

**Silver Creek Township  
Supervisor Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, August 01, 2023.**

**Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance:**

Chairman Newman called the meeting to order at 8:15pm on Tuesday August 01, 2023 at the Silver Creek Township Hall. All those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present:

Chris Newman, Chairman	Mike Helman, Vice Chairman
Sandy Forsman, Road Authority	Ryan Nelson, Supervisor
Brandon Geyen, Supervisor	Heidi Eckerman, Clerk/Treasurer

2 guests in attendance, 2 signed in.

1 guest on Zoom

**Open Forum for Citizen Comments:**

Commissioner Derek Vetsch spoke about Wright County and Silver Creek Township Maintenance is working on a grant application on behalf of the Township pertaining to Locke Lake and CD24 and the watershed of Locke Lake. Deed released a grant for engineering for impacted communities with a population below 10,000. Grant would be in behalf of Silver Creek Township to get engineering on possible repairs for the control structures on Locke Lake and the outlet and subsequent watershed.

Watershed meeting will be on August 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am to see if anyone is interested in creating a Watershed within the northern boundaries of the County? There are a lot of issues that cannot be resolved without a Watershed Committee especially without the cost of fixing Locke Lake, Sugar Lake and Mississippi River.

Public Hearing on Public Health Ordinance Amendment 23-3 which is Restricting the Use of Cannabis County wide within Wright County. The Public hearing will be on August 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the Boardroom.

CMRP is moving onto the next step of creation on the adoption of bylaws and transforming the Central Mississippi regional Planning Partnership from a Joint Powers Agreement to a 501C3 Non-profit. CMRP will be moving forward as a lobbying group to find State and Federal funds for Sherburne and Wright Counties. Silver Creek Withdrew from CMRP and now participating with the PEL process on TAC & PAC.

Wright County Planning & Zoning will be offering annual training.

Commissioner Vetsch commented that the County shifted the east Broadway repair project from 2024 to 2025 as they are planning on a concrete resurface on 25 East. In 2024 the State plans to place a new deck on the County Road 25 Bridge that crosses the Mississippi river.

Maintenance attended the Transportation meeting and the Highway Department presented their 5 year plan. Maintenance commented on the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) dollars, if there is A way that the Townships and Cities could tap into that? Wright Association of Townships and the Wright County Mayors Association would work together, and make a request to Wright County Board Commissioner.

**REVIEW and APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Motion made by Supervisor Helman to approve the agenda, Supervisor Helman amended his motion to add, E in Old Business for Payroll, Seconded by Supervisor Forsman. Carried 5-0.

**Approval of Prior Minutes and Disbursements:**

Motion made by Supervisor Helman to approve the Supervisor Board Meeting Minutes of 07-20-2023; Seconded by Chairman Forsman. Carried 3-0. Supervisor Nelson and Supervisor Geyen Abstained.

Chairman Newman would like to move the Approval of the Disbursements for after the discussion of Old Business E.

**Clerk Report:**

Xcel Energy update for the Board.

**Maintenance Report:**

There was a site visit on Saturday July 29, 2023 with the Maintenance, Supervisors looked at Minimum Maintenance Road/95<sup>th</sup>, Baker/Armitage and 137<sup>th</sup>/Crofoot. Asked Board for direction and decided to involve Township's Attorney for advice and procedure if the Township vacates the three roads it will save the Township money.

Maintenance, and Supervisors Forsman and Helman to work on the Minimum Maintenance Road vacate.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Joint Powers Agreement - It allows the county to regulate cannabis on the Townships behalf. Motion was made from Supervisor Helman to accept the Joint Power Agreement between the County of Wright and Silver Creek Township for the Enforcement and Regulation of Cannabis. Seconded by, Supervisor Nelson. Carried 5-0.

Township to Maintain – Dead end Baker off of 90<sup>th</sup> St – Clerk to send a letter to resident that Unless the road is brought up to township standards, the Township will not take over maintenance on it.

Payroll Policy – No Comp time until we get a policy together.

Chairman Newman made a motion to approve the disbursements register with the addition of disbursements for the additional two checks to cover the time needed on the employees time cards listed as Comp time. Seconded by, Supervisor Helman. Carried 5-0.

94<sup>th</sup> St Feasibility Report – Board and Maintenance went out to the site and met with the Engineer to over the specifics of the report, the residents were there as well, so they could voice their concerns, and what their thoughts were. A copy will be sent to the resident.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Change in Township Public Hours – Clerk would like to change the public hours from Monday & Thursday 8:00am – 12:00pm and Tuesday 2:00pm – 6:00pm to Tuesday 2:00pm – 6:00pm and Wednesday 8:00am – 12:00pm.

Resident suggested that the clerk should put it out to the public for comment.

Chairman Newman made a motion to accept changing the Township Public hours to: Tuesday 2:00pm – 6:00pm and Wednesday 8:00am – 12:00pm. Seconded by, Supervisor Forsman. Discussion to include: the Township Public Hours; Tuesday 2:00pm – 6:00pm and Wednesday 8:00am – 12:00pm.

Chairman Newman amended his motion to include new posted hours of the Township are, 2:00pm – 6:00pm Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:00am – 12:00pm, starting the week of August 7, 2023. Seconded by, Supervisor Forsman. Carried 5-0.

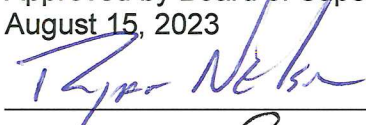
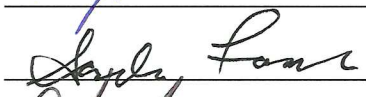

Maintenance commented that in order to have the County Ag and Ditch inspector to work on the grant for the 134<sup>th</sup> St Culvert, the Board needs to have a formal approval that they want him to do the grant for Silver Creek Township. It is a Community Planning Grant for Storm water, waste water and Community resilience through the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Supervisor Nelson made a motion to approve the County Ag and Ditch inspector to work on the culvert and dich24 project, at no cost to the Township; Seconded by Supervisor Geyen. Carried 5-0.


**Adjournment:**

Supervisor Geyen adjourned the meeting at 9:22pm; Seconded by Supervisor Forsman, Carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Eckerman  
Silver Creek Township Clerk  
August 1, 2023 Minutes  
Approved by Board of Supervisors  
August 15, 2023

  
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