

Silver Creek Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
August 04, 2020

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Silver Creek Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, August 04, 2020 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. Chairman Ness called the Supervisor meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 9 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 made by Supervisor Klein to continue the meeting until after the P & Z meeting, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to reopen the meeting at 8:30, second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion carried. There were 3 people in the audience when the meeting reconvened.

Board Members Present

Dan Ness, Chairman	Chris Klein, Supervisor
Sandy Forsman, Supervisor	Nancy Betzler, Clerk
Barry Heikkinen, Supervisor	

Board Members Absent: Mike Ludenia

OPEN FORUM:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Added to new business Border to Border Broadband Motion to approve by Supervisor Heikkinen second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion carried.

Approval of the Consent Agenda Item:

Regular Meeting Minutes 07/07/2020 & 07/21/2020 and List of Payroll Claims Check # 16380-16384 in the amount of \$5374.08. Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to approve, second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion carried 4-0.

Affidavit of Official Interest in Claims: continued to 08/18/2020.

Old Business:

123rd St: Discussed if there were benefits to changing the speed limit on the road or checking into making it a rustic road. The Township would need a traffic count and an engineering study done by MNDOT. They usually do not set speeds on a gravel road because the speed is what the road conditions allow and a set speed limit could be more than the road could handle. If the road is a rustic road the speed limit would be posted 45 mph. Will discuss at next meeting what trees were agreed to be cut at this time. It has also been agreed to take care of overhanging branches along the road. Will be putting seeding on the south side of the road by delineators.

Clean-up Day: Discussed holding a clean-up day this year, September 12. Will send out postcard letting residents know about it. Will tell residents they need to bring help to unload their vehicles and that face masks will be required on the grounds.

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Cintas-Uniforms: Will keep Cintas Company for uniforms and add the insurance coverage for the uniforms. Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to stay with Cintas Uniforms and add the insurance or the replacement of uniforms. Second by Supervisor Ness. Motion carried. 4-0-1 abstained by Supervisor Klein interested party.

New Business:

Landscaping around mailboxes: Residents are putting landscaping in the road right a ways, many around mailboxes. Will give them a notice letting them know what is not allowed in the right a way and a time limit to correct the issue. We will document it and will give other notices is needed. The maintenance department will take a picture of the problem area and leave the first notice at the residence.

Road Sweeping: Discussed if road sweeping is needed. It would be \$1500 to 2,000 to rent a machine to use. Will continue to monitor it at this time.

Wright Co Roads 123 & 143: Received an email from Wright Co highway department and they suggested that the Township take over the roads. Will let them know we do not want to take them over until the road is brought up to Township standards.

Tree trimming notices: The maintenance department has started tree trimming and will be sending out notices to residents when they will be trimming in the right a ways.

Compliant-Garbage from trash pickup vehicles: Residents complained of trash blowing out of trucks. Will send letter and ask trash companies to try to compact trash more often.

Broad Band: Discussed a broad band grant that is available. Supervisor Heikkinen will check into what is needed.

Misc: Supervisor Heikkinen suggested we set-up an equipment fund and budget so much a month to save for new equipment. Will discuss during budget talks.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 9:50 by Supervisor Klein, second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Silver Creek Township Clerk
Nancy Betzler
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Approved by Board of Supervisors
August 18, 2020

