

**Silver Creek Township
Supervisor Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday December 05, 2023.**

Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman Newman called the meeting to order at 7:02pm on Tuesday December 05, 2023 at the Silver Creek Township Hall. All those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present:

Chris Newman, Chairman	Mike Helman, Vice Chairman
Sandy Forsman, Road Authority	Ryan Nelson, Supervisor
Brandon Geyen, Supervisor	Heidi Eckerman, Clerk/Treasurer

Supervisor Nelson arrived late at 7:08pm.

6 guests in attendance, 2 signed in, 6 guests on Zoom

OPEN FORUM:

Charlie Schwartz 134th NW & Ferman Ave NW; In September he installed drainage tile on the North end of the property, about 2-3" long, the water will drain to the east towards Ferman Ave. There is not a lot of fall in the ditch right at the tile exit point, so would need to clean the ditch about 120ft to the South, along Ferman Ave, to make the drain tile work correctly. He would like to know if he can clean the ditch out to let the water run out to the end of your tile, so then it would drain further to the South in our ditch.

There were no questions from the Board. Let maintenance know when he's doing the work or when he's close to being done so they can measure the elevations.

Jen Doherty from Up the Creek – Would like to know since the Board previously recommended that they can have music at Up the Creek if they could do something more to help them out to get Wright County to approve the music.

Supervisor Helman recommended the Board reach out to the Township Attorney and ask for some Clarification, and some guidance of some possible ideas.

Board asked why Wright County denied it and why or what it would be violating or the Ordinance? Last year they technically approved music but with no amplification and wanted them to put a 7ft tall fence around the entire property except one area that was a safety concern for the night staff. There were multiple reasons why they didn't move forward with that. She didn't recall that they did say it was an Ordinance. Kristina Maas commented that Up the Creek received upwards around \$100,000. For the custom fence to be installed to have the music, they received multiple bids. Resident Klein spoke about that there might be an Amp Ordinance to check into. A couple Board members are going to work with them to find different venues to go down and address the issue.

REVIEW and APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Amend Agenda: Move Midco up to above Old Business. Strike New Business letter A
Supervisor Helman made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, Seconded by
Supervisor Geyen, Carried 5-0.

Approval of Prior Minutes and Disbursements:

October 3, 2023 Continued to the December 19, 2023 meeting.

Supervisor Nelson made a motion to approve the November 7, 2023 minutes, Seconded by,
Supervisor Geyen. Carried 5-0.

Supervisor Nelson made a motion to approve the November 20, 2023 minutes, Seconded by,
Supervisor Geyen. Carried 3-2, Supervisors Helman & Forsman Abstained.

Supervisor Helman made a motion to approve the list of Claims/Disbursements, Seconded by
Supervisor Geyen; Carried 5-0.

Clerk/Treasurer Report:

- a) Wright County disbursed the second half of the levy in the amount of \$539,388.54
- b) 2023 Earned Sick & Safe leave will begin January 1, 2024.
- c) FMLA – Paid Family & Medical Leave starts January 2026.
- d) Maintenance Klein will have a closed Employee Annual Review on 12/19/23, 6:30pm.
- e) Fire fees were removed and added every year.

Maintenance Report:

Endicott- A resident put in a driveway without a permit, letter and application to be sent to the property owners, by the clerk.

Plow trucks are ready for the winter season.

Finished up the ditch mowing for the year. Boom mower was put on to trim trees & bushes.

Plow trucks passed the DOT inspection.

Front end loader needs some work. There are pivot points where the bucket pivots & the pins either need to be drilled out or welded locally so it's a tighter fit.

Pickup truck had no heat, needed to replace the thermostat.

Midco – Midco is applying for a Border to Border grant to continue the Broadband expansion in Silver Creek Township. Total project cost will be about 2.9 Million dollar's, of that Midco will put in 1.6 Million and cover 550 currently underserved addresses in Wright County including 282 in Silver Creek Township, and about 65% unserved & 35% underserved. Over half of the project will be in Silver Creek Township. As part of DEED's Border to Border program, they put a huge emphasis on a local contribution support for the project, Silver Creek Township will donate the land for Midco's materials in place of monetary value.

Motion made by Supervisor Helman to write a letter of support, and if Midco receives the grant that Silver Creek Township will waive the cost of the lot rental at the Township.

