

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 21, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, June 21, 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, 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:**

None.

**ROAD & SAFETY:**

Road Report – Reineccius discussed obtaining a conditional use permit for a gravel pit on the Township’s land. The test holes showed a lot of good sand and also some pit-run and rock.

Sale of 2012 Dodge – Reineccius is checking with the wholesale dealer that Jaeger suggested and then he and Jaeger will decide whether to use the auction or the dealer.

Mid-State Truck Financing – The new truck is expected any time now. Voss reported that he will be gone on vacation for two weeks. Vice Chairman Jaeger was asked to sign the check and financing documents for the new truck if it arrives during Voss’ absence.

Consolidated Phone Service – Hull reported that he spoke to the CPS representative and learned that the Tower project has been delayed a year. He was assured that CPS will work with the Township on the project to avoid issues.

Culvert Work – Hull asked Reineccius about the status of the culvert needing replacement where Alger Grade crosses the Encampment River. This is waiting on the County for funding. Hull also reported that the County might be interested in paying the township to install a new culvert at the Clark Road Spur. It is a county road, but due to short staffing, Lake County has not had time to do the work. They would provide materials and Jody and Paul could do the installation. They would need it done for under \$5,000. Reineccius agreed to look into this.

Cemetery Trees – Reineccius asked for suggestions on types of trees to put into the cemetery to replace ones cut down. He also reported a plan to create a display around the flagpole, with rocks and flowers.

**SEWER OPERATIONS:**

Reineccius reported that there is a repair needed for a cracked pipe at Lift Station 1. Wiikwaibaan Inini will be hired to do the work. The group discussed that only two of the new hookup projects seem to be moving forward. After discussion, motion Hull, second Voss to accept the Wastewater Operator’s Report (included below) as presented. Carried unanimously.

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Wastewater Operator’s Report – June 14, 2022

<b>Influent</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
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	
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>	

In addition there was 0.0422 million gallons of trucked in wastewater during May. This is down significantly. But the numbers were there on the fifth of June as requested.

**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

**2022**

3.018 million gallons irrigated

**Current Operations**

Spring coming so late and the amount of moisture has put stress on staff to get the work done on Town projects. We have pumps on hand but have several pumps in need of repair.

This construction season is turning into a fiasco. We have the tanks for 3 homes. Now that may be more than we need. We have one home under construction that we must make the connection on, but not sure when there will be a pump and panel for it. I requested June delivery and they said maybe September. I leaned hard on the rep that I deal with at WW Goetsch because he told me pumps and panels were in stock. So waiting to see how that will play out. We will install the tank and make the connection.

Rostvold construction has started but there has been no response on an application.

Gerard has an application in but no escrow money or contact with him. I've left a message that we should talk, but no response. He keeps changing contractors.

Christensen development on East Castle Danger Rd. 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. I'm not sure where this is going. They could not get applications to turn these into vacation rentals prior to the moratorium being enacted. Now they are waffling on whether there will be homes built there.

Team Labs ran the drone boat over the ponds last Thursday and took sludge samples. I am waiting for a response from Team Labs on what they found regarding sludge depths and composition of same.

Rain continues to fall. We are very wet and the ponds keep getting more water in them. The bugs are horrendous and the mud is deep. I am ready to retire.

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

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**STEWART RIVER SEWER:**

Voss reported no updates to the project.

**REVIEW MINUTES:**

Motion Voss, second Jaeger to accept as presented the May 17 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion Voss, second Hull to accept the June 14th Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes with one correction noted. Both motions carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Pellman as follows: TOSC checking: \$53,429.67 and TOSC savings: \$545,236.91 for a total of \$598,666.58. Outstanding checks totaled \$3,082.68 for a CTAS balance: \$595,583.90. Motion Hull, second Jaeger to accept the May Treasurer's Report, as presented. After discussing the amount of the transfer needed for culverts, chloride, diesel, and sewer materials, motion Voss, second Jaeger to authorize the requested transfer of \$64,000 from savings to checking. Both motions carried unanimously.

**READING OF THE BILLS:**

The current month's bills were read: claims 9388-9409, totaling \$48,194.49, and payrolls through June 24th. Motion Voss, second Jaeger, to authorize payment of the bills as presented except for Pomp's Tire Service. Carried unanimously. Motion Hull, second Jaeger to empower Reineccius to get the invoice with the work detail on the Pomp's Statement and to decide whether to go ahead with payment or to dispute it. Carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Board considered the following:

- Signed Hall Rental Agreement from Ukulele Club.
- Email from Mid-State Truck Service regarding delivery of the truck we ordered.
- Email providing costs of two proposed changes to town's insurance coverage.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Cemetery Dispute – No changes to this situation.

Printer/Copier Purchase – Oftedahl reported that she and Anderson had gone on site to see demonstrations on their top two choices but had not made the final decision. Costs of the top choices were very similar. After some discussion, motion Hull, second Voss to authorize the Clerk and Deputy to spend up to \$3,500 on purchase of a new printer/copier. Carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Insurance Policy Changes – Motion Hull, second Jaeger to approve an increase in coverage to \$20,000, on Reineccius mini-excavator when rented by the Township. Carried unanimously.

Cemetery Directory Update – Oftedahl reported that she requested an estimate from Jim Gilbert at Waldo Signworks and will be sending the names over to him.

Reschedule of Board Meetings in Conflict with Elections – Per discussion at COW, motion Voss, second Hull to reschedule the August COW to the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and to reschedule the November meetings as follows: COW on the 15<sup>th</sup> and the Regular meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Carried unanimously.

**PENDING BUSINESS:**

None

There being no further business, motion Voss, second Jaeger to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday July 19, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alison Oftedahl, Clerk