



Silver Creek Township Annual Meeting

March 11, 2025 7:00PM

Review 2024

Preview 2025

Propose 2026

Township

Supervisors, Members, and Staff

Board of Supervisors

Sandy Forsman (2028)

Mike Helman (2028)

Andy Christensen (2028)

Brandon Geyen (2026)

Ryan Nelson (2026)

Planning & Zoning Members

Jesse Dickinson

Mark Egge

Justin Hall

Chris Klein

Tom Vanek

Clerk-Treasurer

Alana Paumen (Aug 14)

Deputy Clerk (open)

Maintenance

Chris Klein

Blake Paumen (June 26)

Tom Vanek- As needed

Jamie Albrecht- As needed

General Fund

This fund pays for all Township expenses related to

- Compensation: Board of Supervisors, P&Z Members, Clerk-Treasurer, and Deputy Clerk
- Professional Services: Attorney, Assessor, Audit
- Insurance: Township, Property, Workers Comp, Unemployment
- All Township buildings: Maintenance, repairs, utilities
- Elections: Equipment, materials, judges
- Office Operations: Computer equipment, supplies, postage
- Township Resident Recycling
- Donations, dues, and memberships
- Clean-up Day
- Playground

Road and Bridge Fund

This fund pays for all Township expenses related to

- Compensation: Full-time and part-time Maintenance Staff
- Professional Services: Engineer, Contractors
- Equipment: purchase, maintenance and repair, fuel
- Road Maintenance and Updates: Grading, gravel hauling, pit royalties, snow plowing, salt/sand, road repairs, asphalt, chipseal
- Right Of Way Maintenance: mowing, brush removal, tree trimming, weed control, debris clean-up
- Chloride for gravel stabilization & dust control, road signs, culverts and other related items

Review 2024

Road Improvements

- Asphalt Overlay
119th, 120th, Blackwood, Baker, Banyon
- Chipseal
156th, Meridian, 105th, 97th, Amery, 101st, 94th

Road Maintenance

- Chloride Used: 38,000 Gallons
- Gravel Hauled: 6,700 Yards
- Asphalt for crack filling: 16,500 lbs.
- Major Ditch Cleaning on Baker
- Regular road/ditch maintenance

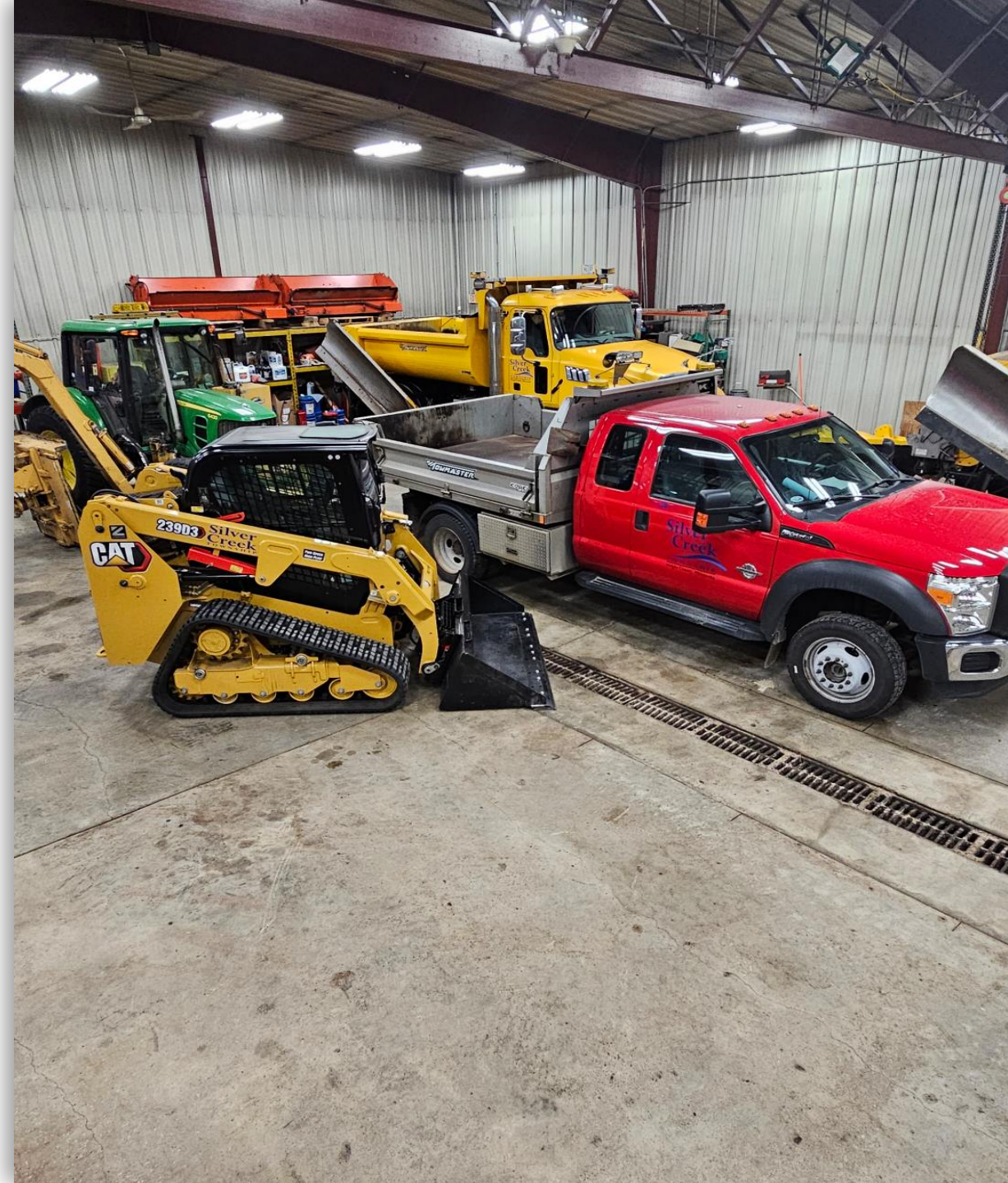
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IT Infrastructure Improvements

