

Supervisor Board Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2020

Silver Creek Township

On Tuesday September 15, 2020 the Silver Creek Board of Supervisors met 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 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 2 people in the audience at the start of the meeting. Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present

Dan Ness, Chairman	Barry Heikkinen, Supervisor
Chris Klein, Supervisor	Sandy Forsman, Supervisor
Mike Ludenia, Supervisor	Nancy Betzler, Clerk/Treasurer

Absent:

All present stood and recited the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

OPEN FORUM: Gary Schmidt 562 101st NW was present to ask if it would be possible to break up a 10 acre parcel that he has into smaller lots. It is close to Lake Ida and feels it could have 4 lots on the property. It is zoned Ag now. There are other houses around this parcel. He was told this would take a land use change for the whole Township and could not just be done for one or two parcels.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Added to agenda New Business MAT Resolution to change State Statute for Gravel Tax Motion by Supervisor Ludenia, second by Supervisor Heikkinen to approve agenda approved 5-0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda: Regular meeting minutes 09/01/2020 and List of Claims (List of Disbursements presented to Board at Meeting) – Included check numbers 16447-16490 in the total amount of \$48619.16. Motion by Supervisor Ludenia to approve consent agenda items, second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion carried 5-0. Affidavit of Official Interest in Claims – Motion to approve claims by Supervisor Ludenia, second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion carried, 4-0-1 abstained, Chris Klein interested party.

Audit of Claims: 16468 Land O Lakes Oil	\$ 1357.90
16470 Martie’s Farm Service	875.00
16483 Jamar Tech	56.03

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

Clerk/Treasurer’s Report:

<u>Balance as of August 31, 2020</u>	<u>Current Month to Date</u>
Revenue Account: \$208,030.90	To Deposit Revenue \$ 50.00
Road & Bridge Acct: <u>326,499.27</u>	To Deposit R&B 45.00
Total Available 534,530.17	Total Disbursements 48,619.16
Fire Fund 59,922.36	
Contingency Fund: 9,115.02	
Checks out 4,849.74	
Checking 24,546.94	

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Clerk report: Approximately 210 vehicles came through at the clean-up day. Money received was \$6424.00. We have received our new voting booths. Best Buy has some microphones to use with our new computer if we start to do remote meetings. \$40.00 to hundreds of dollars. One for \$70.00 has good reviews. Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen, second by Supervisor Ludenia to spend up to \$80.00 at Best Buy. Motion carried. Gave you information on a security system with Wright Hennepin Electric. Will get other bids from companies on a security system. Filled out a credit card application to be used for office needs. Cost for the card is \$9.00 per year or \$19.00 with rewards. Motion by Supervisor Ludenia, second by Supervisor Forsman to go with the \$9.00 yearly fee. Motion carried 5-0. Motion to approve Clerk/Treasurers report by Supervisor Heikkinen Second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion carried, 5-0.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Supervisor Ludenia gave report. They have a good start on mowing, have mixed the salt and sand, have been filling cracks, traffic counters are out and will keep filling cracks and mowing. Will start on cutting brush. Gravel crushing will be the end of October.

Old Business:

5278 130th St NE Willow Trees: The property owner did sign to trim the trees but does not want the trees removed. He has said we will maintain them in the future. We will fix his driveway with two loads of gravel. The board has no objections.

Pit reclamation: Need to move berm on NE side & put on the bottom. Minnerath price will be around \$15,000. Will try to get another bid for the job. Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to authorize up to \$15,000 for pit reclamation this year. Second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion carried 5-0

Election: Received a second quote to put in sidewalk. Motion by Supervisor Ludenia to accept Straight Line Concrete bid for \$3142.50 for the sidewalk, second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion carried 5-0. Well check for automatic hand sanitizer units.

New Business:

ITT Testing 97th & Armitage: Should we do testing for roads to see what needs to be done with the blacktopped roads so we can budget for the future. Motion by Supervisor Ness to spend up to \$1500 for corings on 97th, Armitage, 101, and Amery this calendar year. Second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried 5-0.

Engineer for Bishop & 91st St: The DNR has a grant available and Bishop & 91st St should work with the grant, but we need basic engineering to be done. We could widen the road to be used for biking, walking and other uses. There is not a time line to use the money. Motion by Supervisor Ludenia to spend up to \$1000 for consulting with the engineer to see if we can get this grant, second by Supervisor Klein. Motion carried 5-0.

Set election Canvass Board Meeting: Meeting set for November 12, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Liman Post-reroof quote: Received a quote for budgeting purposes to reroof hall for \$47,300.

Resolution for State Gravel tax: MAT would like Townships to sponsor changes to the gravel tax. It is 15 cents per ton now and they would like to change to 25 cents per ton. Also to amend the language to include all material that is hauled into or out of the county or townships. Motion by Supervisor Ness to help sponsor changes in the current gravel tax, second by Supervisor Klein. Motion carried 5-0.

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Misc: Supervisor Heikkinen gave a report on the CMRP. The meeting was September 10 to kick off round 2 engagements. There will be another survey on line. The October meeting will be dedicated to the river crossing process. The Federal Highway Administration and MNDOT will be there and they want us to bring input. What is important to our community, do we want a river crossing, if so where would we like it. Anything that is important to us. All of the scheduled 2 engagements meetings are listed on the CMRP website.

Adjournment: Motion by Supervisor Ludenia to adjourn, second by Supervisor Forsman. All present in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Silver Creek Township Clerk
Nancy Betzler
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Approved by Board of Supervisors
10/06/2020

