

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, in the Board Meeting Room at 1924 Town Road for the purpose of discussing all issues before the Board.

Present were Supervisors: Chuck Voss, Greg Hull, and Chris Jaeger; Clerk Alison Oftedah!; Wastewater Operator Mike Hoops; Town Operations and Facilities Manager Jody Reineccius; (by phone) Deputy Clerk Katie Anderson; and Deputy Treasurer Bobbi Salakka.

Absent: Treasurer Jamie Pellman.

Chairman Voss called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:

None.

ROAD & SAFETY:

Road Report – Reineccius reported he is attending the DOT training on March 2nd to renew his DOT certification as an inspector. He also is scheduled for the Class C Wastewater exam on March 9th. Reineccius reported he and Thompson have been keeping up with the roads with the road grader and plowing snow. The fenders on the small equipment trailer needed straightening and the deck on the trailer needs work done by replacing boards on it. Hull mentioned he has white oak boards available for the deck on the trailer. Reineccius has decided to hold off on hiring an On-Call employee for now. He also spoke with Dan Spina about chip-rock, and Spina told Reineccius there is none left.

Gravel Pit- Reineccius reported he has been clearing and burning brush at the gravel pit.

SEWER OPERATIONS:

Sewer Report – Operator Hoops presented his report to be viewed.

Motion Voss, second Hull to accept the Wastewater Operator’s Report (included below) as presented. Carried unanimously.

Wastewater Operator’s Report – February 14, 2023

Influent	2022	2023
January	0.4204 million gallons	est. 0.409 million gallons
February	0.4567 million gallons	
March	0.6321 million gallons	
April	0.8675 million gallons	
May	0.8232 million gallons	
June	0.8657 million gallons	
July	0.9316 million gallons	
August	0.8870 million gallons	
September	0.9317 million gallons	
October	0.6251 million gallons	
November	0.6000 million gallons	
<u>December</u>	<u>0.3881Million gallons</u>	
Total	8.4291 million gallons	

In addition, there was no trucked in wastewater during January.

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	2.218 million gallons irrigated.
September - Discharged 0.923 million gallons of water	2.984 million gallons irrigated.
<u>October - Discharged 0</u>	<u>1.147 million gallons irrigated.</u>
Total for year- 12.961 million gallons	16.916 million gallons irrigated.

Current Operations

Pond capacity remains good. Should have plenty of room unless we have an extremely wet spring. Lift Station #1 -Pump #2 has been installed back into the lift station and is running. Correct wiring of the pump remains to be done. The patch on the pipe is holding, but this is short term fix only. It is still in an alarm mode, and we cannot get an explanation as to why. Eric Appelwick and his electrician will be up when we have a warm day to work on this issue.

Fuel leak on #1 Generator has been repaired.

Grinder pump repairs have been done on an as needed basis. We had a couple this month.

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 no change.

REVIEW MINUTES:

Motion Voss, second Jaeger to accept as presented the January 17th Regular Meeting minutes. Motion Hull, second Jaeger to accept as presented the February 7th Budget/Levy Working Meeting, Motion Hull, second Voss, to accept as presented with one correction the February 14th Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes. All motions carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

The Treasurer’s Report including March 1st loan payment was presented by Salakka as follows: TOSC checking: \$48,769.22 and TOSC savings: \$716,524.19 for a total of \$765,293.41. Outstanding checks totaled \$5,542.80 for a CTAS balance: \$759,750.6. This will include the loan payment for a total of \$27,793.88. Motion Hull, second Jaeger to accept the January Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion Hull, second Voss to authorize the requested transfer of \$80,000.00 from savings to checking. Both motions carried unanimously.

READING OF THE BILLS:

The current month’s bills were read: claims 9650-9684, totaling \$33,832.11, and payrolls through February 25th. Motion Voss, second Jaeger, to authorize payment of the bills as presented. Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board considered the following:

- Email from Lake County regarding information about vacation rental and cellular tower on Alger Grade.
- Email from Minnesota Benefit Association regarding Township Group Life and Disability Insurance program.
- Three Land Use Applications from Lake County were reviewed.
- Email from MATIT regarding Spring Short Courses at the DECC in Duluth April 7th, 2023, for Supervisors, Clerks, and Treasurers. Motion Hull, second Voss, to approve Voss, Hull, Anderson and Oftedahl to attend the DECC training, and to reimburse them for all expenses necessarily and actually incurred. Motion carried unanimously. After discussion, motion Voss, second Hull to approve the new officer to attend the DECC training if they choose to go and to reimburse all expenses necessarily and actually incurred. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Personnel Reviews– Hull reported Reineccius is scheduled for his review Friday. Voss recessed the Regular Meeting at 7:31 p.m. for the Board of Audit.

Voss reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 7:36pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Budget/Levy– The Board found no way to avoid raising the Levy. Motion Jaeger, second Voss, to have Hull present the 2024 Proposed Budget/Levy (shown below) at the Annual Meeting. Motion was half supported by Hull. Motion Carried (2-1).

Proposed 2024 Budget and Levy:

<u>Budget:</u>	<u>2024 Proposed</u>
General	\$118,100
Road & Bridge	\$343,500
Road Enhancement	\$20,000
Buildings	\$39,250
Fire	\$45,000
Cemetery	\$10,500
General Debt Service	\$56,000
TOWN TOTAL	\$632,350

<u>Levy:</u>	<u>2024 Proposed</u>
General	\$44,000
Road & Bridge	\$275,000
Road Enhancement	\$20,000
Building	\$25,000
Fire	\$45,000
Cemetery	\$2,500
General Debt Service	\$28,500
TOWN TOTAL LEVY	\$440,000

Other anticipated Income	<u>\$95,300</u>
TOWN TOTAL INCOME	\$535,300

Newsletter– The Board viewed and discussed the newsletter. Suggestions were made by the Board about the sewer story.

PENDING BUSINESS:

None.

There being no further business, motion Voss, second Jaeger to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday March 21st, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Anderson, Deputy Clerk