

Silver Creek Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
April 05, 2022

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Silver Creek Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday April 5, 2022 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. Motion to continue our Township meeting at this time by Supervisor Heikkinen, seconded by Supervisor Ness. Chair Ludenia called the Supervisor meeting to order at 8:23 pm. 12 people were attending the meeting and 4 were on Zoom at the start of the meeting.

Board Members Present

Mike Ludenia, Chair	Sandy Forsman, Supervisor
Dan Ness, Supervisor	Julie Urbatch, Clerk
Barry Heikkinen, Supervisor	Nancy Betzler, Deputy Clerk

Board Members Absent: None

OPEN FORUM:

None

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion to approve by Supervisor Heikkinen, seconded by Supervisor Forsman.

Discussion: Chair Ludenia moved the Bid Openings to the Maintenance Report. Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Regular Meeting Minutes: 03-17-2022 and Special Meeting 3-28-2022. List of Claims & Disbursements. Motion to approve the consent agenda items by Supervisor Heikkinen, seconded by Chair Ludenia. No vote taken.

Discussion: Supervisor Ness was inquiring about the date of the Unapproved Special Meeting Minutes. The date is listed as Thursday, February 3, 2022 and he wanted to confirm the date. Supervisor Ness made a motion to approve the minutes with the exception of two changes in the Special Board Meeting Minutes to have the correct date as Monday, March 28, 2022 in the first sentence and in the first paragraph changing the wording in the last sentence. Seconded by Supervisor Heikkinen. Carried 4-0

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Quotes for gravel crushing, dust coating and gravel hauling.

Gravel Crushing:

- 1) Johnson Crushing Inc. 1st Quote from Johnson Crushing Inc. Crushing & Stockpiling ¾" CL1 Base: \$2.45/Ton or \$3.43/Yd³. Availability as of 4/4/2022 is July-October 2022. Johnson Crushing also gave a quote for Stripping only: \$185.00 per hour; Customer would designate and maintain dumping area.
- 2) B. McNamara, Inc. Crushing & Stockpiling 10,000 cubic yards of C1.1 Mod @ Silver Creek Pit. Price is \$4.70 per cubic yard. Price to include all mobilization and set up at Pit and all equipment necessary for completing project.

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Supervisor Ness made a motion we accept Johnson Crushing Inc. proposal at \$3.43/Yd³ for our crushing needs to be scheduled between July and October of this year. Seconded by Supervisor Heikkinen. Discussion: Concern that in their contract, the interest rate of 1 ½% will automatically be assessed if not paid in 30 days. Would like to have it in writing that we can pay within 40-45 days. Supervisor Ness amended the motion that we accept the Johnson Crushing Inc. proposal at \$3.43/Yd³ with project to take place between July – October 2022, pending the change in contract that there will be 40 days from date of invoice to payment before interest will be assessed. Second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried 4-0.

Gravel Hauling: Bjorklund Companies. Gravel hauled to Twp roads: 5,000-7,000 yards at \$3.90 per yard. Gravel Loading: 5,000-7,000 yards at \$.75 per yard. Recommendation to have Bjorklund load it because we have no scale on our loader, may have to hire another part-time person and liability if an accident occurs. Motion made by Chair Ludenia to accept Bjorklund Companies' quote for hauling at \$3.90 and loading at \$.75 per yard for a total of \$4.65/yard. Seconded by Supervisor Forsman. Carried 3 = yes. 1 = no (Ness)

Dust Coating: Central Minnesota Dust Control. Dustgard PLUS Liquid Magnesium Chloride. Price is \$.99 per gallon and includes product and application. Supervisor Heikkinen made a motion to accept the bid from Central Minnesota Dust Control for up to 38,000 gallons for amount stated. Seconded by Supervisor Forsman. Carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Set Road Tour Date: Date set for Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 8:00 contingent on getting a vehicle.