- ARPA Funds used for IT Infrastructure Improvements
 - Computer Equipment
 - Microsoft Office Products
 - Cyber Security

Review 2024

- Sold 2003 Chevy 3500 w/plow at auction for \$6,336.00
- Road and Bridge Equipment Investments
 - 2013 F550 w/dump bed
 - Cat Skid Steer
 - Tilt deck Trailer

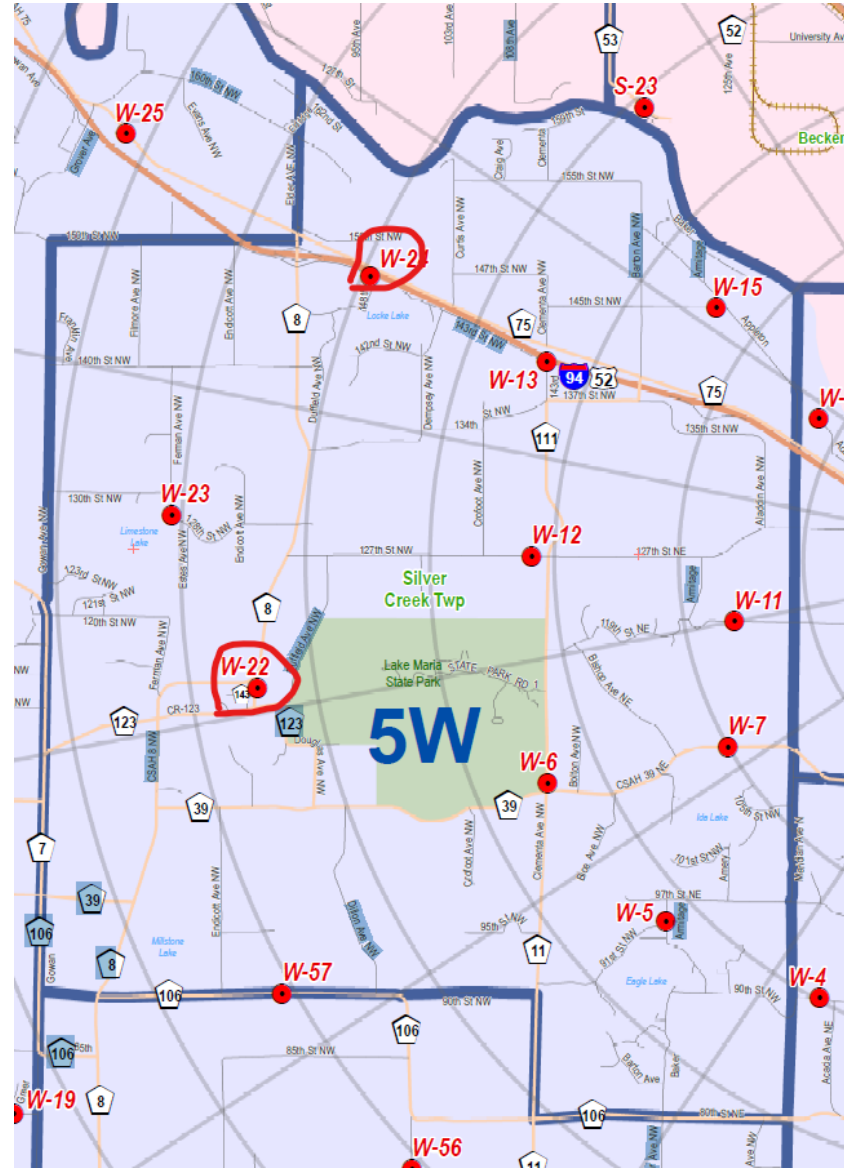


Review 2024

Xcel Energy Siren removal Project

- 11 Sirens in Township (next slide shows map)
- Xcel petitioned to Feds to stop maintaining sirens and use other electronic communication to notify residents.
- Xcel wanted to donate Sirens to Cities and Townships
- Board could not justify the cost associated with the upkeep of all 11 sirens, approved to accept the donation of two sirens (W-22 and W-24).

