

Silver Creek Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
July 07, 2020

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Silver Creek Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, July 07, 2020 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. Chairman Ness called the Supervisor meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 14 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. Motion made by Supervisor Klein to continue the meeting until after the P & Z meeting, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Ludenia to reopen the meeting at 8:25, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion carried. There were 10 people in the audience when the meeting reconvened.

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent: None

OPEN FORUM: Several Silver Creek residents were present to discuss issues in the Village of Silver Creek. Some of the concerns expressed were; what are the rules/ordinances for live music outdoors for the corner bar. The music is very loud. The music was originally indoors but is now outside and can be on several different days of the week. People are parking on the street by the bar right at the corner, making it dangerous for drivers to see around the corner to make a safe turn. Why don't they use their parking lot? The motorcycles that come are very loud, they are doing burnouts in front of the bar, and traffic is speeding through town. If someone calls the Sheriff's office it takes hours for someone to come and check it out. There used to be no parking signs on the road. It is a County road so the Township would not be able to put up signs. The Township will check into a noise ordinance and will invite the Sheriff to come to our next meeting to answer questions.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion to approve by Supervisor Heikkinen second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion carried.

Approval of the Consent Agenda Item:

Regular Meeting Minutes 06/16/2020 and List of Payroll Claims Check # 16328-16333 in the amount of \$7914.07. Motion by Supervisor Ludenia to approve, second by Supervisor Forsman. A change was needed to maintenance report about a berm. It should read by Johnson property on 127th ST Motion carried.

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

Old Business:

Bob Tollefson 123rd St trees: Bob & Amy Tollefson were present to discuss their concerns about the width of the road and cutting of additional trees. They read a letter explaining the concerns (see attached). Supervisor Ness recalled stating at the meetings that if the Township takes over the road it would have to be up to Township standards. Some of the trees are leaning into the roadway and the Township would be responsible for damages to vehicles. Supervisor Forsman stated for safety sake she thought there are some trees that need to be removed. Supervisor Heikkinen stated that there would not be any accident reports because it had not been a public road and thought trees # 22,5,8,17 could be removed and possibly # 14. The maintenance department will check into using the no outlet sign. Supervisor Klein stated as far as he knows there are no plan to put additional roads off of 123th. The delineators were used in this area to mark the property line not the edge of the road.

Supervisor Ludenia stated that we do have the 66' if we don't have to clear cut it we are not going to, but as you work with it and become aware that maybe more trees have to go or a little bank of dirt within the 66' needs to go for safety reasons or to put snow. Supervisor Ness said that the Board can't promise what will happen in the future about clearing Township right of ways. Will set a date to have a meeting on the road to get a better idea of what is needed.

Dust Control: More dust control product is needed. Supervisor Heikkinen made a motion to allot \$5000 for dust control. Second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion carried 5-0.

Cintas-Uniforms: Uniform costs have increased. Maintenance will check into it and see if we can go with another company.

New Business:

Steve Graeber 2147 159th St NW: They had called about purchasing property by them that the Township purchased through the County to be used for the turnaround for the road. The Board is not interested in selling the property.

Olson's Truck Stop: Liquor License: We need to sign the application.

Additional Election Judges: Motion by Supervisor Ludenia to accept the additional people on the list presented, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried 5-0.

Coronavirus Relief Fund: Need the form signed to submit to the State to receive funds to spend on any items and expenses that occur for the Township because of the virus. We will receive the money to use and then return any excess funds in November.

COVID 19 Preparedness Plans: Reviewed the sample that we received from MAT and made our plan to submit to the State. There is one for employees and one for officers.

Motion made by Supervisor Heikkinen to add 10 days COVID sick time to cover 3 employees (2 Maintenance 1 Office). Second by Supervisor Ness. Office employee's time will be prorated for the hours worked in the last 6 months. Motion carried 4 yes, 1 abstained Chris Klein interested party.

Motion by Supervisor Klein to accept the plan as written. Second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion carried 5-0.

Misc: Everyone received a copy of the testing from the asphalt on 143th Ave. There may be a price difference because of the changes needed. The Township was asked to stockpile material from the I-94 project. MAT has told us that the COVID fund would pay for a new laptop to be used to hold remote meetings if needed. Will check with IT to get the correct laptop for our needs.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 10:15 by Supervisor Klein, second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Silver Creek Township Clerk
Nancy Betzler
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Approved by Board of Supervisors
August 04, 2020
