

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
July 13, 2021

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday July 13, 2021, in the Board Meeting Room at 1924 Town Road, for the purpose of discussing all issues before the Board.

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

Absent: None

Chairman Voss called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Constituent Concerns – None.

Road and Safety – Reineccius reported on efforts to get roadside and ditches mowed. He discussed issues with breakdowns of the skid steer mower and reported on experiments with other machines. He currently is trying to rent a flail mower and then borrow a tractor to see how that would work. He said he is not sure of the best solution, but the roads need to be mowed. He reported that he applied chloride to the Gooseberry Falls State Park roads and some City of Silver Bay roads. Silver Bay will haul gravel for us this fall in trade for the cost of the service. He also reported on communication received from John Schlangen about necessary bridge repairs to the bridge over Gooseberry. The Board asked Reineccius to let them know if he thought the Town should get a second opinion on the issues uncovered by the County inspection. He also reported three burials taking place at the cemetery.

General Sewer Operations – Operator Hoops presented the Operator Report and noted that the dry weather was great for the ponds with evaporation keeping pond levels low. He said they did get results of sludge samples with 47% inorganic material in the sludge. He said the new screens now being used by septage haulers will reduce this material in the sludge going forward. He reported that they are starting work on stubbing in sewer lines to three parcels of Lavonne Christensen and noted that the original parcel access fee was already paid but that the \$16,000 access fees for the other two parcels should be received into the Enterprise Replacement Fund.

Status of Wastewater Accounts – The Clerk reported The Rustic restaurant has brought their account up to date.

Stewart River Wastewater Project – Voss reported that we had heard from Amy Klobuchar's Office that the funding request for Stewart River was forwarded to the Senate Appropriations Committee with the support of Senator Klobuchar. It is not a guarantee of funding. The next step is for each appropriation subcommittee to write their own bills. They expect to have news about the next step by late summer or early fall. The group then reviewed draft language of Resolution 2021-9 authorizing submission of a Point Source Implementation Grant application to Minnesota Public Facilities Authority. The group felt it looked straight forward and will vote on it next week.

Correspondence – The following items were passed around for consideration:

- Estimate created by Hoops for connection of Lavonne Christensen's three parcels to sewer system.
- Request from Gooseberry Falls State Park for Dust Control and the quote for same.
- Forms from Park State Bank authorizing ACH Batch transfers – these were not yet signed due to questions.
- IRS notification of failure to submit form B with the form 941 Quarterly reporting. The Clerk reported that she called IRS to clarify what was done incorrectly and will complete the form properly on the next quarter's report.
- Compliance form for PSIG grant request for Stewart River signed by Chairman Voss.
- 1 signed Hall Rental Agreement for July Yoga classes.

- Signed Septage Dumping Agreement with Larson Septic Service.
- An Affidavit of Posting of meeting schedule change was signed.
- Minnesota Association of Townships Newsletter and letter about ARPA funding were received.
- 8 Approved Land Use Applications and Hearing Minutes from Lake County were reviewed.
- 5 Notifications of Public Hearings for Land Use Issues were received.
- Lake County COVID-19 Situation Update showing active cases at 3.

#### OLD BUSINESS

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

Highway 61 New Frontage Road Maintenance Agreement – Concerns with the agreement sent to Silver Creek were discussed. No direct calls have been received from MNDOT, but an email asking the status of the contract was received.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Park State Bank ACH Changes – Oftedahl reported on a meeting with the Bank in which we were informed that we would no longer have our semi-annual fee agreement for batch processing that we had with Lake Bank. They will charge the Town monthly based upon per item in each batch. The Clerk also reported that we would no longer have interest paid monthly on the savings account but would be paid quarterly. The ACH forms were reviewed. The Board had questions on who should sign and exactly how much we would be charged for our batches.

New Federal Juneteenth Holiday – Voss suggested changing the floating holiday to Juneteenth holiday. Others suggested not making any changes to the current holidays granted to Silver Creek employees.

#### PENDING BUSINESS

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m. upon motion Voss, second Hull. Carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Town Board will be held on Tuesday July 20, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alison Oftedahl, Clerk