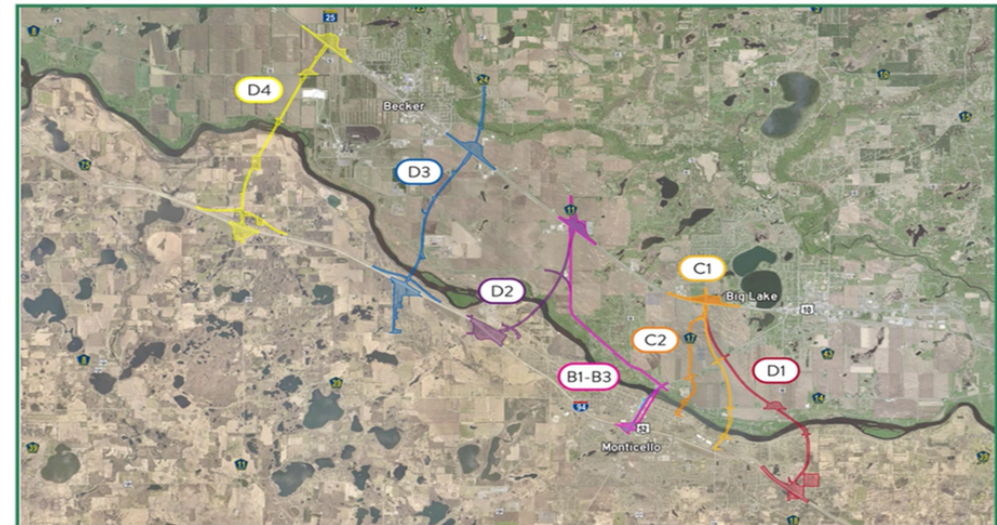
Siren Locations



Hwy 25 Corridor

Public Input

- To-date, public input favors alternatives D2 and D3
- Becker area residents favor D3 and D4
- Monticello area residents strongly oppose C1, C2, and D1 alternatives; similar in Big Lake, though not as strong
- A1, B1, B2, and B3 alternatives were not considered viable by the majority of respondents



Sheriffs Report 2024

Silver Creek Township- Crime Calls	
Assault	3
Burglary	3
Court Order Violation	8
Criminal Damage to Property	4
Drugs	10
Fraud Complaint	10
Homicide	0
Robbery	0
Sex Related	0
Theft	15

Sheriffs Report 2024

Silver Creek Township- Quality of Life Calls

Alarm	48
Animal	32
Check Welfare	22
Citizen Aid	13
Civil	22
Disorderly	1
Domestic Disturbance	9
Harassment	10
Juvenile Complaint	4
Lost - Found Property	2
Medical	95
Neighborhood Dispute	12
Noise	12
Suspicious Activity	52
Threats	4
Unwanted Person	5

Sheriffs Report 2024

Silver Creek Township- Traffic Calls

DUI	13
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Motor Vehicle Crashes	56
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Parking	12
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Traffic - Complaint	39
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Traffic - Hazard	10
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Traffic - Stop	640
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Fire Report

SUMMARY OF RECIEPTS,
DISBURSEMENTS, AND
BALANCES

	YE2023	Receipts	Disbursements	YE2024
General Revenue Fund	\$147,517.35	\$265,788.57	\$252,253.06	\$161,052.86
ARPA Fund	\$13,772.51	\$0	\$13,772.51	\$0
Road & Bridge Fund	\$511,884.91	\$1,165,727.23	\$1,145,599.26	\$532,012.88
Total Levy Funds	\$673,174.77	\$1,431,515.80	\$1,411,624.83	\$693,065.74

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	YE2023	Receipts	Disbursements	YE2024
Fire Fund	\$49,774.27	\$88,750.37	\$45,325.00	**\$93,199.64
Contingency Fund	\$9639.25	\$15,010.86	\$0	\$24,650.11
Total Non-Levy Funds	\$59,413.52	\$103,761.23	\$45,325.00	\$117,849.75

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	YE2024
Total Balance	\$810,915.49

