

Silver Creek Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
January 05, 2021

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Silver Creek Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, January 05, 2021 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. Chairperson Forsman called the Supervisor meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 5 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

Board Members Present

Sandy Forsman, Chair	Chris Klein, Supervisor
Dan Ness, Supervisor	Mike Ludenia, Supervisor
Barry Heikkinen, Supervisor	Nancy Betzler, Clerk

Board Members Absent: None

Sandy Forsman, Chris Klein, and Mike Ludenia took the Oath of Office before the start of the meeting.

OPEN FORUM: Trina Ness was present and said that at the last meeting it was stated that Mr. Klein would be given one year and then things would be reviewed as far as complaints and would like to propose that Mr. Klein track his time as to whether he is working in a Supervisory position or maintenance position to show how he has used his time. Also would like the minutes to show that a few people were present that opposed Mr. Klein holding both positions in the Township. Mary Edwards would like the minutes to show information about each agenda item and would like more information be put into the meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion to approve by Supervisor Ness, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda Item: Regular Meeting Minutes 12/15/2020

Motion by Supervisor Klein to change Robert Finks request in open forum to read 4 or 5 feet from the drainage line not property line and wanted approval to put in that close to the drainage line not property line. Also in Motion by Supervisor Ludenia to say tile line rather than just line. Second by Supervisor Ludenia. Supervisor Ness would like a change to page 4 second paragraph he felt that it does not accurately reflect the discussion that took place during that meeting. After discussion Supervisor Ness made a motion that minutes reflect rather than what was written in second half of paragraph starting with many residents present they should say; residents were present that opposed and were in favor of the question decided to have one year for review before a final decision is made. Amended to include the previous modifications recommended by Mr. Klein. Second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried 4-1.

List of Claim to include check # 16681 – 16686 in the amount of \$7421.18. Motion by Supervisor Ludenia, second by Supervisor Heikkinen, motion carried 5-0.

Affidavit of Official Interest in Claims: Motion to approve by Supervisor Ludenia, second by Supervisor Ness. Motion carried 4-0-1 abstained, Chris Klein interested party.

Old Business:

Security System: Discussed going with the key pad or camera security system. Motion by Supervisor Ludenia to go with the key pad system for up to \$1500 for Secure-Tec Protection to include the panic button. Added the \$40.00 per month monitoring cost. Second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried 5-0.

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Rocks on Eagle Lake Road: Continued to next meeting.

New Policies: Discussed new policies needed for the Township such as fund balance, social media, internal control, EFT payments policies. Clerk will contact Township Attorney to see if they have some policies to use and review some of the sample policies we have. Supervisor Klein recommended working with our Township Attorney on the policies. Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to speak to the Town Attorney about the fund balance, social media, internal control and electronic transaction policies. Second by Supervisor Klein. Added to have Attorney come to a meeting to discuss them. Motion carried 5-0.

Internet /Phone: Discussed getting faster internet and changing the shop phone number to the office phone number. Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to spend up to \$100 a month on 100 mbps with TDS. Second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion failed 1-4. Will contact someone at the local TDS to find what speed internet will work for our needs.

Budget: Discussed the budget needs for 2021. Reviewed a rough draft of budget items that could be needed for 2021. Dust control, gravel hauling, gravel crushing, gravel royalties, crack filling, asphalt patching, overlay on 97th, 110 St, Amery Ave and chip seal for 150th St, shouldering, spraying, truck payment, equipment repairs, skid steer trailer and rental. Discussed roof repair and concrete for cold storage building. Total for the items on list \$555,500. Will need specs from the Engineer and some estimates for the road work. Continue budget talks until next meeting.

New Business:

Newsletter: Discussed what items to put in the next newsletter.

MISC: Discussed the Annual Meeting and how to hold it with COVID restrictions.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Ness, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Silver Creek Township Clerk
Nancy Betzler
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Approved by Board of Supervisors
January 19, 2021

