

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 22, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, March 22, 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 Hoops, and Deputy Clerk Katie Anderson (by phone).

Chairman Voss called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:

None.

ROAD & SAFETY:

Road Report – Reineccius reported the new truck is almost ready. Decals are on order along with mud flaps and steps. He said road restrictions have been posted. He said he will be attending a video meeting with MNDOT regarding the Stewart River bridge road project. He also reported that fire extinguishers for all buildings were serviced. The group discussed back-up emergency plowing. Reineccius suggested working with a student in heavy equipment school since their school is out from November to February. Hull suggested this be set up as an internship. He also said they couldn't offer guaranteed work hours each week. It was agreed that Hull would ask Conrad Swanson (former Town Manager) if he would be willing to be on the emergency list. For sewer emergency backup, Jeff Anderson and Eric Appelwick were suggested. Hoops said that Appelwick is willing to be called and does not require a contract. Reineccius will speak to Anderson.

Tandem Axle Truck – The Board discussed the \$35,000 down payment timing because the truck is expected in April. Reineccius said that \$1,000 would be removed from the price if the down payment is paid within 10 days of the truck arrival.

Sale of 2012 Dodge – A draft of the newspaper ad was reviewed with some corrections noted for the Deputy Clerk. Reineccius and Deputy Anderson were directed to decide when to run the ad and set the deadline for the sealed bids.

SEWER OPERATIONS:

Operator Hoops presented the Wastewater's Operator Report saying that things had been quiet with no problems. Motion Voss, second Jaeger to accept the Wastewater Operator's Report as presented (below). Carried unanimously.

Wastewater Operator's Report –March 22, 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	
April	0.6806 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>	
<u>Total</u>	<u>8.1410 million gallons</u>	

There was no trucked in wastewater during the month of January.

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

Very little to report this month.

No pump replacements.

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.

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

Water Meters for Short Term Rentals in Sewer District – Hoops reported that Rin

golds have an in-house apartment that will be used for short term rental. He felt the Board should consider whether this requires a water meter. Mona Linden's bed and breakfast house was required to have a meter. After discussion, motion Hull, second Voss to have the Sewer Operations staff write a proposed policy on meter and water usage for anyone on Castle Danger Wastewater whose house will be used for something other than a residence. Carried unanimously.

Overdue Septage Accounts – No change.

STEWART RIVER SEWER:

Voss said there were no updates on this project.

REVIEW MINUTES:

Motion Hull, second Voss to accept as presented the 2/15 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion Voss, second Jaeger to accept as presented the 3/8 Board of Canvass Meeting minutes. Motion Jaeger, second Hull to accept as presented the 3/15 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: \$71,695.42 and TOSC savings: \$768,721.89 for a total of \$840,417.31. Outstanding checks totaled \$3,479.44 for a CTAS balance: \$836,937.87. Motion Hull, second Voss to accept the February Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion Hull, second Jaeger to authorize the requested transfer of \$50,000 from savings to checking for payment of the bills. And motion Hull, second Voss to authorize the Clerk and Treasurer to transfer \$35,000 and to write the check for the down payment should the new truck arrive significantly earlier than the April claims run. These motions all carried unanimously.

READING OF THE BILLS:

The current month's bills were read: claims 9277-9308, totaling \$146,548.90 (includes new Dodge Truck authorized last meeting), and payrolls through March 25th. Motion Voss, second Hull, to authorize payment of the bills as presented. Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board considered the following:

- Copies of Grand Superior Lodge water usage reports submitted to the Minnesota DNR.
- Email from Grand Superior maintenance with water usage for the Student House.
- Email from the manager of Gooseberry Falls State Park regarding closure of campground shower house for part of the year.
- Notice of additional dues for ALCCTO that were not invoiced with the other local and MAT dues. The Clerks asked whether this should be paid. No motions were made.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cell Tower – Hull reported that he will attend the April 5th Lake County Board Meeting where they will discuss alternative sites for the Tower.

Haul Road – It is believed that Town Road will not be a Haul Road based upon permit issues. Voss stated he plans to speak to Thomas Lamb of MNDOT about hauling in addition to other issues with the new Stewart River bridge project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sewer Rate Hearing – The group examined information received from Gooseberry Falls State Park and Grand Superior Lodge. It was agreed to use numbers submitted by Grand Superior Lodge from their readings. Silver Creek’s meter readings were incomplete due to meters being moved. For the Gooseberry Falls State Park the total is the metered flows from the Visitor Center with an estimate for the Campground to make up for the campground restrooms being closed for part of the year. The group discussed the total flow provided by Hoops and the fact that the combined commercials cannot exceed that total flow. Hoops said that the extreme drought probably reduced Inflow and Infiltration (I & I) that is normally part of the flow, and that some of the metered water use could have been the watering of lawns. The rate calculation spreadsheet was discussed, and it was agreed to go with \$16 per thousand. This amount will generate slightly less than the planned budget, with the difference made up by funds on hand.

Resolution Establishing Precinct – Motion Hull, second Voss to adopt Resolution 2022-5 to re-establish the town’s polling precinct (included below). The resolution was adopted upon unanimous roll-call vote as follows: Voss: yea; Jaeger: yea; Hull: yea; Absent: none.

RESOLUTION 2022-5

**TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
LAKE COUNTY MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION TO RE-ESTABLISH
THE PRECINCT
AND POLLING LOCATION
FOR THE TOWN OF SILVER CREEK**

WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF SILVER CREEK, TWO HARBORS, MN, pursuant to Minnesota Statute section 204B.14, is required to establish or re-establish the boundaries of the election precincts within the township following the redistricting of the Legislature; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota has been redistricted; and

WHEREAS, precinct boundaries must be re-established within 60 days of the time when the Legislature has been redistricted or at least 19 weeks before the State Primary, whichever comes first;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Silver Creek, Lake County, Minnesota hereby re-establishes the boundaries of the voting precincts and polling places as follows:

Precinct 1 is defined by the entire area within the boundaries of Silver Creek Township (known as *Town of Silver Creek*) as defined by the attached map. And this precinct contains no other areas outside of the Township boundaries. The polling place for the precinct is located at 1924 Town Road, Two Harbors, MN 55616.

Motion by Supervisor _____.

Adopted on March 22, 2022

Charles Voss

Gregory Hull

Christopher Jaeger

ATTEST: _____

Alison Oftedahl, Clerk

Anderson Employment Status: As discussed and agreed at last week's COW meeting, motion Hull, second Voss to hire Allen Anderson retroactive to March 5, 2022 as an emergency On-Call Backup Operator at \$30 per hour with the terms listed on the MN Dept of Labor and Industry Employee Notice submitted by the Clerk. Carried unanimously.

PENDING BUSINESS:

Resolution for ARPA Fund Use – Voss tabled this Resolution until the next meeting but did share that leftover ARPA funds from last year can be used for vehicle purchase per the Attorney.

There being no further business, motion Voss, second Jaeger to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday April 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Oftedahl, Clerk