

Supervisor Board Meeting Minutes  
May 18, 2021

### **Silver Creek Township**

On Tuesday May 18, 2021 the Silver Creek Board of Supervisors met at the Silver Creek Town Hall located at 3827 134<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Monticello, Minnesota 55362, Wright County, and State of Minnesota. The meeting was tape recorded for transcribing purposes only.

Chair Sandy Forsman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 7 people in the audience at the start of the meeting plus 2 attending on Zoom. Roll call was taken.

**Board Members Present**

Dan Ness, Supervisor	Barry Heikkinen, Supervisor
Sandy Forsman, Chair	Chris Klein, 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:** Ashley Meagher, CPA, Manager with Schlenner Wenner & CO was present to give a report on the Township audit for 2020. Everything went well and there were no material audit adjustments made to the original trial balance presented to them. She also presented the approved audited financial statement for Dec 31, 2020.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to approve, second by Supervisor Ness. Carried 5-0.

**Approval of the Consent Agenda:** Regular meeting minutes 05/04/2021. Motion by Supervisor Ness to approve, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Change to minutes after motion to adopt ordinance 2021-05-04 as written add motion rescinded. Motion carried with change 5-0.

List of Claims (List of Disbursements presented to Board at Meeting) – Included check numbers 16892 -16932 & EFT # 2001 in the total amount of \$30,070.22. Motion by Supervisor Ness to approve, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried 4-1. This motion rescinded by Supervisor Ness and new motion by Supervisor Ness to accept the disbursements register holding out checks 16913 &16914 pending further review. Second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Carried 5-0.

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

<b>Audit of Claims:</b> 16908 Central Applicators	425.00
16912 Clearwater Rental	815.00
16915 Duane Tractor	2,000.00
16920 M & R Signs	163.82

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

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**Clerk/Treasurer's Report:**

Balance as of April 30, 2021

Revenue Account:	\$ 102,570.99	Fire Fund	\$57,289.97
Road & Bridge Acct:	<u>254,540.56</u>	Contingency Fund	9,117.88
Total Available	357,111.55	Checks Out	5,845.92
		Checking	24,560.93

Are we going to start renting the hall? We will need to cover the new video system when the hall is rented. It was decided that we will rent the hall. I had a non-Silver Creek resident call about bringing 20 or so railroad ties to our clean-up day. I will tell them no. We will need a new recorder for recording the meetings for transcribing minutes. Motion by Supervisor Klein to spend up to \$300 for a recorder, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Supervisor Ludenia to approve, clerk/treasurer report, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried 5-0.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:** Supervisor Ludenia reported that the inslopes are done; they will be starting the overlay project Monday, did some chloride on the pit road. On the overlay project there are 8-10 mailboxes that should be replaced with swing away structures; do we want to replace them? It was decided not to. They did seeding on our lawn. Should we put granite instead of mulch around the trees? Will check on prices. Will be working on grading if we get rain. Will be shouldering when overlay is done.

**Old Business:**

Gravel Pit Moratorium: We are requesting that the P&Z committee should have some ideas for people to work on the committee. Supervisor Klein asked where we are with the Townships gravel pit and our ability to crush and expand our pit. Supervisor Heikkinen said there is no change, we are not expanding the pit we are digging gravel out of our current pit. Will bring to next P&Z meeting.

Handbook Changes: continue to next meeting for Attorney input.

Social Media Changes: Discussed changes. With the changes made there was a motion by Supervisor Ness to adopt the social media policy for Silver Creek Township on this day 05-18-2021. Second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried 5-0

**New Business:**

Temp. Speed limit for Meridian/Appleton: Discussed lowering speed on the road during the I-94 project. Will check with the Sheriff about getting a speed trailer sign put on the road.

Up the Creek Liquor License: Motion by Supervisor Klein to approve Up the Creeks liquor license, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney-Discuss when to call: Normally we contact our Township Attorney when the Board approves. There has been times when that has not happened. Motion by Supervisor Klein that the Board agrees that before the Attorney is contacted it has to be agreed upon by a majority of the Board, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion failed 2-3. Sandy will pay the Attorney \$220. Motion by Supervisor Klein to approve to pay check 16913 to Couri & Ruppe for \$1870.00, second by Supervisor Ness. Carried 5-0. Motion by Supervisor Ness to pay check 16914 for \$770.00, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried 4-1. (Amended 6-1) Supervisor Klein is opposed because he feels there is personal stuff involved & the moratorium was not discussed & approved by the Board.)

Midco would like storage on our property: They would like to leave equipment in our lot this summer for 4 months and 6 months next year for \$300 per month. Motion by Supervisor Ness to accept agreement as written for 2021 for 4 months with pending

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review and a new lease agreement for 2022. Second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried 5-0.

Landscape around hall: Discuss in maintenance report.

Audit Report: Discussed in open forum

**Misc.:** We did not get the DNR grant.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Supervisor Ness to adjourn, second by Supervisor Ludenia. All present in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Silver Creek Township Clerk  
Nancy Betzler  
May 18, 2021 Minutes  
Approved by Board of Supervisors  
06/01/2021

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