

Silver Creek Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
February 02, 2021

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Silver Creek Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, February 02, 2021 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. Vice Chair Heikkinen called the Supervisor meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Motion by Supervisor Ludenia to continue meeting until after the P&Z Meeting, second by Supervisor Ness. Motion carried. There were 15 people in the audience at the start of the meeting. All present stood and recited the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Motion by Supervisor Klein to re-open the meeting at 9:10pm second by Supervisor Ludenia. Carried.

Board Members Present

Barry Heikkinen, Supervisor
Dan Ness, Supervisor

Chris Klein, Supervisor
Mike Ludenia, Supervisor
Nancy Betzler, Clerk

Board Members Absent: Sandy Forsman

OPEN FORUM: There was a comment from the audience but not able to hear because of people leaving P & Z meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion to approve by Supervisor Klein, second by Supervisor Ness. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda Item: Regular Meeting Minutes 01/19/2021 and List of Claims to include check # 16737-16742 in the amount of \$5567.74. Motion to approve by Supervisor Ludenia, second by Supervisor Ness, carried 4-0.

Affidavit of Official Interest in Claims: Motion to approve by Supervisor Ludenia, second by Supervisor Ness. Motion carried 3-0-1 abstained, Chris Klein interested party.

Old Business:

Midco Franchise Agreement: To expand internet service in Township, Motion by Supervisor Klein to forward agreement to our Attorney, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Carried 4-0.

Rocks on Eagle Lake Road: DNR has not gotten back to us yet. Vehicles are driving through and causing damage to right of way. Will discuss again when we hear from DNR.

Internet/Phone: Internet has been upgraded. Phone numbers will be changed for the office and the shop. Office number will be 763-878-2600 and shop will be 763-878-0141.

Budget: Will be discussed at end of new business.

New Business:

Pay equity report: It has been sent in to the State for review.

2021 Open Book Meeting: Wright County Assessor's office has requested that we approve the meeting they set for April 8, 2021; 3pm to 7pm. Motion by Supervisor Klein to approve the open book meeting for 2021, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Carried 4-0.

Resolution to hold annual meeting remotely: Because of COVID MN association of Townships is recommending that the meeting be held remotely and be continued to later in the year when conditions may improve. See attached resolution. Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to approve the resolution, second by Supervisor Klein. Carried 4-0

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MN Benefit Life insurance: Discussed if we will continue with the life insurance coverage for Supervisors and employees that has been done for many years and the disability insurance that has been done since the start of COVID. Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to spend up to \$3390.00 for the insurance for Supervisors and employees. Second by Supervisor Ludenia. Carried 4-0.

Discuss resolution to limit future Supervisors employment. Continued to next meeting to discuss with Attorney.

Budget: Supervisor Heikkinen explained the budget figures he has been working with. He has added in a 2% cost of living increase. Discussed the cost of fixing the Township paved roads and the need of finding out what the cost might be. Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen that the maintenance dept. can spend up to \$3000 on engineer specs. for overlay, Second by Supervisor Ludenia. Carried 4-0. Supervisors Heikkinen & Ludenia will meet to discuss the budget figures using both budget samples before the next meeting. Continued to next meeting.

MISC: Received a quote from Schmitz Excavating for their hourly equipment rates for 2021. Motion by Supervisor Ludenia to accept Schmitz equipment rates. Second by Supervisor Klein. Carried 4-0

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Ludenia, second by Supervisor Ness. Motion carried. Adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Silver Creek Township Clerk
Nancy Betzler
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Approved by Board of Supervisors
February 16, 2021