Bids for Roof Quote: There was a price increase from the initial bid in 2021. The new quote from All Elements Inc. that we received in February, 2022 is for \$45,837.00. To upgrade the warranty to a 20-year Warranty, it would cost \$1497.00 for a total of \$47,334.00. Chair Ludenia got a quote from Liman Post & Beam, which was for \$61,639.00. Motion made by Supervisor Heikkinen to spend \$47,334.00 for All Elements Roofing to re-roof our town hall and shop. Seconded by Supervisor Ness. Motion carried 4-0

94th Street Asphalt Request: John Gangelhoff was present and had concerns regarding this proposed project by his neighbors. His concern is the cost of the project and water issues. The Board explained this will be a private project and the Board needs to wait to get prices before they can give the residents a quote. A document was provided on Special Assessments: Procedures and Financing for the Board to review. The Board will review this issue again when the Board receives quotes. Chair Ludenia tabled this to a future meeting.

Midco Broadband Grant: Melissa Wolf emailed the Township a draft Letter of Support to view. Supervisor Heikkinen emailed Melissa to get clarification on some things. He stated that Melissa Wolf said later this summer there will be another round of grants and a couple may possibly go up into northern Silver Creek Township with broadband. Discussion about donating \$5,000 to Midco to go towards this grant and it would show that we support them and this project.

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Supervisor Heikkinen asked if we could finish this topic after his Township Gravel Pit topic in New Business. There's a possibility of some money. It was decided to finish this topic after the Township Gravel Pit topic.

Continuing with the Midco conversation: Supervisor Heikkinen made a motion send \$5,000 to Midco as our show of faith in the grant application. Second by Supervisor Ness. Discussion followed. Supervisor Heikkinen amended his motion to include the fact that it would be refundable if Midco doesn't get the grant, seconded by Supervisor Ness. After more discussion with residents, motion failed: 2 – Yes (Ness & Heikkinen) 2 – No (Ludenia & Forman).

NEW BUSINESS:

95th Street, future home on Minimum Maintenance Rd: This road is maintained up to the gate as a minimum maintenance road. Two realtors are asking about it. We need to look for guidance as to what our obligations are for minimum maintenance roads. The Township may have to bring the road up to some standard to allow a school bus or emergency vehicles in there. The road has been minimally maintained up to the gate. We can take a look at it on our Road Tour.

Township Gravel Pit: Supervisor Heikkinen was talking to Commissioner Vetsch and he said the county has \$500,000 in a pit reclamation fund. Supervisor Heikkinen asked if Silver Creek Township could get reimbursed for the money we spent reclaiming our pit. Commissioner Vetsch suggested we send a letter to him and he would bring it up to the County Board. We will compose a letter.

Schmitz & Astech Quotes: Township received a quote from Astech and Schmitz Excavating. The Schmitz quote is for installing culverts and the list of equipment he uses. Chairman Ludenia will get clarification on this quote. Astech quote is for sweeping with Equipment Hours ranging from \$110-\$135 per hour and Labor \$80 per hour. Supervisor Heikkinen made motion to accept Astech quote as written. Second by Supervisor Ness. Carried 4-0

Discuss New Board Supervisor: Three applicants applied: Chris Newman, Richard Chwalek and John Hanson. Supervisor Ness made a motion to accept Chris Newman as our next Board Supervisor to fill out the term for Mr. Klein to the end of 2022. Seconded by Supervisor Heikkinen. Discussion: reminder that the Clerk votes in a tie. Motion not carried: 2-3 Yes = Ness, Heikkinen; No = Ludenia, Forsman, Urbatch. Chair Ludenia made a motion for John Hanson to be put in Mr. Klein's seat. Seconded by Supervisor Forsman. Not carried 2-3. Yes = Ludenia, Forsman. No = Ness, Heikkinen, Urbatch. Motion made by Supervisor Heikkinen for Chris Newman. Seconded by Supervisor Ness. Carried 4-0. Chris Newman was sworn in under oath.

CLERK REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE: None

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MISCELLANEOUS:

Chairman Ludenia said the Township received an application today for a part-time Maintenance position. This would be for summer help. This application will be scanned and emailed to the Board to look over and will be discussed at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Supervisor Ness to adjourn Second by Chairman Ludenia. Carried 5-0.
Adjourned 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Urbatch
Silver Creek Township Clerk
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Approved by Board of Supervisors
April 21, 2022
