

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
OCTOBER 12, 2021

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday October 12, 2021 in the Board Meeting Room at 1924 Town Road, for the purpose of discussing all issues before the Board.

Present: Supervisors Chuck Voss, Chris Jaeger, and Greg Hull; Clerk Alison Oftedahl; Town Operations and Facilities Manager Jody Reineccius; Deputy Clerk Katie Anderson and Wastewater Operator Mike Hoops.

Absent: None

Chairman Voss called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Constituent Concerns – None.

Road and Safety – Reineccius reported that road grading and filling of low spots is underway. While mowing at the sewer ponds, the mower broke down again. Reineccius borrowed a different type of brush cutter that attaches to the front and used it for a couple days as a comparison. He said it works a lot better than ours. The one he borrowed can be purchased new for about \$3,700, significantly less than the one we own. Reineccius said that screens have been removed from the Pavilion and he has begun putting customer items into storage. He has also been working on the ice rink area and he plans add a liner and sides so that much less water is needed to flood the rink. He plans to use inexpensive plastic for the liner and telephone poles for the sides.

General Sewer Operations – Reineccius took his Class C Operator test. He was shut out of the review class due to a registration backlog after 2020. He has not yet received the results. At the sewer, mowing and brushing of irrigation lines was completed and pump calibrations are next. Operator Hoops then presented his Operator's Report and said things are going really well. Irrigation is done for the year. There have been no failures at customer locations in quite a while. The leaky tank at Lift Station 2 has been repaired by Wiikwaibaan Inini and is ready for winter. Hoops said he is heading out to Montana in the next few days.

Christensen Survey and Easement – Hoops reported that Tofte has been out to survey the utility area at Christensen's parcels. He asked the Clerk to work on getting the utility easements done. It was noted that the attorney will have to draw up the legal paperwork before it can be recorded at the County.

Growth Plan – A new version of the Growth Plan was not yet ready to view but Hoops reported he is working on it with Oftedahl. In researching the number of gallons of capacity allocated to each commercial account, it was discovered that Grand Superior Lodge exceeded their capacity in 2019. Last year (2020) was lower but the resort was closed part of the year due to COVID. Because they have had water leaks in the past, a letter will be drafted to remind them of their capacity and let them know the costs of purchasing more capacity. Hoops also said that the cost per 100,000 gallons of commercial capacity has not been increased over the years and that it needs to be per the Growth Plan.

Stewart River Wastewater Project – Voss reported on his speech at UMD for legislators and said it went well. He reported that he spoke to Two Harbors Mayor Chris Swanson before the presentation to let him know that he would be discussing regionalization with Two Harbors. He was told that a new proposal from Two Harbor's engineering firm for a regional approach should be coming to Silver Creek soon. The group also discussed the request for more detail on the Bollig invoices. The Clerk reported that the invoices going forward will list hours by type of engineer, etc. Jaeger said that the type of activity should be provided. It was suggested that Voss request this from Nathan Feist.

Correspondence – The following items were passed around for consideration:

- Letter drafted by the Clerk to Natalie Hoff in regard to their expansion of the Rustic Restaurant.
- Yoga Rental Agreements for the Historic Hall for October.
- Response form sent to the school district with reimbursement terms for the school district referendum election.

- Lake County COVID 19 Situation Update showing 62 active cases in the County.
- 7 Approved Land Use Applications from Lake County.

#### OLD BUSINESS

US Bank Certificate of Deposit for Gordon Variance – No change on this project.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Website – The Board was not able to view the partially constructed website because phones and internet at the Town office and meeting room had been down for two days. The Clerk agreed to forward a link to the site and asked Supervisors to provide feedback on the overall style, noting that the site is not done. Wix is being used as the platform because it is the simplest for maintenance and will allow the Clerk and Deputy to easily update things without having to call Breakwall Digital for every change.

Policy for Meeting Recordings – The Board reviewed a draft resolution stating that recordings would be used primarily for drafting minutes and be deleted annually. The group questioned the timing of deletions. The Clerk may tweak the wording. The Resolution will be voted upon next week if there is consensus.

#### PENDING BUSINESS

Seasonal Storage – Reineccius reported that the Pavilion is ready, and storage of items is underway. He said that if he can get items in before Saturday, he will do so to save the overtime costs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. upon motion Voss, second Hull. Carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Town Board will be held on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alison Oftedahl, Clerk