

Silver Creek Township

On Tuesday May 16, 2017, 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 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	Barry Heikkinen, Supervisor
Dan Ness Supervisor	Lenore Johnson, Treasurer
Sandy Forsman, Supervisor	Nancy Betzler, Clerk
Chris Klein, Supervisor	

Board Members 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: Added 3.2 Liquor License, Center Line Striping and Clearwater Mutual Aid. Supervisor Ness had a concern about adding so many items to the agenda. It was agreed that most items will be ready for the agenda on the Thursday before the meeting. Motion to approve by Supervisor Forsman. Second by Supervisor Heikkinen. All present in favor. Motion Passed.

Approval of the Consent Agenda Items:

Regular Meeting Minutes 05/02/2017, List of Claims (List of Disbursements presented to Board at Meeting) – Included check numbers 14400-14463 in the total amount of \$49,643.18. Affidavits of Official Interest in Claim. Motion to approve by Supervisor Ness, second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion Passed 4 yes 1 abstained Supervisor Klein, interested party.

Audit of Claims: 14441 Marties Farm Supply	\$ 88.00
14448 Midstates Equipment	59.95
14460 West Central Sanitation	3,702.11

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

Clerk Report: Gave copies of the Township Hall rental agreements to look over also information about the MAT Summer Short Course. Clean up day had 167 vehicles that come through. Motion to approve by Supervisor Ness. Second by Supervisor Forsman. All present in favor. Motion Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Lenore Johnson presented the following Treasurer's Report:

Balance before 05/16/2017 Claims:

Revenue Account:	\$ 225,771.75
Road & Bridge Acct:	\$ <u>351,129.40</u>
Total Available	576,901.15
Fire Account:	\$ 53,831.65
Contingency Fund:	\$ 9,106.97
Checks out	\$ 196.82
Checking	\$ 331.10
To Deposit/Revenue	\$ 1,548.80
To Deposit/ R&B	\$ 197.70
Police Fines	

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

New Business

Ken Yager, Assessor: Mr. Yager was present to talk about how many property sales have happened in the township, prices sold for and permits issued. 38 new homes built in the last 4 years. He also presented his new price for assessing. Motion by Supervisor Forsman to accept the prices of \$11.50 for July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. And \$12.00 per parcel for the July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Second by Supervisor Heikkinen. All present in favor. Motion Passed.

3.2 Liquor License Olson Truck Stop. There have been no complaints. The Sheriff has signed the application and forwarded it to us. Motion to approve the license for Olson's Truck Stop by Supervisor Klein. Second by Supervisor Ness. Approved 4 yes. 1 Abstained Supervisor Forsman.

Center Line Striping: A resident has asked when we will be striping 127th St NW. We passed a resolution May 21, 2013 that we would not be striping roads because of the lack of funds. We will continue until we review the resolution.

Old Business

Update Bishop: We sent out letters to all of the residents setting up 2 days they could come in and discuss and sign the paper work for the project. Some people came in and signed the agreement. We are continuing trying to contact the residents that did not respond. Need approval to continue working with land owners for tree removal and replacement. We may have to have a hearing if everyone does not sign and that could delay the project to next year.

Township Email: Supervisor Heikkinen reported that the Supervisor have been advised not to use personal email for township business. We will set up a new email with TDS for the Supervisors to use for Township business.

ORI with the County: It was covered at the Legal Seminar that the Township could be receiving a part of the revenue received from traffic fines. Clerk will contact the BCA to get an ORI number.

Clearwater Mutual Aid: Will continue to next meeting to review.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Brian was present to give report. They have been grading roads as moisture is received, got over all at least once most have been done 2 or more. Reshaped the curve on Elder Ave to narrow it up. Working with Chris on Bishop Rebuild project with plans and homeowners. Will be ordering culverts for the project. They reshaped Clementa and 159th to widen the top for future chip seal project, now it needs some ditch attention and as it dries up will work on that. They moved mailboxes back after road work and put up new mail box supports. 2 residents were not happy with the new supports and want to use the old one. Do we want to send them a letter explaining the ordinance? Will send them a letter. Maintenance would like to start work at 6:30 to 3:00 and then take off early on Fridays. This was approved. A resident talked to Supervisor Heikkinen about the need for two people working full time in maintenance. Brian thinks they can keep 2 guys busy. Need 2 guys in the winter to be available. The need for a second person as a full time employee and the work that needs to be done was discussed. Supervisor Klein has agreed to work full time in maintenance without receiving benefits in the past. Discussed who is responsible for management of the maintenance department, Brian or the Township Supervisors. Will continue discussing this in the future. Motion to approve the report by Supervisor Ness. Second by Supervisor Forsman. All present in favor. Motion Passed

Misc. Brian would like to discuss in the future vacation and sick leave days and how PTO is accrued. Road Tour is June 14 starting at 5:00pm. Maintenance department may be working through the lunch hour when needed for some of the jobs such as grading.

Adjournment: Motion by Supervisor Forsman to adjourn. Second by Supervisor Ness. All present in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Silver Creek Township Clerk
Nancy Betzler

May 16, 2017 Minutes
Approved by Board of Supervisor's
06/06/2017

