

Supervisor Board Meeting Minutes  
February 17, 2022

## ***Silver Creek Township***

On Thursday February 17, 2022 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.

Chair Mike Ludenia called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 9 people in the audience at the start of the meeting and 3 on zoom.

### Board Members Present

Mike Ludenia Chair	Chris Klein, Supervisor
Barry Heikkinen, Supervisor	
Dan Ness, Supervisor	Nancy Betzler Clerk

Absent: Sandy Forsman, Supervisor

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

Supervisor Ness introduced our new maintenance employee William (Bill) Eccless; pending Board approval he will start work next Monday.

Motion by Supervisor Ness to accept Bill Eccless to fill one of the 2 maintenance spots, for Silver Creek Township, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried 4-0

**Open Forum:** Chris Newman Curtis Ave asked a question at what point does the Board let the Township know of any legal action that Township might be involved in.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Motion** by Supervisor Ness to approve, with second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Carried 4-0.

Moved old business up:

Roofing- Keith Lammers with All Elements of Monticello was present a proposal for a new roof and answered questions.

Midco rep: Cameron Berg was present. They will be working in the Township late summer/ early fall, they have submitted the permit, the bond from last year is good this year. They would like to rent the yard space again this year. Motion by Supervisor Klein to approve the right of way permit with the dates and times specified, second by Supervisor Ness. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Supervisor Klein to allow Midco to have their storage and supplies here and use our lot under the same terms and conditions as last year. Second by Supervisor Ness. Motion carried 4-0.

**Approval of the Consent Agenda:** Minutes of 02-03-2022 and list of Claims (List of Disbursements presented to Board at Meeting (January & February) – Included check numbers 17259-17367 & EFT #2009 & 2010 in the total amount of \$95,144.67. Discussed not paying one charge for the Attorneys bill. Supervisor Ness said that in the future all things will come before the Board before any discussion is made. Motion by

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Supervisor Ludenia that we approve the charge for the Attorney, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried -Yes Dan, Barry, Mike- No- Chris  
Motion by Supervisor Ludenia that before the attorney is contacted it has to be approved by the Board, second by Supervisor Klein. Motion carried yes- Mike, Chris, Dan –No Barry.

**Audit of Claims:** Checked the disbursements for this month and last month

Check # 17276	Land O Lakes Oil	\$143919
17286	Great American	110.75
17284	Cortrust Bank	25.82

Motion by Supervisor Klein to approve audit of claims for January, second by Supervisor Ness. Motion carried 4-0.

Check # 17343	Center Point	777.44
17354	Patriot News	936.00
17362	Wright Co Journal Press	1403.40

Motion by Supervisor Ness to accept, second by Supervisor Klein. Carried 4-0.  
Supervisor Heikkinen questioned the check for the Town of Big Lake. Motion by Supervisor Ness that we pay our CMRP dues for 2022 because we have not given proper notice to pull out of that agreement, second by Supervisor Heikkinen.  
Supervisor Heikkinen has been talking to CMRP about reducing our rates further, but he will not have an answer on that until their meeting on 2-24. Motion rescinded by Supervisor Ness and Heikkinen and wait for one month. Check to Town of Big Lake for CMRP dues will be voided. Supervisor Ness amended his motion to accept the audit of claims after pulling out the CMRP payment of \$7143, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried 4-0.

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report:**

Balance as of January 31, 2022

Revenue Account:	\$ 190,629.85	Fire Fund	\$ 25,327.75
Road & Bridge Acct:	344,539.08	Contingency Fund	9,119.94
ARPA Fund	<u>135,728.54</u>		
Total Available	670,897.47		
Checks Out	6,475.84		
Checking	24,631.59		

Suggested checking into putting some of the ARPA funds into CDs.

Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to accept the Clerk/treasurer report, second by Supervisor Ness. Motion carried 4-0.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:**

They have been snowplowing as needed. Supervisor Klein asked what are we going to be doing for chip seal, gravel crushing & hauling, asphalt overlays and crack filling because we need to get our quotes out there. Discussed what roads needed to be should be done this year.

Motion by Supervisor Klein if we are going to do asphalt overlays that we involve the engineer and spend money in order to get him to write the proposal, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion rescinded. Motion by Supervisor Klein that the Board leave it up the the discretion of the Chairman, road boss and the new maintenance employee to secure an engineer and to get a proposal for asphalt overlays and chipsealing, second by Supervisor Ludenia. After more discussion about which roads need the work done this year (143<sup>rd</sup> St, Cushing, Estes, Elder, 159<sup>th</sup>, 127<sup>th</sup>) added Bishop Ave as an

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alternative to the price. Motion carried. Discussed also calling for bids for hauling, crushing, chloride and up to 30,000 lbs. of crack filling.

**Old Business:**

Roofing: Discussed earlier in the meeting.

Midco: Discussed earlier

New Audit prices: Discussed updated prices. Motion by Supervisor Ness to not adopt GASB 68, not to report capital assets and to omit MD&A, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried 4-0.

Approve new employee: Motion by Supervisor Ness to approve Julie Urbatch to take over the position of Clerk/Treasurer beginning on March 1<sup>st</sup> and Nancy will agree to help her along the process, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion carried 4-0.

Mining committee report: The smaller group did meet; they are going to meet with Wright County P&Z with Scott Decker and Barry Rinkenberger March 9<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in Buffalo to discuss mining ordinances and if the County will administrate our ordinance if needed.

**New Business:**

MN Benefit Assn Group insurance: Motion by Supervisor Ness to continue with the silver plan as in previous years with the disability encompassing Supervisors, current employees and new employees, removing Mr. Opatz from the list, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried 4-0.

MN Pollution Control-Starry Pit: Doug Starry received the request and dropped it off. This is for a storm water pollution permit. Every pit in the County is getting the letter, since we are the operators we filled out the correct information and Starrys will send it in. We will get the paperwork that needs to be filled out and submit with a check.

Annual Meeting: Discussed what we will do at the annual meeting.

Misc.: Discussed rental of the hall and the price to charge for rentals. Discussed replacing the outside hall doors. Discussed who the road boss is. Will check into it.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Supervisor Ness to adjourn, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. All present in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Silver Creek Township Clerk  
Nancy Betzler  
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Approved 03-01-2022

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