

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 16, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, in the Board Meeting Room. Present were Supervisors Chuck Voss, Greg Hull, Deputy Clerk Katie Anderson; Treasurer Jamie Pellman; and Town Operations and Facilities Manager Jody Reineccius.

Absent: Supervisor Scott Krech, Clerk Alison Oftedahl

Visitors Present: Gregg Swartwoudt, Andrew Fellows, Joe Jacobs, Chris Jaeger

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

CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:

None.

ROAD & SAFETY:

Road Report – Reineccius reported Thompson has been grading the roads. There are some soft spots on the roads. He also said road bans will be off soon. Reineccius has finished painting the tractor mower, but he needs to order decals for it.

Seasonal Storage Removal – Reineccius reported there are only a couple campers left to pick up.

SEWER OPERATIONS:

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

Wastewater Operator’s Report 2024

Created 03/12/2024.

Influent	2022	2023	2024
January	420,400 gallons	409,300 gallons	339,797 gallons
February	456,700 gallons	448,500 gallons	334,101 gallons
March	632,100 gallons	482,900 gallons	408,762 gallons
April	867,500 gallons	694,000 gallons	
May	823,200 gallons	542,000 gallons	
June	865,700 gallons	706,400 gallons	
July	931,600 gallons	800,000 gallons	
August	887,000 gallons	780,247 gallons	
September	931,700 gallons	800,860 gallons	
October	625,100 gallons	567,797 gallons	
November	600,000 gallons	313,260 gallons	
December	388,100 gallons	440,265 gallons	
Totals	8,429,100 gallons	6,985,529 gallons	

Total trucked in septage and greywater for the year of 2023 was: 663,395 gallons.

Effluent	2022	2023	2024
January	0 gallons	0 gallons	0 gallons
February	0 gallons	0 gallons	0 gallons
March	0 gallons	0 gallons	0 gallons
April	0 gallons	0 gallons	
May	3,018,000 gallons	3,040,000 gallons	
June	2,986,000 gallons	2,687,000 gallons	
July	4,563,000 gallons	4,053,000 gallons	
August	2,218,000 gallons	1,960,000 gallons	
September	2,984,000 gallons	3,375,000 gallons	

October	1,147,000 gallons	3,667,500 gallons	
November	0 gallons	0 gallons	
December	0 gallons	0 gallons	
Totals	16,916,000 gallons	18,790,000 gallons	

Current Operations

Lift Stations are all good.

Sewer pumps are all rebuilt.

Ice is off the ponds. Ramping up to start irrigation.

Rostvold and Gerard Installations – waiting on electricians to finish and a couple level sensors. And Steve Green to come teach us how to set all up.

Did water transfer from pond 2 to pond 3 and also pond 1 to pond 2.

All reports submitted to MPCA.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Reineccius, Wastewater Operator

Survey for Utility Easement – Reineccius said he will meet with Rick Tofte tomorrow.

Gerard and Panel Installation – Steve Green is coming next Tuesday to complete the installations.

Frischmann’s Alarm – Reineccius said Steve Green is going to look at it Tuesday next week.

Rostvold Tank – Not discussed.

STEWART RIVER SEWER:

Financial Agreement with Lake County – A letter was mailed to Lake County Board of Commissioners to request a four-year extension.

REVIEW MINUTES:

Motion Hull, second Voss to accept the 3/19 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion Hull, second Voss to accept as presented the 4/9 Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes. And, motion Hull, second Voss to accept as presented the 4/9 CDSSD Rate Hearing minutes. All motions carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Pellman as follows: TOSC checking: \$53,010.17 and TOSC savings: \$641,629.14 for a total of \$694,639.31. Outstanding checks totaled \$2,702.57 for a CTAS balance: \$691,936.74. Motion Hull, second Voss to accept the March Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion Voss, second Hull to authorize the requested transfer of \$38,000 from savings to checking. Both motions carried unanimously.

READING OF THE BILLS:

The current month’s bills were read: claims 10132 - 10161, totaling \$21,250.27, and payrolls through April 19th. Motion Voss, second Hull, to authorize payment of the bills as presented. Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board considered the following:

- Letter from Nate Eidie Land Commissioner Forestry / Land Department showing tax forfeited properties in the Silver Creek Township.
- Castle Danger Sewer System Septage and Domestic Wastewater Dumping Application & Agreement for Matt Lundgren’s Septic Pumping.

OLD BUSINESS:

Historic Town Hall – Not discussed.

