million gallons of water	4.563 million gallons irrigated
August – Discharged	2.743 million gallons of water	
September – Discharged	0.923 million gallons of water	
Total for year –	12.961 million gallons	

Current Operations

We had a minor number of pump replacements and/or repairs this past month with our grinder pumps. We are still waiting for the repaired lift station pump to be installed. Wik Waiban Innini will be doing that at the same time we do the pipe replacement of the pipe from pump station to the check valve chamber. Pipe for this is scheduled to be in Superior at the end of this week.

Materials and excavator are on the Long property with installation scheduled for August 16.

There is one pump still in Proctor that Josh was able to rebuild. It is finished and I plan to pick it up on Thursday. At that point, we should be caught up with all the pumps that need to be rebuilt between our shop and his.

Nothing to report on Rostvold and Gerard properties since last month.

Christensen development on East Castle Danger Rd. remains the same.

You should have all the information regarding sludge in your packets.

Sampling has been done as required and all reports submitted to MPCA.

Pending Maintenance Items

Cut out between pump chambers on duplex stations

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Hoops, Wastewater Operator

STEWART RIVER SEWER:

Voss reported he has not heard anything from Bollig.

REVIEW MINUTES:

Motion Hull, second Jaeger to accept as presented the 7/19 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion Jaeger, second Hull to accept as presented the 8/2 Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes. All motions carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Pellman as follows: TOSC checking: \$48,976.39 and TOSC savings: \$722,475.32 for a total of \$771,451.71. Outstanding checks totaled \$6,602.56 for a CTAS balance: \$764,849.15. Motion Voss, second Jaeger to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion Voss, second Jaeger to authorize the requested transfer of \$80,000 from savings to checking. Both motions carried unanimously.

US Bank Signatories – No change.

READING OF THE BILLS:

The current month's bills were read: claims 9451- 9488, totaling \$32,443.49, and payrolls through August 19th. Motion Voss, second Jaeger, to authorize payment of the bills as presented. Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board considered the following:

- Email from Minnesota Association of Townships regarding application for LRIP Township Representative.
- Email from Nate Eide, Land Commissioner of Lake County regarding state tax forfeited properties to either non-conservation or conservation.
- Signed Hall Rental Agreement for yoga in August.

Voss recessed the Regular Meeting at 7:47 p.m. He then reconvened the Annual Meeting. After looking at the 2023 budget and levy (included below), motion Hull, second Voss to make no changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed 2023 Budget and Levy

Town

<u>Budget:</u>	<u>2023 Proposed</u>	<u>2022</u>
General	\$84,500	\$73,000
Road & Bridge	\$313,000	\$314,500
Road Enhancement	\$20,000	\$20,000
Building	\$38,750	\$37,750
Fire	\$45,000	\$50,000
Cemetery	\$10,500	\$10,500
General Debt Service	\$56,000	\$56,000
TOWN TOTAL	\$567,750	561,750

<u>Levy:</u>	<u>2023 Proposed</u>	<u>2022</u>
General	\$30,000	\$42,500
Road & Bridge	\$249,000	\$246,500
Road Enhancement	\$20,000	\$20,000
Building	\$25,000	\$25,000
Fire	\$45,000	\$45,000
Cemetery	\$2,500	\$2,500
General Debt Service	\$28,500	\$28,500
TOWN TOTAL LEVY	400,000	\$410,000

Other anticipated Income	\$95,450	\$116,150
TOWN TOTAL INCOME	495,450	\$526,150

Motion Voss, second Hull to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 7:48 p.m. Carried unanimously. Voss then reconvened the Regular Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cemetery Dispute – Anderson reported that the Town has not heard anything more from the family.

NEW BUSINESS:

Newsletter story approval – The Board reviewed a draft copy of the newsletter. Oftedahl is finishing with the newsletter.

PENDING BUSINESS:

None.

There being no further business, motion Voss, second Jaeger to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday September 20th, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Anderson, Deputy Clerk