

Supervisor Board Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2019

Silver Creek Township

On Tuesday November 19, 2019, 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 two 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
Mike Ludenia, Supervisor	Nancy Betzler, Clerk/Treasurer

Absent: None

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

OPEN FORUM: None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Supervisor Ludenia made motion to approve agenda, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Added to Misc. Silver Creek Bar Motion carried, unanimous.

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Regular Meeting Minutes: 11/05/2019 and List of Claims (List of Disbursements presented to Board at Meeting) – Included check numbers 15925--15976 in the total amount of \$75,195.26. Motion by Supervisor Ludenia to approve minutes and list of claims as presented, second by Supervisor Klein. Motion carried, 5-0

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

Audit of Claims: 15945 Center Point	\$	184.03
15949 Hoglund Sign		75.00
15954 Johnson Material		355.61
15958 M & M Express		75.69

Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to approve. Second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion carried, 5-0.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report:

We will have to change meeting dates for some meeting next year because of elections. Would like to look for a smaller tree after Christmas. Motion by Supervisor Klein for the Clerk to spend money for a tree after Christmas, second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion carried 5-0.

<u>Balance as of October 31, 2019, 2019</u>		<u>Current Month to Date</u>
Revenue Account:	\$128,568.75	To Deposit Revenue \$ 2,078.60
Road & Bridge Acct:	<u>151,322.37</u>	To Deposit R&B 806.92
Total Available	279,891.12	Total Disbursements 75,195.26
Fire Fund	59,683.43	
Contingency Fund:	9,111.97	

Checks out \$ 4,856.92
Checking 29,375.20

Motion to approve Clerk/Treasurers report by Supervisor Heikkinen. Second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion carried, 5-0.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Supervisor Ludenia gave report

1. Brush and trees cut on 123rd St
2. They got the blades on the trucks.
3. Working in the pit on reclamation.
4. Will finish up on some of the mowing.
5. Will need a motion to have our Attorney work on a new contract for Starry Pit.
Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to work with our Attorney on a 3 year contract for our gravel pit. Second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business

150th Ave Update: Reviewed a report of costs for the project. Discussed the items that were over and under the estimates. Report attached. Was not able to figure the extra cost of in-house labor. Clerk reviewed the labor cost used last year compared to this year. The hours (46.25) of OT hours and additional hours (236) worked by part-time employees this year during the project was \$6552.24 more than labor cost last year.

Video Recording: Discussed the cost for recording and the interest by residents. Will continue to check into it to see if there is interest from township residents.

Data Practice Act discussion: We have found out that we are not covered by the Data Practice Act because we are not in the 7 County Metro Area.

Hard Surface road preservation maintenance plan: Will review reports and discuss at next meeting.

New Business:

Ditch 24 & 36 information: Discussed the information received from Wright Co. For the work done on Ditch 24 we are assessed \$28.96. County Commissioner Darek Vetsch stopped in and was able to explain the Ditch assessments. The County is going through all of the County ditch systems and re-determining all the benefits on the ditch systems. Ditch 36 is the one going into Rice Lake and there will be an assessment in the future. It will cover the whole water shed area.

He was here also to discuss the Central Mississippi River-Regional Planning Partnership (CMRP). When working to find a river crossing they could not find one because each Government jurisdiction had different land use plans. They now want to work together on land use planning. Silver Creek Township can be involved as a voting member of the CMRP. The County has agreed to subsidize Monticello and Silver Creek Township for membership. The County has agreed to pay half of the fee. The Township will have to pay \$7500 each year for the next 2 years. If we want to control our destiny we need to have regional planning. If the Township wants to have some input in what happens the Township should be a voting member. They are planning on finishing the planning in 18 to 24 months. There are 7 voting members at this time. They meet in the morning at this time, but will be discussing changing the meeting times. Motion made by Supervisor Klein that we join and pay the \$7500 fee. Second by Supervisor Ludenia. Discussed who would be on the CMRP board. The member must bring back information and give to their board and must be one of the members of the Township Board. 2 or 3 board members can be designated, 1 primary and 2 alternates and whoever can attend will be the voting member on the CMRP. Motion carried 5-0.

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MN Dept. of Administration Surplus-Signature: Paperwork was signed by Chairman.
Set Organizational, Budget meetings: Organizational meeting will be included with new business at next meeting. Budget meeting will be done after the first of the year. Employee reviews will be done December 3rd and December 17th.

Misc.: Supervisor Forsman discussed Silver Creek Bar and if we do get any complaints it should be put in their file and call them in to discuss the complaint if needed. Residents need to file a formal complaint. Supervisor Ludenia discussed the drug testing for the maintenance dept. Will continue to get more information on the requirements.

Adjournment: Motion by Supervisor Ludenia to adjourn, second by Supervisor Forsman. All present in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted
Silver Creek Township Clerk
Nancy Betzler
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Approved by Board of Supervisors
12/03/2019
