

Supervisor Board Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2022

Silver Creek Township

On Thursday March 17, 2022 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 Mike Ludenia called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 9 people in the audience at the start of the meeting and 3 on zoom.

Board Members Present

Mike Ludenia Chair	Sandy Forsman, Supervisor
Barry Heikkinen, Supervisor	Julie Urbatch, Clerk
Dan Ness, Supervisor	Nancy Betzler, Deputy Clerk

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

OPEN FORUM

Dan Pawlak: 1131 94th St NW Eagle Lake. Dan was inquiring about improvements to 94th Street. Twelve total residences on that street. He spoke to 9 out of 12 residences. Has not heard back from everybody. Estimated cost is \$60,000 to put asphalt on it. The Township will be checking into how the assessing should be done.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Motion by Supervisor Ness to approve, with second by Supervisor Forsman. Carried 4-0.

REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Regular Meeting Minutes 3/1/2022 & 3/4/2022.

List of Claims (Disbursements). Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to approve. Second by Chairman Mike Ludenia. Discussion about disbursement to the attorney which was for hiring advice. Carried 4-0.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Checked the disbursement for this month:

Check #	17389	Cintas	\$ 28.76
	17396	ECM Publishers	\$ 456.00
	17403	MN Benefit Assoc	\$3,393.00
	17409	West Central Sanitation	\$4,441.48

Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to approve audit of claims, second by Supervisor Ness.
Motion carried 4-0

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CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of February 28, 2022

General Fund :	\$ 134,843.48
Road & Bridge Acct:	428,304.43
ARPA Fund	<u>135,728.54</u>
Total R&B/GF	698,876.45
Fire Fund Total	\$ 54,450.83
Contingency Fund	9,119.94
Checks Out	5,054.73
Checking	24,572.31

Current Month to Date Rev. & R&B

Deposit/Revenue	\$ 893.31
Deposit/R&B	803.14
Disbursements	77,495.27

Olson's campground – Liquor License needs to be signed and then the sheriff looks at it. Motion by Supervisor Ness to accept the Clerk/treasurer report, second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion carried 4-0.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Chris Klein gave the Maintenance Report. Bill, our new employee, is still being trained on jobs and equipment. Ziegler came out for training on the grader. Worked on a few culverts that needed to be cleaned and graded roads

Mack #1 Truck – had an issue with wiring harness, fixed and ready to pick up
Mack #2 Truck – still have a wiring issue, on marker side need to be fixed.

There may be additional training available working with other Townships. There's a couple of workshops from L-Tap: gravel road maintenance and asphalt/hard surfaces. Supervisor Ness motioned to allow up to \$1700 for Grader and L-Tap training for Maintenance Staff for this year. Supervisor Forsman second it. 4-0 Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Hall Roof: The proposal from All Elements Roofing is \$40,790 for Town Hall & Maintenance shed. The additional 5-year warranty is \$1,497.00. Supervisor Forsman made a motion to accept the bid for \$42,295 for the Town Hall building roof. Supervisor Ness second. Discussion followed. Supervisor Heikkinen said the quote from All Elements Roofing was from last October and the price is the same. Chair Ludenia suggested we get another hard quote from Liman, then we will have two of them. Motion Carried. Yes = Supervisors Forsman, Ness, Heikkinen. No = Chair Ludenia.

CMRP Dues: Supervisor Heikkinen asked the CMRP Executive Committee about reducing our dues in half and they did reduce our dues for this year. Motion made by Supervisor Heikkinen to pay the \$3,571.50, of which we will get a reimbursement back from the County of \$1,785.75. Supervisor Ness second it. Vote: All voted yes. Carried 4-0. Supervisor Heikkinen gave an update. Please see the CMRP link on the website for more information.

CMRP meets again on 3/24/22 – Supervisor Heikkinen will give an update at the P&Z Meeting on April 5th. Supervisor Ness stated we need to recognize Barry's active role in the participation on this committee. He has spent a great deal of time and effort to give us the voice we are looking for.

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Recycling Cans Extra: West Central is requesting we send letters to people who are having recycling issues. We will send letters to those residents that are having these issues. If residents cannot fit it into your bin, they have the option to take it to the County Recycling center.

NEW BUSINESS

Midco: Melissa Wolf was here in the Fall of 2020. Applied for a DEED grant with Wright County at the time, included SCT. Unfortunately, that DEED grant was challenged so Midco could not apply for that area. In 2021, Midco did the whole area around Sugar Lake and then came into SCT. Midco did about 500 homes and reached out to another 412 homes in SCT. Midco would love to apply for another grant to do another 102 homes. What Midco is proposing is to continue building out into the Township and wondering if SCT would like to partner with Midco. Supervisor Ness asked for more information and asked if Melissa could email us.

Shop Heater Replacement: The Shop heater can't be fixed. Dahlen is the quote that we received. Supervisor Heikkinen made motion to pay \$3100 for a new heater. Supervisor Forsman second it. Carried 4-0.

Tractor Tires: Tractor needs new front and rear tires. They already have been capped and the caps are cracking out. A bid was received by West Side and will look at Tire Solutions. Supervisor Heikkinen made a motion to buy tires and not exceed \$5200, Chairman Ludenia second it. Carried 4-0.

Select Vice Chair: Chairman Ludenia asked Supervisor Forsman if she was interested in being the Vice Chairman. Supervisor Forsman accepted.

Maple Lake Fire Dept. Donation for New Fire Station: Maple Lake Fire Dept. would like a donation between \$5,000 and \$10,000 to build a new fire station. Supervisor Heikkinen made a motion to make a \$5,000 donation to Maple Lake Fire Dept. for a new fire station. Supervisor Forsman second it. Motion passed. Y = 3, N = 1 (Supervisor Ness).

MISCELLANEOUS

Supervisor Heikkinen has one item to talk about. In the minutes that were approved tonight talks about Supervisor Klein stated the sacrifice he is making to do this so that we get proper training and acclimation in the Maintenance Dept and has concerns about continued harassment and slander from Board members. Supervisor Heikkinen thinks these accusations need to be investigated by this Board. Supervisor Forsman made a motion to consult our attorney, Supervisor Heikkinen second it. After further discussion, it was decided to do an internal investigation and if it needs to be escalated further, we would bring it to our attorney. Supervisor Forsman rescinded her motion. Road Boss, Chair Ludenia, and Clerk Urbatch will start the process for the internal investigation.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Supervisor Ness to adjourn the meeting. Second by Chair Ludenia.
Meeting adjourned 9:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Silver Creek Township Clerk
Julie Urbatch
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Approved 04-05-2022