Equipment List

AS OF 12/31/2024

Reporting Year	2013 Cat 140M2 Motor Grader	1998 Cat 938G Loader	2010 JD 6430 Tractor Mower	1998 JD F935 Lawn Mower	2003 Chev 4x4 ¾ ton w/plow	2015 Mack Dump Plow Truck	2019 Mack Dump Plow Truck	2024 Cat Skid	Ford F-550
2021	3261 hrs	5239 hrs	4354 hrs	892 hrs	189600 mi	44322 mi	16855 mi	-	-
2022	3710 hrs	5726 hrs.	4833 hrs	901 hrs	199000 mi	50723 mi	25798 mi	-	-
2023	4053 hrs	5982 hrs	5252 hrs	Broken HRS Meter	207949 mi	53327 mi	32013 mi	-	-
2024	4441 hrs	6260 hrs	5500 hrs	-	218752 mi	60296 mi	42297 mi	-	-
2025	4801 hrs	6438 hrs	6,268 hrs	-	Sold	63,350 mi	47,963 mi	7.4 hrs	92,366 mi

Cost Changes

Professional services, contracts, and operating expenses all continue to increase.

Cost changes throughout 2020 – 2025

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
• Assessor	\$17,626	\$30,590	\$12,418	\$26,160	\$26,265	\$27,000
• Auditor	\$7,125	\$7,475	\$22,790	\$17,703	*\$2,160	
• Recycling	\$49,500	\$56,392	\$52,566	\$54,814	\$69,360	**\$73,000

* 2023 Audit was not completed in 2024; remaining balance will be paid in 2025 along with the cost of the 2024 Audit.

** Anticipated recycling cost for 2025.

Recycling

- ## What are SCORE funds
- SCORE funds in Minnesota are grants that support recycling programs, waste reduction, and solid waste management. The funds come from the state's solid waste management tax (SWMT) on garbage services.
- No more SCORE money for 2025, County is keeping it to help build the new recycling center off County Rd 37/County Rd 14.
 - Will the funds return in 2026, that hasn't been answered yet.
- SCORE credits can also be recorded if a resident/farmer puts recycled materials on their fields.
- Last payment received Spring 2024 for \$4,070.05, loss of approx. 12k.
- We are not required to have recycling by law, only Cities are.
 - Only 30% is recycled the other 70% is put into a landfill.
- County wants a task force to see if its feasible to have multiple Townships with one bid for garage and recycling for a potential cost savings-waiting on communication from the County.
- There is an increasing cost to this service. Recycling estimated at \$73,000 FY2025 and will increase no more than 4% annually for the next 4 years.
- Future renewal and reduce cost, the Town could consider:
 - Monthly recycling curbside service
 - Having a recycling dumpster placed at the town hall and remove curbside bins.
 - End recycling all together.

Plans for 2025

Road projects

- 134th Culvert replacement
- Locke Lake Hydraulic study
- Continue in slope / ditch work with clay from yard pile
- Shouldering asphalt roads
- Crack Filling asphalt roads
- Graveling gravel roads
- Brush and Tree Trimming and Removal from Right of Ways
- Pit Reclamation
- Potential Salt Shed repairs-Depending on bid proposals.
- Asphalt overlay
 - \$360,000 requested bids
- Chipseal
 - \$140,000 requested bids.

Plans for 2026

- Purchase gravel & hauling
- John Deere Tractor replacement or Front End Loader
- Chipseal all overlays that were completed in the last 3 years.



5 Year Historical Levy (2020 - 2024)

Determining the 2026 Levy is based on review of past years history, receipts, and expenditures from activities in FY2020 - FY2024.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
General	\$145,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$220,000
Road & Bridge	\$645,000	\$840,000	\$740,000	\$1,040,000	\$1,040,000
Total Levy	\$790,000	\$1,000,000	\$900,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,260,000

Proposed 2026 LEVY
\$1,314,671

	2024		2025	3%	2026	3%
General Fund	220,000	37.5%	\$226,600		\$234,000	
Road & Bridge	1,040,000	0%	\$1,071,200		\$1,103,300	
Total Levy	1,260,000		\$1,297,800		1,314,671	

General Fund Expenditures for 2026

The Board of Supervisors is requesting that Township Citizens approve **expenditures of funds for memorials and recognitions, etc., and for lunch for workers at the annual Township cleanup day.** The request is for a **maximum of \$800.00** accumulated total for all such expenses for the year. This has been approved since 2014.

As required by law, this request must be approved by vote at the annual Township meeting.

2026 Annual Meeting

March 10, 2026

Silver Creek Town Hall

3827 134th Street NW, Monticello, MN 55362

In case of inclement weather meeting will be one week later, March 17, 2025.

**THANK YOU
FOR ATTENDING**

**Motion for
Adjournment**