

**Silver Creek Township  
Supervisor Board Meeting Minutes  
January 17, 2023.**

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

Chairman Newman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm on January 17, 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

Absent: Heidi Eckerman Clerk/Treasurer, Nancy Betzler Deputy Clerk

**Open Forum:**

Bill Eccless, spoke to clear his name. He requested that no one speaks of him specifically or uses his name. The Board replied they could not stop residents or public from speaking of him or using his name, the Board would limit conversation that occurred during a public meeting if his name did come up.

Ben Brogard spoke to request the Board again look at 94<sup>th</sup> St by Eagle Lake. Another resident who lives on 94<sup>th</sup> also spoke to request the same. Chair Newman will discuss with Supervisor Forsman and our Maintenance Staff to see what the current plan is, and will get back to Mr. Brogard by phone.

Barry Heikkinen spoke to inquire if the Board will continue to post the Zoom recording of the meetings on YouTube. The Board replied they are, and posting of the last meeting was just delayed. It was posted that day.

**Approval of the agenda:**

Chair Newman added the item to Old Business to discuss Annual Meeting.

Motion to approve by Supervisor Helman; Seconded by Supervisor Geyen. Carried 5-0

**Approval of the Agenda Items:**

Regular meeting minutes of 01/03/2023 will be moved to meeting 02-07-2023 to be approved.

Motion was made to approve the List of Claims and Disbursements by Supervisor Forsman; Seconded by Supervisor Helman. Carried 5-0.

**Audit of Claims:**

17955, 17967, 17971, and 17977

Motion to accept by Supervisor Helman; Seconded by Supervisor Geyen. Carried 5-0.

**Clerk/Treasurer Report:**

Motion made by Supervisor Helman to accept Treasurer Report at the next Board meeting when the clerk is present; Seconded by Supervisor Nelson. Carried 5-0

**Maintenance Report:**

Maintenance needs more Sand/Salt to get through the season. Our contracted allocate was for 170 Tons and can get 20% over that for the same contracted price. \$1100.00 was spent 01-17-2023 picking up 11 loads of Sand @\$6.60 /Ton. Need 48 Tons of Salt. 160 Tons already used and mixed with Sand. Motion to get more Salt, 48 Tons, made by Supervisor Nelson; Seconded by Supervisor Geyen; Carried 5-0. Motion to get 112 Tons/11 Loads, \$1100.00 of Sand made by Supervisor Nelson; Seconded by Supervisor Helman; Carried 5-0.

Justin will be starting on Monday January 23, 2023 for Maintenance.

Supervisor Forsman gave a thank you to our Part-Time maintenance, Jamie.

Supervisor Forsman feels the roof and falling snow in front of the Township Hall needs to be addressed and look into getting roof guards put on that were there and were left out of the roofing repair that was done last year.

Jamie asked that for the post card for the annual meeting that we add to keep garbage cans out of the road and to not plow snow across the street.

**Old Business:**

Newsletter/Postcard –

Have totals and wording on postcard for the 02/07/2023 meeting.

Recycle Contract –

The recycling contract is up for renewal. Chairman Newman is looking into options. Discussed the bin service pick-up and/or dumpsters at the Township Hall.

Fire Department Contract -

Chairman Newman made a motion to keep the Fire contract fees as a Special Assessment and not to levy. Additionally, any fee from the County for the Special Assessment is to be added in to the assessment; Seconded by Supervisor Helman. Carried 5-0.

**New Business:**

Aggregate Tax Committee –

Wright County is looking for committee members to review & consider applications for the use of the Aggregate Tax Special Fund. 15% of the total funds collected are set aside to restore abandoned pits, reclamation needs, or other unmet conservation projects.

Board agreed to recommend Supervisor Forsman for the committee. Resident Trina Ness asked if she could be on the committee. Chair Newman will look into this and get back to Trina directly.

1W1P – Informational only

Tobacco Public Hearing – Informational only

Township day at the Capitol – Informational only.

Annual Meeting – Reviewing the 2023 budget.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting is adjourned by Supervisor Forsman, seconded by Supervisor Helman, Carried 5-0

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