In kind contribution up to the amount of \$2000.00 that has been paid as a waived rental of our staging area at Silver Creek Township of the value of \$2000.00. Seconded by, Supervisor Nelson. Carried 4-1, Chairman Newman abstained.

OLD BUSINESS:

90th St NW – Culvert

- 1. To approve the attachment to the culvert.
- 2. Resolution 2023-12-05f: Hold Harmless, Resolution 2023-12-05f read into the record by Chairman Newman.

Motion made by Supervisor Geyen to approve the Resolution 2023-12-05f; Seconded by Supervisor Helman. Carried 5-0

Dusty Zander to meet at Wright County to sign Hold Harmless Resolution in front of a Notary.

All Elements -

Motion made by Chairman Newman to spend up to \$4980.00 to put a 6-8 Ft long membranes encapsulated 4" high snow guards across the entire South and install 2 of the same snow guards on the North, so 16 feet on the North to stop the snow from falling on the AC unit and the doorway with leeway, to discuss only doing 2 on the front to cover the door to reduce the price and not do the whole thing, but up to, \$4980.00 should the need arise. Seconded by; Supervisor Helman. Carried 5-0

Gowan Ave Culvert –

Sugar Lake Association would like to know if something can be done about the beavers in the area, because of their destruction. Silver Creek Township will not be helping out with them, the job with the Township is done with the culvert. Received estimated expenses came in well

under the \$15,000.00 that was estimated just for the contractor. The Township saved money by helping out the contractor and hauling ourselves.

LRIP Grant-

The grant was submitted. Make a copy of the final so it's in our records, so we have a print out what was done. Find out the results of the grant in the first quarter of 2024.

Bishop Land Markers –

Hakanson Anderson gave an estimate to replace the Land Markers for \$500-\$700 to have the markers relocated. All property lines and corners were marked at the time. Mr. Petisto would like to have them come back and locate the markers so he can put his fence post back.

Motion made by Supervisor Forsman to have no more than \$700.00 to be used to replace the land markers on Bishop Ave on Jon Petisto property. Seconded by, Supervisor Nelson.

Carried 5-0.

Crofoot Drain Tile –

On the top of the hill a spring runs down and into the ditch, so the ditch is always saturated. In order to preserve the Township road and the ditch, maintenance is requesting a drain tile be installed and it will be around 4-500 feet and around 3 feet deep and 2 feet of $\frac{3}{4}$ in river rock over the top it and backfilled with dirt. It should cost around \$4500.00

Motion made by Supervisor Nelson to approve the drain tile up to an amount of \$4500.00, Seconded by Supervisor Forsman. Carried 4-1, Opposed Supervisor Helman.

2024 Road Project Quotes –

For the 2024 road projects we should concentrate more on the chip sealing projects that have not been done. Funds were granted at the end of this year for road projects, these should be used and applied to get caught up on the older projects. Also maybe look at different Engineer's, because of cost differences.

Quotes for gravel hauling, send out the quotes soon. Post & Advertise on January 2nd.

The road projects will continue to the next meeting.

Towns Line Road Resolutions –

All Resolutions read and approved:

Resolution 2023-12-05a read by Supervisor Helman. Motion made by Chairman Newman to approve Resolution 2023-12-05a as read into record. Seconded by, Supervisor Geyen. Carried 5-0.

Resolution 2023-12-05b read by Supervisor Nelson. Motion made by Chairman Newman to approve Resolution 2023-12-05b as read into record, amended the motion with the update of the 15th St to 150th St. and noting of the Resolution number after. Seconded by, Supervisor Geyen. Carried 5-0.

Resolution 2023-12-05c read by Chairman Newman. Motion made by Chairman Nelson to approve Resolution 2023-12-05c as read into record. Seconded by, Supervisor Geyen. Carried 5-0.

Resolution 2023-12-05d read by Supervisor Forsman. Motion made by Chairman Newman to approve Resolution 2023-12-05d as read into record. Seconded by, Supervisor Geyen. Carried 5-0.

Resolution 2023-12-05e read by Supervisor Geyen. Motion made by Chairman Newman to approve Resolution 2023-12-05e as read into record. Seconded by, Supervisor Nelson. Carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Geyen adjourned the meeting at 9:29pm; Seconded by Supervisor Nelson,
Carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heidi Eckerman
Silver Creek Township Clerk
December 5, 2023 Minutes
Approved by Board of Supervisors
December 19, 2023










