

Silver Creek Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
March 01, 2022

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Silver Creek Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday March 1, 2022 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. Motion to continue our Township meeting at this time by Supervisor Klein, second by Chairman Ludenia. Chair Ludenia called the Supervisor meeting to order at 7:35pm. 9 people were attending the meeting and 2 were on Zoom at the start of the meeting.

Board Members Present

Mike Ludenia, Chair	Chris Klein, Supervisor
Dan Ness, Supervisor	Sandy Forsman, Supervisor
Barry Heikkinen, Supervisor	Nancy Betzler, Clerk
	Julie Urbatch

Board Members Absent: None

OPEN FORUM:

Bruce Fuller: Long term resident of Twp. Built home on Bishop Avenue in 1976. Just need to voice my opinion, not looking for a vote. First, he thanked Brian and Chris with the work they have done on their Twp road. Second, Bishop Avenue, between CR39 and 119th Street (1.2 miles) was rebuilt and doesn't believe a chip seal will hold up on it. Did not get dust control until 7/22/2021. Would like to see chloride put down around Memorial Day. Would like to see Twp put asphalt on every township road. Bishop Avenue needs good asphalt, not chip seal. A lot of traffic in that area; estimated 80 vehicles in one day, with 1-2 run a business out of their home.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Move Road Boss in Old Business down to New Business. Motion to approve by Supervisor Heikkinen, second by Supervisor Ness. Motion carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Regular Meeting Minutes: 02-17-2022 and List of Claims & Disbursements. Spelling corrections were given. Motion to approve the consent agenda items by Supervisor Klein, second by Supervisor Ness. Carried 5-0.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Supervisor Klein stated that new employee Bill Eccless is working out well. We have been tree trimming, cutting & removal; Cleaning up shop, floor and trucks. Mack truck #2 needs repair. The quote for parts and labor for after-market radiator was just under \$4,000.

OLD BUSINESS:

Audit information: We need to accept the information and sign it and give it back to them that we are using them as auditors. Discussed the new audit it will be more than double the cost because we had to go to accrual accounting instead of cash accounting. Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen that we accept the information, second by Supervisor Ness. Carried 5-0

Annual Meeting: Talked about what we are going to do with levy before annual meeting on March 8, 2022. There will be a power point presentation. Engineer hopes to have report done by annual meeting. Current recycling contract ends on 12/31/2022. Currently have 990 pickups for recycling. We will continue this portion when we meet on Friday, March 4 at 7:00 pm to discuss the Annual Meeting Agenda.

Hall Rental: Currently we charge \$100/resident; \$150/non-resident with a \$500 damage deposit. We need to take into account the wear and tear on carpet, heating/cooling costs, cleaning of hall. Discussed to raise the rent to \$150/resident and \$200/non-resident. Motion to approve to increase our rate to \$150/resident and \$200/non-resident effective April 1, 2022 by Supervisor Heikkinen and Second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion carried 4-1. 1 – No (Chris Klein)

NEW BUSINESS:

Bridge Inspection Report: The County inspected the culverts on Silver Creek and all look good and need no repair.

Supervisor Klein contacted a different engineer for asphalt overlays to write the specifications for asphalt overlays and chip seals. Just got a quote from Civil Engineering Sight Design proposal: Approximately \$6700 per linear foot and alternate bid for Bishop Avenue for \$6500/linear foot and chip seal base bid \$23,700/linear foot; alternate bid for Bishop Avenue \$9,300/linear foot. The asphalt overlays would include all or part of 143rd Street. Chip seal Elder Avenue which is half with Clearwater Twp; Clementa, 156th Street, 159th Street up by the Mississippi River; part of 127th Street and Armitage. He doesn't do any of the inspections, reports or certification, or material testing. That is all up to us. He does all the publication, and his scope of services would be 3.5 % of the final construction cost of the project whereas the other engineer, he had a flat rate – which is considerably more than this estimate. At the last meeting the board approved Mike, Chris and maintenance to go ahead and spend up to \$8500 at the discretion of the chairman for engineering.

Motion made by Supervisor Klein to accept proposal from Civil Engineering Sight Design Second by Supervisor Ness. Motion carried 5-0.

Call for Quotes:

Crack Filling – need quote for crack filling. It would include 150th Street west of Truck Stop; Clementa and part of 143rd, 127th, Furman, 116th, 119th, 120th, Meridian, all of our new overlay from last year: Meridian, 97th, Amery, 101st and Armitage. Motion by Supervisor Ness for quotes for 2022 crack filling based on the proposal in front of us, Second by Supervisor Heikkinen.

Motion carried. 5-0

Dust Control: Requesting bid for approximately 30,000 gallons for magnesium chloride. Motion made by Chairman Ludenia to approve, Second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion carried 5-0

Stockpiling & Crushing Materials: Class1 materials. Motion made by Supervisor Ness to approve, Second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried 5-0.

Loading/Gravel: Class 1 gravel. Motion made by Supervisor Heikkinen, Second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion carried 5-0

Approve New Employee: Supervisor Heikkinen concerns about hiring a full-time employee were about budget issues and the board didn't review other option, such as two part-time employees or a contract employee; liability; and transparency. Discussed training time for the new employees, with 3 month, 6 month and 12 month reviews for new employees. Supervisor Klein stated the sacrifice that he is making to do this so that we get proper training and acclimation in the maintenance department and he had concerns about continued harassment and slander from board members. He is still willing to do this and he felt that it is apparent tonight that this could be a problem. Supervisor Klein submitted his resignation as Supervisor. Chair Ludenia asked for a motion to approve Supervisor Klein's resignation as Supervisor of the Board effective 3/1/2022. Motion by Supervisor Forsman. Second by Supervisor Ness. Carried 4-0 with Chris Klein abstaining.

Chris Klein's employment with Silver Creek Twp in Maintenance. Chair Ludenia asked for a motion to approve to hire Chris Klein in Maintenance. Motion by Supervisor Forsman, Second by Supervisor Ness. Carried 3-0 with Supervisor Heikkinen abstaining. Effective 3/2/2022.

There will be a need for anew Supervisor to fill in for the rest of 2022. The person the Board appoints can then run for the position in the next election.

CLERK REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE:

MAT Training: Spring short courses on March 14, 15, 16 online.

Doors Fixed: Discussed fixing hall outside doors.

Deputy Clerk: Julie asked Nancy to be her Deputy Clerk and Nancy accepted.

MISC:

Meeting Dates: Dan Ness brought up that normally our meetings are first Tuesday and third Tuesday of the month and we changed them to first Tuesday and third Thursday to accommodate Nancy's work schedule while training Julie.

We will continue with the March 1, 2022 meeting on Friday, March 4, 2022 at 7:00 pm

March 4, 2022 (continuation of March 1, 2022 Supervisor's Meeting)

The board went through the Agenda and Power Point presentation of the annual meeting to make it more presentable to the residents that will be in attendance at the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Silver Creek Township Clerk
Julie Urbatch
March 1, 2022 Minutes
Approved by Board of Supervisors
March 17th, 2022

