

Silver Creek Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
April 06, 2021

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Silver Creek Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, April 06, 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.

Chair Forsman called the Supervisor meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All present stood and recited the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Public Hearing Midco Franchise Agreement

Two representatives from Midco were present to answer any questions. They had maps where the lines would run and explained the plan. They are starting in Clearwater and should be in Greenfield by the end of August. There will be internet service available to homes along the route. Resolution to accept the agreement will be completed at our next meeting.

Motion by Supervisor Klein to continue meeting until after the P&Z Meeting, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried. There were 8 people in the audience at the start of the meeting. Motion by Supervisor Ludenia to re-open the meeting at 7:50pm, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Carried.

Board Members Present

Barry Heikkinen, Supervisor
Dan Ness, Supervisor
Sandy Forsman

Chris Klein, Supervisor
Mike Ludenia, Supervisor
Nancy Betzler, Clerk

Board Members Absent: None

OPEN FORUM: Bob Esse recommends that the moratorium on gravel pits be approved. .

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion to approve by Supervisor Klein, second by Supervisor Ness. Motion carried.

Approval of the Consent Agenda Item:

Minutes 03/16/2021 Corrections needed. Sandy Forsman was not present and the motions should be 4-0 not 5-0. Motion by Supervisor Ness to approve as presented with corrections , second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion carried 5-0.

List of Claims to include check # 16836-16839 in the amount of \$5637.01. Motion to approve by Supervisor Ness, second by Supervisor Ludenia, carried 5-0.

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

Old Business:

Up the Creek ETABS County form: There is a County form that needs to be signed for approval for Ramsey Lake Property Owners Assn. to have ETABS at Up the Creek. Motion by Supervisor Klein that the Town Board has seen the form for ETABS to go the County and has no opinion one way or the other. Second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Carried 5-0.

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DNR Data Request: Discussed the reason why we would want to use the information. Supervisor Heikkinen would like to be better informed to insure success of requested projects. Supervisor Klein explained an issue that Scott County had with using the DNR process. Supervisor Ludenia thinks someone from the DNR should come and explain the process. Supervisor Klein asked why Wright County wouldn't administrate it. It is not known if they do or not. Motion by Supervisor Ludenia that we do not get involved in this at all. Second by Supervisor Klein. Motion carried 3-2.

Resolution Requesting County Moratorium on Gravel Pits: Supervisor Heikkinen thinks if we have the moratorium we would have time to review notification requirements, study health, environmental and safety concerns, gravel tax & economic impacts, review the setback requirements, update guidelines & regulations, research CUPs as opposed to an IUP, reclamations requirements and different standards for different types of gravel pits. We could have a committee to meet and discuss it. Fredenberg Twp in St Louis Co did a moratorium for the same issues. Supervisor Ludenia wondered if our County Commissioner should come to a meeting to let us know the County concerns. Supervisor Klein questioned that the way it is written the Township would not be able to take gravel this year from the Township pit. After further discussion Supervisor Forsman made a motion to table to see if someone from the County could speak to us and if the County has an interest in doing this. Second by Supervisor Ludenia. Carried 5-0.

Technology, Microphone issue, assign tech coordinator, internet policy. Supervisor Heikkinen thinks we have the microphone issues for the Zoom meeting corrected. Technology Coordinator: Supervisor Ness nominated Supervisor Heikkinen to be the technology coordinator for the Board as he has done it up to this point and formally be designated in the Social Media Policy. Second by Supervisor Forsman. Duties are listed in the social media policy but we may need something more comprehensive to be communication administrator and to manage the technologies we are expanding into. Supervisor Heikkinen would like to establish a google drive account and host the meetings to that account and have a link so people can review the meetings. The Board can decide how long to keep them on line. On the Google drive account we could host them for 2 or 3 months. We have the road boss handle exterior stuff; the tech coordinator would handle more interior items. Motion carried 5-0.

Social Media Policy: There are some changes to be made, everyone should review and mark changes and continue to the next meeting

New Business:

Accept Quotes for Crack Sealing & Seal Coating: We received 4 quotes for crack filling. Bertram Asphalt was the low bid for \$1.30 per lb. Motion by Supervisor Ness to accept Bertram Asphalt Co quote for \$1.30 per pound of material put down, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Carried 5-0. Motion by Supervisor Ness to approve 30,000 pounds, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Carried 5-0. We received 3 quotes for chip sealing. Astech Corp was the lowest bid. Motion by Supervisor Ludenia to accept Astech quote for chip sealing, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Amended to add because they were the low cost quote of the three received and to go with the FA-2. Carried 5-0. Received one quote for dust control from Central MN Dust Control for .95 cents per gallon for mag. chloride. Motion by Supervisor Klein to accept the chloride quote at .95 cents per gallon up to 20,000 gallons, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Carried 5-0.

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Cleanup Day Rates: Discussed the current rates and expenses. Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen that the spring cleanup day rates stay the same, second by Supervisor Ness. Motion carried 5-0. Maintenance employees will need to work that day.

Wright Co Response for Solar Farms: Motion by Supervisor Klein that we approve the recommended changes by the County and we would be in support of it. Second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Carried 5-0.

Meeting packet policy: deadlines, documents, others: There should be a deadline for items that come before the Board. The dead line to get on the P & Z agenda will be the second Tuesday of the prior month before the meeting that is held the first Tuesday of each month. In meeting packets will send all documents received prior to the meeting.

EFT Policy: Need to have an EFT policy. Motion by Supervisor Ness to accept the Electronic/Wire Funds Transfer Policy for Silver Creek Township this day as printed. Second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Carried 5-0.

MISC: Engineer has gotten done with our plan for the blacktop overlay on 97st, Amery, and 101st. Do we want to move forward for bids? Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to have the engineers move forward with the request for bids. Second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion carried 5-0. The County would like us to notify them about any road projects planned in the Township. The maintenance department will do that.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Ludenia, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Silver Creek Township Clerk
Nancy Betzler
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Approved by Board of Supervisors
April 20, 2021

