

**Silver Creek Township
Supervisor Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 17, 2023**

Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman Newman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at the Silver Creek Township Hall. All those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present:

Chris Newman, Chairman

Mike Helman, Supervisor

Sandy Forsman, Supervisor

Ryan Nelson, Supervisor

Brandon Geyen, Supervisor

5 Residents in attendance, 4 signed in, 2 on Zoom

Absent: Heidi Eckerman, Clerk/Treasurer

Open Forum for Citizen Comments:

No Citizen comments.

Review and Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by Supervisor Helman to move Gowan Ave Project to after the Approval of the agenda. Seconded by; Supervisor Forsman. Carried 5-0.

Approval of the Agenda Items:

Motion was made by Supervisor Helman to approve the Claims and Disbursements; Seconded by Supervisor Geyen. Carried 4-0.

Gowan Ave:

Motion made by Supervisor Helman to purchase the culvert, splitting funds with Clearwater Township, to go with Rinker Materials for the total cost of \$39,487.14, maximum out of pocket is \$19,743.57. Seconded by; Supervisor Nelson. Discussion, Carried 5-0.

Motion made by Supervisor Helman to go with Thielen Excavating LLC., for Time & Material, not to exceed the lump sum of \$115,674.00, with our Maintenance working with Thielen Excavating and with potentially taking on some of the other tasks as they deem necessary, Seconded by Supervisor Nelson. Carried 5-0.

After discussion, Supervisor Helman amended his motion to include: To split the hourly cost up to \$115,674.00 with Clearwater Township. Carried 5-0.

Motion made by Supervisor Newman to go with Thielen Excavating, Time & Materials to be up to \$115,674.00, with additional assistance from both Townships Maintenance departments to help reduce the costs as provided. Seconded by; Chairman Rose Thelen of Clearwater Township. Carried 5-0.

After discussion, Silver Creek will coordinate with the Contractor and the Township work to be split between both Townships.

Audit of Claims:

18359 - \$695.00, 18362 - \$26.81, 18373 - \$50.00, 18379 - \$865.30

Clerk/Treasurer Report:

Report as read

Maintenance Report:

Chip seal will not happen this year the contractor ran out of time. Hakanson Anderson Engineer has completed his scope of the project and can be carried into next seasons work.

Chairman Newman made a motion to approve a change order substantial completion date to June 30, 2024 in authorizing himself to execute said change order on behalf of the Township. Seconded by; Supervisor Helman. Carried 4-0.

Loader needs maintenance repair for the leaking pinion seal, Diverter hydraulic valve, and the air conditioner. Supervisor Helman made a motion to approve up to \$5000.00 for the repairs to the loader, Seconded by Supervisor Forsman. Carried 4-0. After discussion, motion amended to approve up to \$7000.00. Seconded by; Supervisor Forsman. Carried 4-0.

DNR is a State Park & Recreation Grant. Limestone Lake and State hunting reserve. 130th would be a road widening up to 30 feet & blacktopping up to Gowan Ave. The DNR grant ties into the LRIP grant. LRIP would include Bishop Ave & 91st St. which is a rebuild. Supervisor Helman made a motion to apply for the DNR grant for 130th, up to an Engineers estimate of \$2000.00; Seconded by Supervisor Forsman. Discussion. Supervisor Helman amended his motion to apply for the DNR grant for 130th, up to \$3,000.00; Seconded by Supervisor Forsman. Carried 4-0.

Supervisor Helman made a motion to apply for the LRIP grant for Bishop Ave & 91st Ave with an Engineers study up to \$3,000.00. Seconded by; Supervisor Forsman. Carried 4-0.

Pine Trees around the property will need to be moved to a different area, preferably over by the TDS box in the Spring of 2024.

Old Business:

Roof – After looking at the roof, it looks like there should be no additional venting at this time. Need snow slides and a deflector for the snow and to slide away from the air conditioner.

2024 Planning – Maintenance met with Board and discussed 2024 road projects. Supervisor Helman would like to meet for the 2024 Planning on either Tuesday October 24th, 2023 at 8:30am or Tuesday October 3rd, 2023 at 8:30am.

New Business:

Snow and Ice Policy – Updated changes made to the Snow and Ice Control Policy.

Approve Part Time help – Motion made by Supervisor Helman to approve Jamie Albrecht part-time help for snow plowing, Seconded by Supervisor Geyen. Carried 4-0.

Adjournment:

Supervisor Geyen adjourned the meeting at 9:22pm, Seconded by Supervisor Helman, Carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Eckerman
Silver Creek Township Clerk
October 17, 2023 Minutes
Approved by Board of Supervisors
December 19, 2023

