Silver Creek Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 20th, 2026, 7:00 PM
Location: Silver Creek Township Hall

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1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Helman. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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2. Roll Call
Present: Mike Helman (Chairman), Brandon Geyen (Vice Chairman), Andy Christensen (Supervisor), and Sandy Forsman **Absent:** Ryan Nelson (Supervisor)
Clerk Treasurer, Deputy Clerk, Maintenance employee, 3 members of the public were present and 4 online.

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4. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.
Motion: Vice Chair Geyen **Second:** Supervisor Forsman **Outcome:** Motion carried 4-0

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5. Open Forum - None

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6. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from October 6th, 2026.
Motion: Chair Helman **Second:** Supervisor Christensen
Outcome: Motion carried 3-0-1 (Geyen abstain)

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7. Review Bills & Approval of Disbursements

Motion to approve disbursements $51,378.65
Motion: Vice Chair Geyen **Second:** Supervisor Forsman
Discussion: Board inquired if the Compass Minerals included all of the salt order. Clerk confirmed it was for 3 invoices and scale tickets matched. **Outcome:** Motion carried 4-0

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8. Audit Claims

Vendor	Check #	Amount
Compass Minerals, Inc	Check 20089	$20,956.84
CorTrust Bank	Check 20091	$339.85
Mike Helman	Check 20092	$757.89
Knife River	Check 20093	$527.19

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9. Reports

9a. Chair

i. Next meeting will be on November 5th due to the election on November 3rd.

9b. Clerk Report – written

Motion to approve the transfer of $16,000 from high yield to checking to cover payroll and election expenses.
Motion: Supervisor Christensen **Second:** Vice Chair Geyen
Discussion: None **Outcome:** Motion carried 4-0

Motion to accept the clerk's report
Motion: Vice Chair Geyen **Second:** Supervisor Forsman
Discussion: None **Outcome:** Motion carried 4-0

9c. Maintenance Report:
Vice Chair Geyen provided brief update on Baker Road, he thought progress is being made. Chris Klein stated maintenance is no longer watching the project as they have other items that need to be done. Maintenance plans to install mailboxes next week. Maintenance shared that cutting edges are worn out on loader and need to be replaced. We received a quote from Kris Engineering for $752.30. Also tires on truck number two need to be replaced. It's $464 for each tire plus $50 to mount, need two tires. Update on sand/salt was provided. Ford 550 is being repaired in house with purchased parts. An alignment is set up on Thursday. Ditch mowing has been completed in record time. Discussed missing address sign and possible for need of weights and axle extension for tractor for mowing.
Motion to approve $752.30 for cutting edges.
Motion: Vice Chair Geyen **Second:** Chair Helman
Discussion: None **Outcome:** Motion carried 4-0

Motion to approve up to $1,200.00 to replace tires.
Motion: Vice Chair Geyen **Second:** Supervisor Christensen
Discussion: None **Outcome:** Motion carried 4-0

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10. New Business

10a. Annandale School District Provided an update. Tim Prom, Superintendent provided a district update covering enrollment growth, stable finances, academic strength, and new program offerings like the Access Learning Academy for online learners. The district continues to expand activities, align curriculum, and manage staffing challenges. Two legislative changes will positively affect local taxpayers and school funding:

1. Seasonal Tax Base Replacement Aid program which provides state aid to eligible school districts with significant seasonal recreational property and
2. A proposed increase in Minnesota's Permanent School Fund distribution, offering additional per-pupil revenue without raising taxes.

Overall, the district is growing, performing well academically, and adapting to student needs while staying fiscally responsible.

10b. Budget workshop – date set to October 30th, 9:00 AM. Chair Helman and Supervisor Forsman will attend.

10c. Fall Road Tour – Board decided against a fall group road tour and instead share a wish list with the board members for them to visit on their own and will follow up with spring road tour.

10d. Election Food Budget – Clerk recommended $300 food budget.

Motion to approve up to $300 for election food.
Motion: Vice Chair Geyen **Second:** Chair Helman
Discussion: None **Outcome:** Motion carried 4-0

10e. 2027 Employee Health and Dental Insurance rates - The board discussed in length the health and dental premium increases.

Motion to increase township coverage to $2,312.00 for each employee.
Motion: Chair Helman **Second:** Vice Chair Geyen
Discussion: Original motion was to increase to $2,200. Geyen discussed the increase in employee portion, concerns about losing employees over the increase, and stated he'd rather cover the full increase amount. Chris Klein added that another option would be to increase wages to cover the

difference. Geyen didn't like that idea as it would add additional expenses in payroll taxes. Forsman was indifferent on the topic as she mentioned she wasn't sure what anyone could afford. Christensen didn't think it was necessarily about that more so keeping the position attractive and not having to find a new employee. They discussed the annual increase to the township being around $1200/year and that we'll be making that up in the interest that is now being accrued. Helman amended his motion to $2,312.00. **Outcome:** Motion carried 4-0

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11. Old Business

11a. Baker Road Update – Board discussed hold back and the daily penalization rate of $250 for the job not being completed on time.

11b. Swing Away Mailbox Pricing – Board discussed decreasing the pricing to residents due to lettering/numbers decreased cost. No change will be made at this time as increased costs are expected next year for address posts.

11c. LRIP – Revised Resolution needed for LRIP funds.

Vice Chair Geyen read resolution 2026-03.

Motion to accept Resolution 2026-03 and decline Resolution 2026-2.
Motion: Vice Chair Geyen **Second:** Supervisor Christensen
Discussion: Christensen stated that if we get this grant, it is an absolute no brainer for the township and that we'd never be able to get this road done without it. Helman agreed stating or it would have to be done in several stages. **Outcome:** Motion carried 4-0

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13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.
Motion: Vice Chair Geyen **Second:** Supervisor Forsman
Outcome: Motion carried 4-0 **Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm**.