

Silver Creek Township

On Tuesday March 20 2018, 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 5 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:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor Heikkinen would like to add to the agenda Code of conduct for the board. Motion to approve the agenda with change by Supervisor Klein. Second by Supervisor Heikkinen. All present in favor. Motion Passed.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Regular Meeting Minutes 03/06/2018, List of Claims (List of Disbursements presented to Board at Meeting) – Included check numbers 14921-14973 in the total amount of \$42,810.72. Motion to approve by Supervisor Ness, second by Supervisor Forsman. All present in favor. Motion Passed.

Affidavit of Official Interest in Claim – Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to approve official interest in claim. Second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion Passed, 4 yes, 1 abstained
Chris Klein interested party.

Audit of Claims: 14941 Central McGowan	\$151.75
14954 Little Falls Machine	447.94
14958 Menards	309.81

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

Clerk Report: Township Officers Association Meeting is April 5 at Southside Township. Spring Short course will be March 27. Gave you information about a resolution setting right of way and obstruction permit fee to look over. I called the attorney about the tape recording for the land use plan meetings. MAT attorney Steve Fenske in the past has said they do not recommend keeping recording. Mike Couri said they do say not to save

the recording. We might be able to do something with the land use minutes separately, but does not think we could put an end date on it. We would have to save them forever with the permanent record. Motion to approve clerk report by Supervisor Ness, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. All present in favor. Motion Passed.

Wayne from City of Monticello was present to discuss the fire department contract. They have put in all of our attorney suggestions except some changes to article 9. Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to run Article 9 by the attorney with the changes that Wayne is suggesting and make sure they fall within the guidelines that our attorney has. Second by Supervisor Forsman. All present in favor. Motion Passed.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Brian was present to give report. Frontier is waiting for us for a right of way application. Should we send something to our attorney for something to use? Motion by Supervisor Ludenia to take it to our attorney to see if they have a template to use for a permit. Second by Supervisor Heikkinen. All present in favor. Motion Passed. Plowing snow and sanding as needed. Had a couple of culverts that were frozen. Hired Schmitz to thaw them. He needs a motion to purchase up to \$5500.00 for culvert purchase. Motion by Supervisor Ness to spend up to \$5500 to restock our culverts needs for this season and beyond. Second by Supervisor Ludenia. All present in favor. Motion Passed. There was a questions about making all of Devitt Ave a no parking zone. Will just put up signs that were there in the past. Need some options for skid steer rental. There is a lease option for a skid steer 1 yr. lease \$9000. Rental option General rental \$275 per day, 1025 per week or \$2895 per month. Trailer included. Clearwater Rental \$250 per day \$1100 per week, trailer included. Trailer Purchase would be \$8000 20' tilt deck, \$14000 24" tilt back. Motion by Supervisor Klein to approve General Rental, Farm Rite and Ziegler to use as vendors for skid steer rental. Second by Supervisor Forsman. Dan approves the vendor but get more info about leasing. Keep track of hours used, also check on a 6 month lease, and what attachments are needed. All present in favor. Motion Passed. All the annual meeting talk of replacing the Sterling Truck. Shape of the truck. 18 years old. Needs hoist replacement, main support member cracked, barrel cylinder welded with questionable longevity. New Mack with snow plow equipment would be 212,750.00 The state bid contract will expire March 31 the new contract is expected to increase 5% in cost. A new truck is not expected to arrive until May 2019. By signing an order just locks us in to price, but it can be canceled. Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to sign a purchase agreement with the understanding that we can cancel up to January 2019 for \$213,000. Second by Supervisor Forsman. Amendment by Supervisor Heikkinen that we sign a purchase agreement with Nuss for the chassis and Towmaster for the snow equipment for a total up to \$213,000. Second by Supervisor Forsman. All present in favor. Motion Passed. Motion by Supervisor Ness to accept the maintenance report. Second by Supervisor Forsman. All in favor. Motion Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Lenore Johnson presented the following Treasurer's Report:

Balance before 03-20-2018 Claims:

Revenue Account:	\$ 235,301.38
Road & Bridge Acct:	<u>\$ 334,436.01</u>
Total Available	\$ 569,737.39
Fire Account:	\$ 56,696.17
Contingency Fund:	\$ 9,107.72
Checks out	\$ 6,826.68

Checking	\$	97.91
To Deposit/Revenue	\$	255.00
To Deposit/ R&B	\$	13.60
Police Fines		553.27

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

Old Business

Contract Monticello Fire Dept.: Discussed earlier in meeting.

Contract Maple Lake Fire Dept. Received the contract for the Maple Lake Fire Dept The contract was increased to \$65.00 per parcel. Motion by Supervisor Klein to accept the Maple Lake fire contract to cover the residents in the Maple Lake fire district for the dates starting May 1, 2019 and ending on April 30, 2021. Second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion Passed 4 yes, 1 no, Dan Ness.

New Business:

Wright Co Long Range Transportation Plan. They want to meet with the township to discuss plans. We will call to set up a time to attend.

Update annual meeting: Meeting went well, some suggestions were to use the sound system, discuss the amount of garbage haulers in the township. Will discuss at a later meeting.

Road Tour was set for May 3, starting at 4:30.

Code of Conduct: Supervisor talked about a code of conduct he found on line that he would like us to use. We will use this as a template to start with to build our plan.

Misc.: Ken Yager was present to review the open board meeting from the Local Board of review. He brought a summary of the open book meeting from last year. He gave a list of new homes and land sales. There were 12 new homes last year. Heavy wooded parcels sold for more. Home median selling price for 18 sales was \$293,000.

Treasurer Lenore Johnson said that she will be retiring June 1, 2017. She has been Township Treasurer for 46 years.

Maintenance meet with Knife River about the second driveway they want to make. It will be on CR 39 and some work needed on Endicott.

Adjournment: Motion by Supervisor Forsman to adjourn. Second by Supervisor Heikkinen. All present in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Silver Creek Township Clerk
Nancy Betzler

March 20, 2018 Minutes
Approved by Board of Supervisors
04/01/2018

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