

Supervisor Board Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2020

Silver Creek Township

On Tuesday January 21, 2020 the Silver Creek Board of Supervisors met at the Silver Creek Town Hall located at 3827 134th Street NW, Monticello, Minnesota 55362, Wright County, and State of Minnesota. The meeting was tape recorded for transcribing purposes only.

Chairman Ness called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 4 people in the audience at the start of the meeting. Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present

Dan Ness, Chairman	Barry Heikkinen, Supervisor
Chris Klein, Supervisor	Sandy Forsman, Supervisor
Mike Ludenia, Supervisor	Nancy Betzler, Clerk/Treasurer

Absent: None

All present stood and recited the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

OPEN FORUM: John Krause was present to discuss issues with the bar in Silver Creek, parking on private property, blocking driveways, trash outside on the ground, drinking outside and excess noise. The Township will talk to the County to see if there is something that can be done to address the issues.

Johann Massmann was present to say that the Monticello School Superintendent has been holding coffee chats and has one scheduled at the Township Hall, he is also doing a survey to see why people are leaving the school district. Mr. Massmann also has concerns that the Monticello Community Center is charging more for township residents to use the center than Monticello city residents.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Supervisor Heikkinen made motion to approve agenda, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion carried, 5-0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Regular Meeting Minutes: 01-07-2020 and List of Claims (List of Disbursements presented to Board at Meeting) – Included check numbers 16038--116087 in the total amount of \$127,274.28. Motion by Supervisor Ludenia to approve minutes and list of claims as presented, second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion carried, 5-0

Affidavit of Official Interest in Claim – Motion to approve by Supervisor Ludenia, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried, 4-0-1 abstained, Chris Klein interested party.

Audit of Claims: 16056 Cintas	\$	86.12
16060 Johnson Material		866.69
16067 Nuss Truck		1,390.14
16071 Sam's Club		39.96

Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to approve. Second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion carried, 5-0.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report:

We have had a discussion about putting a complaint form on the website and I'm wondering if we can just add to our contact page instead of having a new page added. It was decided that we will add to our contact page.

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We need to sign the Schlenner Wenner Contract and sign a form from the Census Bureau about the Township boundaries. Items were signed and will be returned.

<u>Balance as of December 31, 2020</u>	<u>Current Month to Date</u>
Revenue Account: \$176,314.76	To Deposit Revenue \$ 146.60
Road & Bridge Acct: <u>336,007.88</u>	To Deposit R&B
Total Available 512,314.88	Total Disbursements 127,274.28
Fire Fund 55,775.76	
Contingency Fund: 9,112.75	
Checks out \$ 16,395.57	
Checking 24,526.83	

Motion to approve Clerk/Treasurers report by Supervisor Ludenia. Second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion carried, 5-0.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Supervisor Ludenia gave report

1. The grader is back seems to be working good tires put on the front.
2. Have been plowing and sanding.
3. Hauled in more sand.
4. Took in the Mack truck for electrical issues.
5. Cut ice off the road.

Old Business

Gravel Lease: Discussed the new gravel lease, gravel went up 5 cents per yard to \$1.60 for the first 2 years and up 5 cents per yard to \$1.65 for the second 2 years of the lease and the rock up 20 cents to \$3.30 per yard.

CMRP: Supervisor Heikkinen has been asked to consider being a member of the Executive Committee for the CMRP as Secretary. Motion by Supervisor Ness to approve the funding for Barry Heikkinen to be part of the Executive Committee for the CMRP for the usually meeting amount. Second by Supervisor Forsman. Amended to say for the year 2020. Motion carried 3 yes 1 no 1 abstained, Barry Heikkinen interested party.

The CMRP is looking for motivational messages that would engage public interest. Supervisor Heikkinen came up with some examples to give to them. The planner also wants to know about Silver Creeks assets such as Mississippi River, lakes, parks, I-94 interchange, Silver Creek creek, different fire departments/post offices/school districts, Town Hall, mineral rich.

Should we consider becoming a city and have our Attorney come and explain what would be needed.

Resolution conflict of interest: Resolution 2020-01-21 was read (see attached). Motion made by Supervisor Ness to accept the resolution, second by Supervisor Ludenia.

Motion carried 4-0-1 abstained Chris Klein interested party.

Budget/Levy: Prices have increase 4 to 6 % some years since 2014 for gravel hauling, crushing, pit reclamation. The current levy for R&B is \$645,000 and \$145,000 for the General Fund. Should we ask for a percent increase or a dollar amount per parcel or no increase? We may have to have a workshop to get it done.

New Business:

County Ag Inspector County drainage report: Gave the board members a copy to look over.

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Local Board of Appeal-Open Book Meeting: The County assessor has set a date for the meeting on April 9th, 2020 at 3pm to 7pm at the Wright Co Government Center. Motion by Supervisor Ness to accept the County’s date and time for the open book meeting on April 9th from 3:00pm to 7:00pm, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried 5-0.

Quotes Gravel crushing and Culverts: We need to call for quotes. The gravel crushing contractor has said he would be willing to extend the gravel crushing contract under the same terms and conditions as the last 2 years. Motion by Supervisor Ness to accept that. Second by Supervisor Klein. Motion carried 5-0.

We received one quote for gravel hauling from Bjorklund at \$4:30 per yard. Will try to get more quotes.

We received a quote from Schmidt’s Excavating for culvert work at his hourly rates. Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to accept the hourly rates, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion carried 5-0.

Reviewed the culverts that will be needed this year. Motion by Supervisor Ludenia to approve to spend up to \$10,000 for culverts including trucking. Second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion carried 5-0.

Misc.: Supervisor Ness received a call from Steve Zachman about a water problem with water coming unto his property. The water has been draining in the right of way also. We will monitor it.

Adjournment: Motion by Supervisor Klein to adjourn, second by Supervisor Ludenia. All present in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Silver Creek Township Clerk
Nancy Betzler
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Approved by Board of Supervisors
02/04/2020

