

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2022

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday December 13th, 2022, 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; and (by phone) Deputy Clerk Katie Anderson.

Absent: Town Operations and Facilities Manager Jody Reineccius; and Wastewater Operator Mike Hoops.

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

Road Report – No report presented because Reineccius was absent.

Part-Time On-Call Employee – Hull reported that the interview was scheduled for today, but it had to be cancelled due to illness.

Gravel Pit Next Steps – Anderson reported, she has started the online stormwater permit application. The Clerks reported trying to get the bond of \$2500.00 with Harbor Insurance.

General Sewer Operations

Operator Report – The Board discussed the Wastewater Operator Report.

Repair of Lift Station – Wiikwaibaan Inini was scheduled today to do the installation of the repair #1 Lift Station #2 Pump. The work needed to be rescheduled to a later date due to illness.

Increase Transfer for use of Sewer Truck – The current annual transfer amount since 2014 is set for \$1000.00. The estimated miles put on the sewer truck this year was 3500. The Board discussed raising the transfer amount to \$2,170.00 based on the current mileage rate. The Board will decide on next year's transfer amount next week.

Stewart River Wastewater Project

Voss reported no changes made.

Treasurer Report

Levy and Taconite Shortfall

The Board viewed the Receipts for 2022 and saw we received \$20,999.42 less than expected Levy amount, and \$7,062.00 less than expected taconite tax amount. The group discussed the fact we will receive less taconite tax next year. Ideas for cutting the budget was discussed. The Clerk plans to call the Auditor at Lake County to see if there will be more Levy money coming.

Correspondence

The following items were passed around for consideration:

- Minutes from Lake and Cook County Township Meeting reporting a lawsuit going on with MAT Association.
- From MAT, email about Township Day at the Capitol.
- Email announcing MAT-U a new online training model.
- From MATIT, an email announcing Online 2023 Worker's Compensation Payroll Audit.
- From MN Rural Water, request for letters of support.
- Email with November analytics for TTOSC.ORG showing 108 site sessions.
- Copy of the levy check received this December.
- Copy of the letter written by the Clerk acknowledging donation from the estate of Wayne and Marlys Golly.
- Email from the Clerk to MAT Trainers asking whether prepayment of burial is allowed.
- From Lake County, the minutes for the Gravel Pit Hearing.
- One approved Lake County Septic Permit.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Meeting Schedule for 2023 – The Board viewed and discussed the dates and considered the proposed schedule. The Board will finalize it at next week's Board meeting.

Christmas and New Year's Holiday Observed Dates this year – The Clerk confirmed that both holidays will be observed on Mondays. The Board agreed.

Resolution Designating Polling Place – The Board will sign the Resolution at the meeting next week.

Personnel Reviews – Hull said he might not do reviews based upon no issues.

PENDING BUSINESS

Cemetery Sign – The new directory sign has now been placed at the kiosk.

Payment Status Repair to West Clark Road – We have not yet received payment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m. Upon motion Voss, second Hull. Carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Town Board will be held on Tuesday, December 20th, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Anderson, Deputy Clerk