

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 17, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, in the Board Meeting Room. Present were Supervisors: Chuck Voss, Greg Hull, and Chris Jaeger; Clerk Alison Oftedahl; Treasurer Jamie Pellman; Town Operations and Facilities Manager Jody Reineccius, Wastewater Operator Mike Hoops; and, by phone, Deputy Clerk Katie Anderson.

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

CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:

Ukulele Festival Camping – Voss directed the Clerk to write a letter to the Ukulele Club explaining that no more than 4 campers can be allowed on Town property.

Cemetery Plot Dispute – The Board read a draft letter written by the Clerk and approved it. Two statutes related to cemeteries and the inheritance of plots were reviewed.

Anne Feitel – Voss reported that the Feitels have a concern about brown water flowing into the lake from drainage ditches and would like someone to put a catch pond across the road (on someone else’s property). Hoops, Voss, Reineccius and Thompson have all been to inspect this area at various times and those present agreed that the Town Road portion of the drainage ditch is fine. It was not clear what the Town could do about the situation.

ROAD & SAFETY:

Road Report – Reineccius reported that his repairs on Town Road are complete. He discussed damage on Clark Road from the rain event May 12th. He said that he and Hull were both called out by the County to check roads but were not able to communicate due to bad cell reception. He said there is a culvert on Clark Road and a couple other sites needing repair. He said road restrictions remain in place for our smaller roads. Reineccius requested authorization to contract with Folco Service LLC (Jeff Foley) to do the shimming job on our grader. The Board authorized Reineccius to make the decision and do the hiring. When asked about last week’s request to purchase a mower, Reineccius said he was waiting on the sale of the 2012 Dodge with hopes that some of the proceeds could be used on a mower. He reported that new flags were donated for the Cemetery, but brush and tree clean up still needs to be done. Hoops agreed to put the small flags out for Memorial Day.

Mid-State Truck Financing – The truck on order is not here and we have not heard anything new from Mid-State.

CPS Utility Work on Alger & Clark – Consolidated Phone Service still has not responded to Hull’s call. The group considered whether the Town should have an application for utility line installation. The Clerk was directed to check with Minnesota Association of Townships to see if they have information and documents.

Gravel Crushing – Voss raised concerns about gravel crushing opportunities and whether there is enough on hand for emergencies. Reineccius explained that we have a lot on hand (4,000 yards) which is almost the full amount purchased in 2020. Reineccius also explained that if the County were crushing at a pit near the shop, it would make sense to purchase some; but that he believed crushing was going to be at Drummond Pit. It would be a long and expensive haul. He then suggested we map the material in our own pit.

SEWER OPERATIONS:

Operator Hoops presented his report saying that pond levels went up 23 inches due to snowmelt and rain. He has dripper lines ready, and irrigation has begun. Motion Voss, second Jaeger to accept the Wastewater Operator’s Report (included below). Carried unanimously.

Wastewater Operator’s Report – May 17, 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
June	0.8192 million gallons
July	1.1059 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>
Total	8.1410 million gallons

In addition, there was .0245 million gallons of trucked in wastewater during April.

Effluent 2021

May – Discharged 2.859 million gallons of water
 June – Discharged 3.19 million gallons of water
 July - Discharged 3.246 million gallons of water
 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

April began to get busy. Some pump replacements. New pumps ordered and received. Several pumps waiting for repairs.

Still waiting on Lavonne Christensen to submit letters of commitment from herself and two abutting property owners. Build date on these homes is October 2022 so we have time to get materials.

Picked up all the station covers on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Presently walking, flagging and repairing all dripper lines. Getting rid of all this water is going to be an issue this year. Between rain and snow since last fall we have gained about 7.5 million gallons that will have to be irrigated. And, we started irrigating 2 weeks later than normal.

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 heard nothing from Bollig.

REVIEW MINUTES:

Motion Hull, second Voss to accept as presented the 4/19 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion Voss, second Hull to accept as presented the 5/13 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization minutes. Motion Hull, second Voss to accept as presented the 5/10 Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes. These motions carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Pellman as follows: TOSC checking: \$52,643.89 and TOSC savings: \$620,059.81 for a total of \$672,703.70. Outstanding checks totaled \$754.12 for a CTAS balance: \$671,949.58. Motion Voss, second Jaeger to accept the April Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion Hull, second Voss to authorize the requested transfer of \$98,000 from savings to checking. Both motions carried unanimously.

US Bank Signatories – Pellman reported a change in her work schedule and said she would be free Mondays or Fridays to go with Voss to US Bank in Duluth to change the signatories.

READING OF THE BILLS:

The current month's bills were read: claims 9343-9377, totaling \$82,780.28, and payrolls through May 20th. Oftedahl apologized for an inadvertent personal charge on her credit card and submitted a personal check to pay for it. Motion Voss, second Jaeger, to authorize payment of the bills as presented. Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board considered the following:

- Affidavit of posting of the 2012 Dodge truck sale by sealed bids.
- Letter written by the Clerk regarding the cemetery dispute.
- Email received from Deputy Secretary of the Treasury to SLFRF Recipients (ARPA recipients) urging funds to be spent on expanding workforce, providing competitive wages, expanding access to affordable housing and keeping our families and communities safe.
- 3 Lake County notices of public hearings for applicants requesting variance to land use requirements.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Bids for Sale of 2021 Dodge Truck – The one sealed bid that was received was opened. It was for \$5,020. After discussion, motion Hull to accept this bid. His motion failed for lack of a second. Motion Voss, second Jaeger to reject the bid. Hull voted No. The group then discussed using an auction to try to get more for the truck. Motion Hull, second Jaeger to delegate responsibility for disposal of the truck to Reineccius and Jaeger. Carried unanimously.

Newsletter Approval – A draft of the newsletter was reviewed by supervisors and the stories included were approved. The Clerk promised to email a final copy before publishing it.

PENDING BUSINESS:

None

There being no further business, motion Voss, second Jaeger to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday June at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Oftedahl, Clerk