

**Silver Creek Township
Supervisor Board Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2023**

Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman Newman called the meeting to order at 7:08pm on Tuesday, July 20, 2023 at the Silver Creek Township Hall. All those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present:

Chris Newman, Chairman

Mike Helman, Supervisor

Sandy Forsman, Supervisor

Heidi Eckerman, Clerk/Treasurer

2 Residents signed in, 2 in attendance, 1 on Zoom

Chairman Newman arrived at 7.07pm, due to work emergency

Absent: Brandon Geyen, Supervisor, Ryan Nelson, Supervisor

Open Forum for Citizen Comments:

No Citizen comments.

Review and Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by Supervisor Helman to add under New Business 8b to Employee Handbook; also under Maintenance Report 7d, 134 Culvert. Seconded by, Supervisor Forsman.

Carried 3-0.

Approval of the Agenda Items:

Motion made by Supervisor Helman to approve the regular meeting minutes of 07-06-23; Seconded by Supervisor Forsman. Carried 3-0.

Motion made by Supervisor Helman to approve the List of Claims/Disbursements; Seconded by Supervisor Forsman. Discussion: Chairman Newman pointed out the Insurance Premium list that the Board and Maintenance will have to go through to see what needs to be adjusted with the coverage for the property and equipment. Carried 3-0.

Audit of Claims:

18267 - \$1,155.00 18270 - \$223.00 18274 - \$235.84 18277 - \$9,612.00

Clerk/Treasurer Report:

Motion made by Supervisor Helman to accept Clerk/Treasurer Report; Seconded by Supervisor Forsman. Carried 3-0

MAT: District 7 Meeting and Election will be on August 10, 2023 at 6:30pm at the Anoka Ramsey Community College (Cambridge Campus).

Maintenance Report:

Maple Tree

The Maple tree in the front yard needs to be replaced. Mr. Esse would like to contribute 50% of the cost for the tree, for the same size that is being replaced.

Motion made by Supervisor Helman to remove the tree and work with Mr. Esse to replace the tree the following Spring, with the location to be determined. After discussion Supervisor Helman amended his motion; that the tree is to be removed, to work with Mr. Esse in the Spring of 2024 to find a replacement tree and to place it in a different location, not to exceed \$300.00 of the Townships money, and up to 2 ½" trunk in diameter. Seconded by Supervisor Forsman. Carried 3-0.

Minimum Maintenance Road & Baker/Armitage

Board would like to take a road tour to go look at the Minimum Maintenance Road 95th & Baker/Armitage to consider vacating. Move this item to discuss at the August 1st, 2023 Supervisor's Board Meeting.

Baker/Armitage

Move this item to discuss at the August 1st, 2023 Supervisor's Board Meeting.

134th Culvert

Maintenance could take care of the rock erosion and put some fabric in, and wait for 2-3 years to replace that culvert.

If the Board would like to get it done now, the cost would be around \$56,000-\$60,000 using light material, would not have to pull any type of special permits or studies.

Could do it in 2-3 years, would have to do erosion control, would be a minimum cost up to \$4,300.00 to secure structure, also some erosion underneath the pipe.

Chairman Newman made a motion to do up to \$4,500.00 for the wait and see and do the shore up fix so we can stop erosion on the inlet, with the fabric rock and the install fix. Seconded by; Supervisor Forsman. Carried 3-0.

Old Business:

Wright County Township Officers Dinner Meeting

Supervisor Helman attended the meeting. The next meeting will be in Clearwater on October 5th. The state has secured \$78,000,000.00 to extend I94 from Albertville to Clearwater. MAT had a phishing scam that \$833,000.00 stolen from them and the suspects live in another state. It's an ongoing investigation, so very few details were given out. MAT said that every Township should get a .gov website. There are a lot of grants in the County for roads, county park roads or DNR access, through the County.

Employee Handbook

Employee Handbook, FMLA needs to be updated according to State Statutes.

Comp time – Clerk is gathering information.

Vacation – 2 week notice preferred or at the discretion of the Road Authority.

Long Term Disability – Clerk will check into this.

New Business:

Joint Power's Agreement – Enforcement and Regulation of Cannabis

If somebody opens up a Cannabis business in Silver Creek Township, the Township has to inspect it 2 times per year. The county Attorney drafted up the Joint Powers Agreement where we let them control the inspection and enforcement. They also suggested is to put a moratorium on any Cannabis opening up until 2025. Continue discussion on October 1, 2023 Supervisors Board Meeting.

Budget Working Session

Board would like to have a Budget Working Session in August with all the Supervisors and Maintenance employees. Look at the Street Study which is a 5 year plan. Chairman Newman, Supervisor Forsman and Maintenance will meet to discuss the roads to be completed in 2024.


Close Meeting:
Employee Review

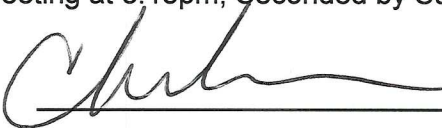
Open Meeting: Opened the Supervisor Board Meeting


Adjournment:
Employee review is adjourned at 8:12pm by Supervisor Helman, Seconded by Supervisor Newman. Carried 3-0.

Open Meeting: No further items on the agenda.

Adjournment:
Supervisor Helman adjourned the meeting at 8:13pm, Seconded by Supervisor Forsman, Carried 3-0.







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