

Silver Creek Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
November 05, 2019

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Silver Creek Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday November 05, 2019 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 10 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 Ludenia to continue the meeting until after the P & Z meeting, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to reopen the meeting at 8:45, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion carried. There was 1 person in the audience when the meeting reconvened.

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent: None

OPEN FORUM: None

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda Item:

Regular Meeting Minutes 10/15/2019. Motion by Supervisor Klein to approve, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Supervisor Ness will like more of the discussion from the last meeting included in the minutes before approving. Motion failed 2 yes 3 no, Ness, Heikkinen and Forsman. Motion by Supervisor Klein to approve the minutes from Oct 15 except the miscellaneous items, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Minutes failed 2 yes, 3 no.

Old Business:

Street light request update: We had received an email from Virgil Hawkins, County Highway Engineer that there was adequate sight distance for CR 8 at 128th St, but received follow up email with photos of the intersection saying they will keep an eye on the brush in this location and will trim back as much as possible within the Highway 8 right-of- way.

150th St Update: 150th St completed, the Engineer is holding back 5% retainer until the inslope seeding is established. The final payments and closing of the paperwork will be next spring sometime. The engineer sends the pay statement to the contractor then to the County and the County sends to the State for payment. The County pays the prime contractor then gets reimbursed by the State. At next meeting we will have a breakdown of the figures for the project and should know pretty close what they are.

Pavement Coring Forensic Report: Will continue until the next meeting.

Video Recordings: Supervisor Heikkinen checked with MAT and was referred to Bob with Couri & Ruppe and was told that it is fine to do it but recommends that they write a policy on it for us. We would do a statement on the beginning of the video that these are not the official minutes, for public information only. The policy would say how long we would retain the video. We can post on YouTube or put on our website. We will need to consider microphones for the Board and the audience to use. Resident Sally Heikkinen stated that she would like more transparency about meetings. More discussion followed about the costs and benefits of video recording meeting, no decision made.

New Business

Remove items from ROW before Snow and Boats on Ellingwood and Bishop:

Supervisor Ness made a motion to send out the appropriate letters to citizens regarding items in the right-of-way to inform them, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Letters to be signed by the Silver Creek Township Board. Motion carried 5-0.

Misc.: A resident whose road by their property was rebuilt has requested a refund of \$58.50 for a mailbox support they bought last fall and now other residents got a new support when 150th St was rebuilt. Motion by Supervisor Klein to refund her mailbox fee, second by Supervisor Forsman. Amended to refund \$58.50 for the mailbox structure purchased earlier because the road was rebuilt the next year. Motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor Ludenia reported that the maintenance department has removed trees and brush on 123th St and widen that intersection. Will try to finish that ditch to Gowan this year. They used the asphalt recycler a little bit; it worked well on the asphalt road and real well on the chip seal part of it. They have been grading, and got a lot of the road in shape and will grade a little more before it freezes up. There is a little more mowing to do. Supervisor Ness would like to have someone come to talk about Data Practices, he knows someone who is considered an expert in that arena that is willing to come to talk to us with no fee. Supervisor Klein would like us to have someone from MAT or our Township Attorney to explain how it pertains to the Township. Clerk will contact Mat to get further information.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Forsman, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Silver Creek Township Clerk
Nancy Betzler
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Approved by Board of Supervisors
November 19, 2019

