

## ***Silver Creek Township***

On Tuesday November 21, 2017, 2017, the Silver Creek Board of Supervisors met at the Silver Creek Town Hall located at 3827 134<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Monticello, Minnesota 55362, Wright County, and State of Minnesota. The meeting was tape recorded for transcribing purposes only.

Chairman Ludenia called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 4 people in the audience at the start of the meeting. Roll call was taken by the Chairman.

### Board Members Present

Mike Ludenia, Chairman  
Dan Ness Supervisor  
Chris Klein, Supervisor

Barry Heikkinen, Supervisor  
Lenore Johnson, Treasurer  
Nancy Betzler, Clerk

Board Members Absent; Sandy Forsman

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

**OPEN FORUM:** Wayne Oberg, Financial Director for City of Monticello was present to discuss a new 3 year contract with the Monticello Fire Dept. They are planning a 4 million remodel of the building in 2019 and hiring a full time Deputy Fire Chief. They are requesting an increase in the rates in each of the 3 years, \$59.25, \$61.50 and \$63.50 per parcel. After discussion the township will consider the proposal and get back to them.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Added to Old Business 127<sup>th</sup> St Light Motion to approve with change by Supervisor Klein. Second by Supervisor Heikkinen. All present in favor. Motion Passed.

### **Approval of the Consent Agenda Items:**

Regular Meeting Minutes 11/02/2017, List of Claims (List of Disbursements presented to Board at Meeting) – Included check numbers 14712-14762 in the total amount of \$ 193,225.33. Motion to approve by Supervisor Ness, second by Supervisor Klein. All present in favor. Motion Passed.

Affidavit of Official Interest in Claim – Motion by Supervisor Ness to approve official interest in claim. Second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion Passed 3 yes 1 abstained Supervisor Klein, interested party.

<b>Audit of Claims:</b> 14730 CW Enterprise	\$	199.57
14732 Center Point		250.67
14753 City of Monticello		17,252.00

Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to approve Audit of Claims. Second by Supervisor Klein. All present in favor. Motion Passed.

**Clerk Report**

We received a letter from MNDOT about the traffic study on Bishop Ave. It was determined that a posted regulatory speed could not be granted. Discussed the fire fees charged property owners and do we want to take the time to go through and find parcels that have not never been charged the fee. Checked on the sales tax for the storage building, the builder should be using the Purchasing Agent Agreement. Will be working on a newsletter. Motion to approve clerk report by Supervisor Klein Second by Supervisor Heikkinen. All present in favor. Motion Passed.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Brian was not present to give report. Chris reported probably done grading because of frost in ground. Bishop Ave pretty well done for the year. 2 signs to put up, post pounder is being repaired. Will start cutting brush and try to get mowing done. Motion to accept the maintenance report by Supervisor Ness. Second by Supervisor Heikkinen. All present in favor. Motion Passed

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Lenore Johnson presented the following Treasurer's Report:

Balance before 11/21/2017 Claims:

Revenue Account:	\$ 224,126.77
Road & Bridge Acct:	<u>\$ 310,504.97</u>
Total Available	534,631.74
Fire Account:	\$ 57,983.63
Contingency Fund:	\$ 9,107.43
Checks out	\$ 1,848.37
Checking	\$ 515.08
To Deposit/Revenue	\$ 1,043.20
To Deposit/ R&B	\$ 449.54
Police Fines	19.99

Motion to approve Treasurers report by Supervisor Klein. Second by Supervisor Ness. All present in favor. Motion Passed.

County Commissioner Darek Vetsch was present to show plans for the new courthouse. He let us know that January 1 residents will be able to use the bus system Trail Blazers in the township. The county will be buying election equipment for the township to use, so we will not have to purchase it. The county is working on how the gravel tax is being handled.

**Old Business**

Bishop Ave Update. Discussed in maintenance report.

Storage Building The pad for the building is done and will contact the builder on the sales tax. Work will not start for a few months.

Elder Ave Update. Met with Clearwater Township again. One quote for cost of ditch work is \$10,000. Will work on project next spring and will be able to keep some of the work in house.

150<sup>th</sup> St Joint Powers Resolution: Motion by Supervisor Klein that the Silver Creek Township Board adopt resolution 2017-11-21 dated Nov 21, 2017 for the application for funding from the LRIP. Second by Supervisor Heikkinen. 4 yes votes, 1 absent Supervisor Forsman. Reviewed the Joint Powers agreement with Clearwater and agreed with the corrections.

127<sup>th</sup> St Lights: The County did the traffic count but have not heard what the count was, but could help with the cost of lights at the intersections.

**New Business**

Resolution Designating Annual Polling Place Motion by Supervisor Klein to accept resolution # 2017-11-21A Resolution Designating Annual Polling Place. Second by Supervisor Ness. All present in favor Motion Passed.

**Misc.** Discussed the Monticello fire contract and coverage with other departments. Will talk to other Fire Departments and continue discussion until we get more information. Discussed changing the organizational meeting to Dec 5, 2017 after the regular Supervisor Meeting. Will be doing employee reviews at a closed meeting Dec 5 at 6:30pm. Discussed if township would be interested in purchasing a small lot for a park. Will check into it for next meeting. We will review employee handbook at the organization meeting. Discussed the salt usage on icy roads.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Supervisor Ness to adjourn. Second by Supervisor Ludenia. All present in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Silver Creek Township Clerk  
Nancy Betzler

November 21, 2017 Minutes  
Approved by Board of Supervisors  
12/05/2017

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