

Silver Creek Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
June 01, 2021

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Silver Creek Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, June 01,, 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.

Chair Forsman called the Supervisor meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All present stood and recited the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Motion by Supervisor Ludenia to continue meeting until after the P&Z Meeting, second by Supervisor Ness. Motion carried. There were 5 people in the audience at the start of the meeting & 3 on Zoom. Motion by Supervisor Klein to re-open the meeting at 7:55pm, second by Supervisor Ness. Carried.

Board Members Present

Barry Heikkinen, Supervisor
Dan Ness, Supervisor
Sandy Forsman

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

Board Members Absent: None

OPEN FORUM: Bob Esse said that he was impressed with the work the maintenance department did on Fillmore Ave in the ditch right of way.

Moved Hoffman Construction here. Jared Flemming Project Manager was present to find out if Silver Creek Township has a noise ordinance. Township does not have its own ordinance, but follow the County ordinance. They want to work nights on the I-94 project to crush the old road surface. They would like a letter saying we do not have a noise ordinance. They do have approval from Wright County and the City of Monticello. The crushing would be taking place on the west bound lane. In the lake area it would take 6-7 shifts or about 3 days if they work at night also. After more discussion, motion by Supervisor Klein that clerk can write a letter stating that Silver Creek Township does not have a noise ordinance and Hoffman Construction has contacted Silver Creek and reviewed noise concerns with the Board, it is also understood that no material outside of Silver Creek Township will be brought in to be crushed while working within Silver Creek Township. Second by Supervisor Ness. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion to approve by Supervisor Ludenia, second by Supervisor Ness. Amended to add to New Business D pay for Clerk to attend meeting on moratorium. Motion carried. 5-0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda Item:

Minutes 05-18-2021 : Motion by Supervisor Ness to accept, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Supervisor Klein would like to add to the minutes the reason why he voted against the payment of the last check. (Supervisor Klein is opposed because he feels there is personal stuff involved & the moratorium was not discussed & approved by the Board.) Motion carried 5-0.

List of Claims to include check # 16934-16938 in the amount of \$5316.62. Motion to approve by Supervisor Ludenia, second by Supervisor Ness, carried 5-0.

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

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Old Business:

Gravel Pit moratorium: Supervisor Klein is still concerned with our gravel pit. Supervisor Heikkinen talked to Scott Deckert at the County and it is his opinion that our pit was grandfathered in, that our pit does not need a CUP because the pit has been in operation since the 60s or 70s. Supervisor Heikkinen also talked to County Attorney, Greg Kryzer and was told that it sounds like the Township Gravel pit is classified as a legal non-conforming use (“grandfathered”) and in light of that your township moratorium would have no effect on the continued use of that pit.

Cleanup Day recap: We have 192 vehicles come through, took in \$4579. Have not received bills yet. We will also get some money back for the metal taken in.

Handbook changes: Continued to next meeting.

New Business:

10191 Amery Ave notice of completion of vacation proceedings: Property owner talked to clerk about that the property easement in 2000 was not recorded correctly. We recorded in 2000 an order vacating an easement but the recorder said we needed a notice of completion of vacation proceeds, plus we need a legal description, not just say Lot 1, 2, etc. Clerk will go to the County to see if she can find out more information.

Noise ordinance: Talked about in open forum.

Corinna Township land use request: Corinna Township would like to meet with Townships about land use. Will meet on June 17, 7 pm at our hall.

Pay for Clerk: Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to pay clerk her regular pay to attend the moratorium committee meeting for the first one on the 24th, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion carried 5-0

MISC: Supervisor Ludenia said we are putting gravel on the driveways matching up to the overlay; some of the residents have crushed concrete or granite now. It was agreed that we would do the gravel. We will need a couple loads of black dirt to fill in where residents are maintaining the ditch up to the road. Supervisor Heikkinen received a letter from EPA Audio Visual, Inc. saying that there was a supply chain issue and that was why the project was delayed for our new system. He forwarded it to our Auditor and they removed it from our audit and also forwarded the information to the State.

Discussed with a resident how to get a building entitlement.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Ness, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Silver Creek Township Clerk
Nancy Betzler
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Approved by Board of Supervisors
June 15, 2021

