

Silver Creek Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
September 07, 2021

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Silver Creek Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, September 07, 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. Chairperson 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. There was one person in the audience at the start of the meeting and 3 on Zoom.

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent: None

OPEN FORUM: Tom Vanek thinks his mailbox was installed to far back and thinks the mail delivery people will have trouble this winter, also wondering why MIDCO was using so much room in the Township yard. Midco and T-Ray have approval to store supplies for the work that they are doing for their project for placing cable for new internet service.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion to approve by Supervisor Ludenia, second by Supervisor Klein. Motion carried 5-0. Discussed how to add items to the agenda when they come up for discussion after the agenda is posted.

Approval of the Consent Agenda Item:

Regular Meeting Minutes:08-17-2021 and List of Claims to include check #17077 - 17081 in the amount of \$6,620.46. Motion to approve by Supervisor Ludenia, second by Supervisor Ness. Carried 5-0.

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

Old Business:

Items in right of way: Discussed what to do when there are items in the Towns right of way. The Minnesota Assn of Townships Attorney sent us the information to put into the letters that we would send to property owners when we are requesting that items be removed from the right of way. Will send a certified letter to the one on Duffield that was discussed earlier. We will put in the next newsletter, as a reminder to everyone, what can't be placed in the right of way. Will review the rest of the photos taken of items in the right of way and discuss at the next meeting, how we will handle the rest of the properties that need to be addressed.

Chloride: Central MN Dust Control has dropped off here, 2 frac tanks for storing chloride; we should have a supply here for our use next spring.

Hall Rental: We have not heard back from the party that might want to rent the hall every Sunday.

Budget 2022: Discussed the budget needs. Will get a print out for the next meeting of the expenses for the first 3 quarters this year to review. Maintenance should come up with a priority list for 2022 for road improvements. What needs to be done for chip sealing, crack filling and overlays? Barry reported that the cost for CMRP would be \$3750 and it is expected that the County would pay half again. Discussed the benefits of staying in CMRP.

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New Business:

Pit reclamation: We have a quote from Thielen Excavating for \$185.00 per equipment hour. (Dozer, backhoe and 30 ton trucks). Will meet at the pit to review what reclamation needs to be done on Wednesday September 15. Will meet at the hall at 8am and then drive to pit. Motion by Supervisor Ness to authorize up to \$20,000 for pit reclamation for 2021 with the ability to increase that at the site inspection meeting. Second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Carried 5-0.

Hall roof: Maintenance checked the roof and found 3 spots that were leaking. They did some repairs with some roof patching material. A new roof will be needed in the future. Will need to budget for that. Will try to get some quotes and find some alternate ways to repair it.

Proposal for Street Study: Received proposal from Hakanson Anderson for a street study of our roads for a fee of \$8200. Discussed the need to have a professional study or have maintenance and the Board review the roads. There was an amendment to the levy vote at the annual meeting to have the study done. We will check with the MAT Attorney if the amendment must be followed. Motion made by Supervisor Heikkinen to spend \$8200 to get the opinion from Hakanson Anderson on the condition of the roads pertaining to this proposal. Second by Supervisor Ness. Motion failed 2 yes (Ness & Heikkinen) 3 no.

Culvert Pipe: We need to order more culverts but the price will be going up. We can still order some at the cheaper rate from the County. Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to spend up to \$7500 on culvert pipe from the County, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Carried 5-0.

MISC:

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Ness, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Carried. Adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Silver Creek Township Clerk
Nancy Betzler
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