Follow up Maji Ya Chai – The group discussed Hull and Voss’ attendance at the Maji Ya Chai Land Sanctuary Hearing to listen to the Lake County Board of Commissioners decision.

NEW BUSINESS:

Plan for LBAE– Lake County Assessor Gregg Swartwoudt, Joe Jacobs, and Andrew Fellows attended the meeting to answer questions from the Board.

Plan Road Tour – Starts at 7:00 a.m. on May 7th, 2024.

Review Insurance Levels – The Board decided to make no changes.

Pellman Treasurer Resignation – Pellman moving out of the township and has resigned from Treasurer position. Not effective immediately.

Board Reorganization Items:

Chairmanship – Motion Hull, second Voss to nominate Voss to Chairmanship this year. Voss accepted the nomination. Motion Voss, second Hull to nominate Hull to Vice Chair this year. Hull accepted.

Areas of Responsibility – Motion Hull, second Voss to designate areas of responsibility as follows: Voss: Stewart River Project and Castle Danger Wastewater; Hull: Roads and Personnel; Krech: Facilities and Cemetery.

Meeting Schedule – Motion Hull, second Voss to adopt the board meeting schedule below as previously adopted and posted. Carried unanimously.

May 07, 2024	Road Tour 7:00 a.m.
May 07, 2024	Board of Equalization (LBAE) 1:00 p.m.
May 14, 2024	COW 6:30 p.m.
May 21, 2024	Regular 6:30 p.m.
June 11, 2024	COW 6:30 p.m.
June 18, 2024	Regular 6:30 p.m.
July 09, 2024	COW 6:30 p.m.
July 16, 2024	Regular 6:30 p.m.
August 06, 2024	COW 6:30 p.m.
August 20, 2024	Regular 6:30 p.m. and Reconvene of Annual Meeting
September 10, 2024	COW 6:30 p.m.
September 17, 2024	Regular 6:30 p.m.
October 08, 2024	COW 6:30 p.m.
October 15, 2024	<i>Lake County COW 6:00 p.m. at Silver Creek</i>
October 22, 2024	Regular 6:30 p.m.
November 12, 2024	COW 6:30 p.m.
November 19, 2024	Regular 6:30 p.m.
December 10, 2024	COW 6:30 p.m.

December 17, 2024	Regular 6:30 p.m.
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Motion Hull, second Voss to designate the Northshore Journal as the Town's official newspaper.

Motion Hull, second Voss to adopt the following posting sites: bulletin board at the office entrance and the town website: www.ttosc.org.

Motion Voss, second Hull to designate Park State Bank as Depository for all Town funds. Carried unanimously.

Motion Voss, second Hull to maintain the Chairman's salary at \$500 per month. Carried unanimously.

Motion Voss, second Hull to maintain the Supervisors' salary at \$400 per month. Carried unanimously.

Motion Voss, second Hull to increase the Clerk hourly rate by the same COLA amount as was provided to employees including the Deputy Clerk, to \$29.99 per hour. Carried unanimously.

Motion Voss, second Hull to maintain the Treasurer's wage at \$450 per month. Carried unanimously.

Motion Hull, second Voss to increase the Deputy Treasurer wage to \$75 per meeting and additionally, to pay an hourly rate of \$20 per hour for any work done outside the meeting. Carried unanimously.

Motion Hull, second Voss to set the rates shown below, effective May 1, 2024.

\$ 25 for Special meetings held 5:00 p.m. or later in conjunction with a regular scheduled Board meeting – no paid mileage.

\$ 75 for Special meetings held 5:00 p.m. or later not in conjunction with a regular scheduled Board meeting – mileage paid,

\$ 100 for Special meetings held during working hours with mileage paid.

\$ 200 All day training sessions with mileage paid.

Motion Hull, second Voss to maintain the Election Judge wage at \$17.50/hr.

Voss was appointed to Northshore Management Board and Hull was appointed to the Forestry group.

Motion Hull, second Voss to confirm the mileage reimbursement at \$0.67 per mile.

After viewing manuals, motion Hull, second Voss to accept the AWAIR manual, Policy manual, Resolution Book, and Ordinance Books as presented.

Motion Hull, second Voss to designate Scott Witty at Hanft Fride as the Town Attorney.

The previous 10 motions carried unanimously.

PENDING BUSINESS:

None.

There being no further business, motion Voss, second Hull to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday May 21, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Anderson, Deputy Clerk