

Supervisor Board Meeting Minutes
February 16 2021

Silver Creek Township

On Tuesday February 16, 2021 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.

Chair Sandy Forsman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 4 people in the audience at the start of the meeting. Township Attorney Bob Ruppe was also present. Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present

Dan Ness, Supervisor	Barry Heikkinen, Supervisor
Chris Klein, Supervisor	Sandy Forsman, Chair
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:

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda: Regular meeting minutes 02/02/2021. Motion by Supervisor Ludenia to approve, second by Supervisor Ness. Motion carried 5-0.

List of Claims (List of Disbursements presented to Board at Meeting) – Included check numbers 16737-16783 in the total amount of \$31,459.65. Motion by Supervisor Ludenia to approve, second by Supervisor Ness. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Audit of Claims: 16757 Birchem Sanitation	\$ 64.35
16764 M & R Sign	196.10
16767 Parts City	58.18
16772 Thomas Tools	122.97

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

Clerk/Treasurer’s Report:

Someone would like to know if we will be renting the hall in July. We will wait for a while to decide.

Balance as of January 31, 2021

Revenue Account:	\$156,249.59	Fire Fund	\$ 56,142.99
Road & Bridge Acct:	<u>317,486.25</u>	Contingency Fund	9,117.21
Total Available	473,735.84	Checks Out	11,401.03
		Checking	24,557.58

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

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Township Attorney Bob Ruppe was available to answer questions. He discussed the franchise agreement with Midco. We would be giving them permission to operate in the township, we give them permission to operate in our borders and there are terms such as that we could receive a max of 5% of money they receive from township resident that buy their service. It would be in money paid to us or in service that they may supply for our use. He will send a draft of the agreement, put in the drop at the Township hall and reserve that we will be able to charge the 5% in the future. He will send the posting for a public hearing that we have to hold. Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to spend the money to have the franchise agreement worked up by the Attorney, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Carried 5-0.

He also discussed the social policy sample that we sent him. Some of it is ok but part of page 2, page 3 and part of page 4 deals more with an employee hand book policy. We only have a website and do not have a Facebook page. Social media policy is more for Facebook and if we don't have one we may not need the policy. See attached list of other questions asked by Supervisors and residents

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Supervisor Ludenia reported that they got the tractor fixed, they have been plowing & sanding, grader had to go back in because of fuel leak and they will get back to cutting trees.

Old Business:

Accept quotes for crushing & load & haul gravel: We got a quote from Mares excavating for backhoe work. Supervisor Ludenia made a motion to accept Mares Excavating for their hourly rate on their equipment for summer projects if needed, second by Supervisor Klein. Amended on contingent on getting another quote showing that quote was for equipment and operator. Motion carried 5-0. Quote from Bjorklund Co for loading and hauling gravel. Motion by Supervisor Ludenia to approve the quote, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Amended to add, accept the quote to allow Bjorklund to haul and load our gravel. Motion carried 5-0. Quote for B. McNamara for pit reclamation. Motion by Supervisor Ness to accept the quote as printed, second by Supervisor Klein. Motion carried 5-0. Gravel crushing quote. Crushing for 10,000 cubic yards to meet Town specs \$3.36 per cubic yard. Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to accept McNamara's quote for \$3.36 per yard for 10,000 yards. Second by Supervisor Ludenia. Amended for the season 2021. Motion 5-0.

Budget: Moved to end.

Resolution to limit future Supervisor employment: Discussed by Attorney

New Business:

Wright Co Site inspection Will post as a meeting in case more than 2 Supervisors go.

DNR Data Request: Supervisor Heikkinen explained the request for the Rare feature data license agreement. Motion by Supervisor Klein to continue to the next meeting, Second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion failed 2-3. Attorney present suggested that he checks into this further. Motion by Supervisor Ness to turn this agreement over to our Township Attorney and inform us of any obligations as a Township if we enter into this agreement. Second by Supervisor Klein. Motion carried 5-0.

Damage to personal property: Snow was pushed into a boat. They will check to see if there is damage. The boat was off the right of way. Continued to the next meeting.

Distance Learning: Supervisor Klein wondered if students having internet issues could use the Town Hall internet. After discussion it was decided not at this time

Hakanson Anderson Proposal 97th, 101st Amery: Received a spec for engineering for the project for \$18,000. Received another quote from Scott Dahlke that may be less for 3% of the project bid. Will check into the quotes and table until the 03-02 meeting.
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Resolution for LRIP Funding The grant will be awarded in mid to late March. We need to send the resolution to the County tomorrow. Motion by Supervisor Klein that the Township Board passes resolution 2021-02-16 resolution approving local road improvement program funding application for 91st St NW & Bishop Ave NW reconstruction & asphalt. See the attached resolution. Second by Supervisor Ludenia.. Motion carried 5-0. We need to work with our engineer to have them verify what the cost of the project will be. Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to use Hakanson Anderson give us an estimate on the cost of project on 91st & Bishop. Second by Supervisor Ludenia Amended to spend up to \$5000. with Hakanson Anderson to give an engineering estimate on the 91st and Bishop project and if more than \$5000 we will not consider it. Motion carried 5-0.

Clearwater Twp Chipseal 150th St. We need to send a letter to Clearwater to see if they are on board with doing the Chipseal on 150th. It will be a cost share project. Will send a letter to them.

Budget: Motion by Supervisor Klein to continue to March,02 meeting. Second by Supervisor Heikkinen Carried 5-0.

Misc.: Received a copy of the gravel taxes that were paid by the County.

Adjournment: Motion by Supervisor Klein to adjourn, second by Supervisor Ludenia. All present in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Silver Creek Township Clerk
Nancy Betzler
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Approved by Board of Supervisors
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