

Supervisor Board Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2020

Silver Creek Township

On Tuesday August 18, 2020 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.

Chairman Ness called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 5 people in the audience at the start of the meeting. Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present

Dan Ness, Chairman	Barry Heikkinen, Supervisor
Chris Klein, Supervisor	Sandy Forsman, Supervisor
Nancy Betzler, Clerk/Treasurer	

Absent: Mike Ludenia

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

OPEN FORUM: Ashley Meagher, CPA, Manager with Schlenner Wenner & CO was present to give a report on the Township audit for 2019. Everything went well and no deficiencies were found. They recommend that we implement a couple new policies, a written EFT and fund balance policy and adopt a formal budget for all funds. She also presented the approved audited financial statement for Dec 31, 2019. Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to accept the audit as printed, second by Supervisor Klein. Motion carried 4-0.

John an Eagle Lake resident was present to request help with a water level issue because of beaver activity and the culvert under the road. There is a local resident that does trap beaver for \$50.00 each plus .40 per mile. It can cause erosion issues with the Township road. Someone will talk to the DNR about the culvert. Motion by Supervisor Klein to pay up to \$100 to help Eagle Lake residents to eradicate the beaver, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried 3-1.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Take out new & old business item A. Misc. items added Dist. 7 meeting, high speed internet. COVID meeting and storage. Agenda approved 4-0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda: Reg. meeting minutes 08/04/2020 & 07/28/2020. List of Claims (List of Disbursements presented to Board at Meeting) – Included check numbers 16380--16446 in the total amount of \$52,809.91. Motion by Supervisor Klein to approve consent agenda items, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried 4-0. Affidavit of Official Interest in Claims – Motion to approve both claims 08/04 & 08/18/2020 by Supervisor Heikkinen, second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion carried, 4-0-1 abstained, Chris Klein interested party.

Audit of Claims: 16419 Cintas	\$ 179.25
16422 C & S Welding	1,500.00
16429 Martie's Farm S	159.99

Motion by Supervisor Klein to approve, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried, 4-0.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report:

<u>Balance as of July 31, 2020</u>	<u>Current Month to Date</u>
Revenue Account: \$160,702.80	To Deposit Revenue \$62,789.98
Road & Bridge Acct: 363,599.80	To Deposit R&B
Total Available 524,302.60	Total Disbursements 52,809.91
Fire Fund 59,922.36	
Contingency Fund: 9,115.02	
Checks out 1,869.83	
Checking 24,545.54	

Motion to approve Clerk/Treasurers report by Supervisor Forsman Second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried, 4-0.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Supervisor Klein gave report. Working with tar kettle doing potholes & crack filling, Seeding done on 123rd St, have been grading after it rains, street signs put up, playground cleaned and signs put up. Gravel crushing will start end of Aug, first of Sept., more brush cutting needed, there is more crack filling to be done and second cutting of ditches will start soon.

Old Business:

123rd ST NW: We talked about the trees marked for removal and agreed on the buck thorn tree, # 13, 20a, 29a, 32, 27 and small grove of little trees, as well of the overhanging branches. We decided to not go ahead with the rustic road, because the speed limit would be 45 mph and felt that is too fast for the road. The gas tax would also be lost for a rustic road. Bob Toffelson agreed that the trees agreed upon were a good compromise. The maintenance will schedule the trees to be removed and stump removal. There are some birch trees that need to be removed. Maintenance Dept. needs to do what is appropriate to protect equipment and maintain the road.

No Parking Signs: John Krause 4262,4271 & 4245 112th St was present to discuss no parking signs in Village of Silver Creek. He would like no parking signs to be put up to keep people from parking in his driveways. The Board agreed to make a recommendation to the County Highway Dept. that they put up no parking signs 10' either side of driveway along 112th St and from mailboxes south to corner on Elliott Ave.

Election: We had 144 people that voted in person. Discussed how to handle the November election. We could put in a sidewalk to change our exit point for the safety of voters. We could also change and have the voting in our shop. Will consider how to handle the November election.

New Business:

County-Cares fund request: Signed the agreement with the County for the Cares fund.

5278 130St NW-Willow Trees: There are willow trees growing into the driving surface. A Board member will talk with the property owner about removing them.

Misc:

High speed internet: There is a MAT survey that will test your internet speed and they will use that information to take to the State. We might be able get internet here with Xtratyme internet service. Will check into the cost of the service.

COVID practices: Will need to document what needs to be done to qualify for the COVID funds.

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MAT Resolution: MAT has a couple resolutions they would like Townships to make; one for it to be illegal to sell road signs and one that Township would not be responsible for Supervisor unemployment benefits.

Storage: Discussed addition storage in the hall for election and office storage.

Adjournment: Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to adjourn, second by Supervisor Forsman. All present in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Silver Creek Township Clerk
Nancy Betzler
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Approved by Board of Supervisors
09/01/2020

Michael Forsman 9-1-2020

Cliff Ke 9/1/2020

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