

Silver Creek

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March 2018 Newsletter

Dates to Remember

***Township Annual Meeting ***

The annual Town meeting will be Tuesday evening, **March 13 at 7:00 pm.**

Review of 2017, what's up for 2018 and what to expect for 2019 and into the future. Setting the levy for 2019. Brief discussion of the Town's Land Use Plan. More info inside.
Hope to see you there!

Spring Clean Up Day

May 5, 2018

You can check the website for additional information. If you would like to volunteer to work that day please call or email the office.

Snow Removal

When removing snow, do not deposit the snow in the right of way at the end of your driveway or push it across the road into the right of way. Snow piles pushed across the road freeze and can cause damage to the townships snow plow equipment and will cause a risk of an accident to the traveling public, which you, as the home owner, would be liable for.

Recycling

Everyone should have received the recycling Calendar for 2018. If not, you can get one from the Town's Website. You can find information on what items are recyclable on our website also. It is important that everyone recycles as much as possible. Silver Creek receives credit for the amount of tonnage that is recycled quarterly and the more we all recycle, the bigger rebate we will receive to help pay for the expense of the service.

Board of Supervisors

Mike Ludenia Chairman 320-963-5724
Sandy Forsman Vice Chair 763-878-2307
Chris Klein 763-607-3422
Dan Ness 320-260-1624
Barry Heikkinen 763 219-2696

P&Z Meeting

First Tuesday of Month 7:00pm

Supervisor Meetings

First Tuesday of Month following the P & Z Meeting.
Third Tuesday of Month 7:00pm

Office Hours

Monday & Thursday 8:00am-12:00
Tuesday 2:00-6:00pm

Review of Silver Creek's Land Use Plan

Silver Creek's Planning and Zoning Board is in the process of starting a review of the Town's Land Use Plan. This has been a topic for several months and the recent meetings are developing process and steps for the review of some lands within the town's borders. Meeting times and dates will be posted on the Town's website, along with meeting minutes and other updates.

Town Hall Rental

Looking for a place to have a family reunion, graduation, small wedding, or just a get together? Reservations are available for the rental of the Town Hall meeting room and kitchen. Rental fees are \$100 for township residents, \$150 for non-residents. There is also a \$100 damage deposit required (which will be returned if the hall is cleaned and there are no damages). The building is an alcohol and smoke-free facility. To rent the Town Hall, contact the Clerk's Office at 763-878-0141.

Snow Plowing and Mailboxes

The recent heavy snows have contributed to several mailbox structures being damaged or knocked down. The plows are not hitting your box, it is the snow coming off the plows and wings that will take out the weak posts.

If your mailbox post was damaged or broken, now would be a good time to upgrade to a new Town approved structure. The maintenance guys can install them this winter between snows. Cost is \$58.50.

2018 Silver Creek Annual Meeting

Annual Town Hall meetings are the time of year residents of the town get to review how the funds (local property taxes) have been used and see plans for the future (budgets) on how their property taxes will be used in the future. This is called the annual levy. The levy amount for 2019 (local property tax) will be set at this meeting on **Tuesday, March 13th at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.**

The current levy is set at \$790,000. Of which \$645,000 is used for road and bridge use. The remainder, \$145,000 goes to the general fund and pays for recycling, elections and other non-road and bridge use.

This past season, 2017, the board authorized the rebuilding of Bishop Ave. The cost of that was approximately \$239,000. That's a significant portion of the road and bridge fund. Yearly, the R&B funds chloride for dust control, gravel hauling, purchasing gravel and gravel crushing. Those 4 items can exceed \$125,000 annually. The board mission is to continue to rebuild our Town's roads for safety and structure. As the roads get rebuilt, they will receive some type of hard surface, likely a chip seal on gravel a type of hard surface. The chip seal on gravel is approximately 27% of the cost of asphalt/tar surface. The reality is, the Town simply cannot afford to tar/asphalt the roads as they are rebuilt at this time. The chip seal offers a good improved dry, non-dusty driving surface. This saves on the chloride, all aspects of gravel and grading expense. In the distant future, asphalt/tar can be applied to the chip seal when the funding is available.

For 2018 road and bridge season, the board has authorized a little over 8 miles of chip sealing. Over 4 will be new chip seal over gravel and then the 4 mile "ring" road will be re-chipped. That was our first experiment with chip seal over gravel 5 seasons ago. This is a \$300,000 plus project. 2019 will be a year of rebuilding funds for the road and bridge fund.

Those dollars will be needed for the rebuilding of 150th St west of the truck stop, in the year 2020 this is a joint project with Clearwater Township. Clearwater and Silver Creek applied for state funding for this project, but was not selected. There were 3 times as many applicants as money. Needless to say, it goes to show the need for many road improvement projects around the state.

We hope to see you at the Annual meeting on Tuesday, March 13th for more detailed reports on how your property tax dollars have been used and are planned to be used in the future.