

Silver Creek Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
November 05, 2020

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Silver Creek Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, November 05, 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 5 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 Heikkinen to reopen the meeting at 7:30 second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion carried. There were 4 people in the audience when the meeting reconvened.

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent: None

OPEN FORUM: Mike Couri, Township Attorney was present to answer questions about our logo, policies, harassment, video equipment, and COVID funding.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion to approve by Supervisor Heikkinen, second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda Item:

Regular Meeting Minutes 10/20/2020 and Claims Check # 16547-16457 in the amount of \$9917.59. Supervisor Klein made a motion that we take out the open forum editorial that was made at the last meeting, as we found out tonight it is legal to tape the meeting, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Attorney stated it is up to the Board what is in the minutes. Only approve minutes that are factual. Supervisor Klein amended motion to read that we need to remove the open forum editorial by Supervisor Heikkinen because it is not factual and was never voted on to become part of the minutes, second by Supervisor Ludenia so it can be discussed. Amended again to remove the factual part and be removed because it was not moved on by the Board, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion on the floor was to strike the open forum comment from the minutes. Motion failed, 2 yes, 3 no it stays in the minutes. Motion to accept the minutes and disbursements by Supervisor Ludenia, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Old Business:

Update to Technology Town Hall: A new quote was presented from EPA Audio Visual for \$29,333.39 to add a recorder. Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to accept this proposal for \$29,333.39 from EPA Audio Visual, second by Supervisor Ness. Motion carried 3-2. Supervisor Klein voted no because he believes it does not fall under the COVID regulations, there is equipment we currently have and we should have gotten at least 2 quotes.

There is a proposal that Supervisor Heikkinen received from Lengyel Electric for \$811. for electrical work to install the audio visual equipment. 3 companies were called, but only one got back to him. Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to accept the quote for \$811 from Lengyel Electric, second by Supervisor Ness. Discussed why we did not contact the electrician that the Township uses for electrical work. Motion carried 4-1.

Discussed holding a special meeting to pay these 2 bills. Special meeting will be held November 12th after the Board of Canvass meeting.

Discussed an email Supervisor Klein received from MN Management and Budget Office about what is covered by the CARES Act, She stated that in order to be considered eligible, a project or good would need to be delivered, paid for, and installed by November 15. It was felt that our Attorney addressed this and he felt that it will be covered by the CARES Act.

Security System: Received a second quote will continue to November 17th meeting.

Website: Received a second quote for a website for \$4850. plus additional cost to post video for \$150 per month. Continues to November 17th meeting to look at both bids.

DNR Grant: Discussed the paperwork that was submitted for the grant.

New Business:

Set dates for upcoming meeting, budgeting, reviews, etc: organizational meeting will be during the December 1st meeting, employee reviews on December 15 @ 6pm, start looking at budgets during the Dec 1 meeting.

Misc: Supervisor Heikkinen reported that the CMRP canceled the November meeting. Election report: We had 1228 people voting in person. 81 new people registered. The election judges did a great job. The new setup using the shop for part of the voting worked very well and will consider doing it the same for future elections.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Heikkinen, second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion carried. Adjourned at 10:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Silver Creek Township Clerk
Nancy Betzler
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Approved by Board of Supervisors
November 17, 2020
