

**Silver Creek Township  
Supervisor Board Meeting Minutes  
May 02, 2023.**

**Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance:**

Chairman Newman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm on May 02, 2023 at the Silver Creek Township Hall. All those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present:

Chris Newman, Chairman	Mike Helman, Vice Chairman
Sandy Forsman, Road Authority	Ryan Nelson, Supervisor
Brandon Geyen, Supervisor	Heidi Eckerman, Clerk/Treasurer

Supervisor Geyen & Nelson absent. Supervisor Geyen & Nelson arrived at 6 guests in attendance were signed in.  
3 guests on Zoom

**OPEN FORUM:** Johann Massmann spoke about being concerned about how Silver Creek Township Planning and Zoning should function going forward and how we can approve a Johnson Materials application from Wright County Planning and Zoning.

**REVIEW and APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the agenda by: Supervisor Helman; Chairman Newman would like to add to the Agenda, CMRP update under New Business.

Supervisor Helman amended his motion with the addition of CMRP update under New Business, Seconded by Supervisor Forsman. Carried 3-0.

**Approval of Prior Minutes and Disbursements:**

Supervisors Geyen & Nelson arrived late.

Motion made by Supervisor Helman to approve the Road Tour minutes of 04/10/2023; Seconded by Supervisor Forsman. Carried 5-0

Motion made by Supervisor Helman to approve the Special Supervisor Board Meeting Minutes of 04-11-2023; Seconded by Supervisor Geyen. Carried 4-1. Supervisor Forsman abstained.

Motion made by Supervisor Geyen to approve the Supervisor Board Meeting Minutes of 04-18-2023; Discussion by Chairman Newman to state that if we have someone opposes we should state their name then abstained.

In the 4-18-23 minutes under Old Business Resolutions; Board spoke that: Should a resident have to post that kind of gift for that purpose? Supervisor Geyen made a motion to amend and add in Chairman Newman's two comments to add in there; Seconded by Supervisor Helman. Carried 4-1. Supervisor Forsman abstained.

A Statement of Receipts and Disbursements was printed out for the Board.

Motion was made to approve the List of Claims/Disbursements by Supervisor Helman; Seconded by Supervisor Forsman. Carried 5-0.

**Clerk/Treasurer Report:** None Reported

**Maintenance Report:**

Supervisor Forsman gave her maintenance report, that the Maintenance Dept. is working on. She spoke that the cost for repairs on the Mack 1 truck will be \$14,724.00, also commented that maintenance continues to grade the roads. Chloride will be put on the gravels starting this week. Clean-up day – debris and metal dumpsters are ordered.

Air Conditioner was knocked off the base by snow, will evaluate in warmer weather.

Gas line to Hall bent and brackets failed, and will get heavier duty brackets. Recommend a snow glide deflector on roof to elevate the problem.

Culverts to be added, cleaned and extended to Co Rd 111 & 119<sup>th</sup> St  
Meridian Ave Driveway – Clean and fix residents driveway so it stops washing into ditch.  
New cross road culvert under 145<sup>th</sup> St at Clementa Ave  
New cross road culvert and ditch cleaning on the Minimum Maintenance Road 95<sup>th</sup> St off  
Endicott Ave.

Crack filling completed (used up the 15,000 lbs.) on 97<sup>th</sup> St, Amery, 101<sup>st</sup>, 120<sup>th</sup>, 127<sup>th</sup> (west of  
Cty Rd 111), and 150<sup>th</sup> St.

Motion made by Supervisor Nelson to approve up to \$4000.00 in crack filling to roads 143<sup>rd</sup>,  
145<sup>th</sup> and Dempsey; Discussion included Maintenance Kleins comment to start crack filling at  
Dempsey, work their way back to 143<sup>rd</sup>; Seconded by Supervisor Helman. Carried 5-0.

About 4-8" of water is over the road on 144<sup>th</sup> on the NW corner of Locke Lake, there is cones  
and signs at the area to alert residents. Supervisor Forman spoke about a residents have filled  
in part of that area with fill and he hadn't had permission to do that, in doing that it has stopped  
some of the absorption of the water that contributed to to 4-8" of water. If something happens  
like this again next year we plan on sandbagging areas, before it is that deep on the road again.  
Supervisor Nelson asked if we have sandbags in the shop? Supervisor Forsman commented  
that we have bags that we can fill with sand. Supervisor Nelson asked if the the area that was  
filled in, if it was cleaned up and removed? Supervisor Forsman said, No can't do much about it,  
unfortunately, it's private property. Mr. Klein spoke about the maintenance shop has some bags  
that they can use to fill with sand to use at the site. The filling on the land took capacity away  
and added to the water on the road. Supervisor Helman spoke that it should be brought to the  
DNR. Mr. Klein spoke that if the Board wanted to review that further and take direct action,  
Chairman Newman and Supervisor Helman agreed to put it on the Agenda for next meeting and  
to have Supervisor Forsman to take pictures of what the area looks like and send out for the  
Board to review. For reviewal only on what action we could take or not. Chris Klein was  
wondering if the Board wanted maintenance to close the road because the water has been  
raising on it not receding? He's also heard that the caution signs are being moved around. The  
water on Friday was 4-8" and now it's a little deeper now, the west bound lane it's close to a  
foot, and the east bound lane its about 6". Mr. Johann Massmann commented that since he did  
notify the maintenance department about that, his concern is whatever was done tonight,  
someone had a truck and a trailer parked there and the sign had moved to the middle of the  
road, the road is not passable. Tomorrow morning at 6:50 the bus will be coming, so he thinks  
we should resolve the road issue by then or notify the bus company if you're going to close the  
road so they can change their route. The Board asked what action needs to be taken tonight?  
Mr. Massmann spoke about to move the cones and the signs back to where they were placed  
originally, and hope the next 4 days show progress. Discussion was had about how much traffic  
goes through there, the bus goes through 4 times a day. If it's closed the bus will have to  
reroute. In the last 27 years this road has been underwater once before. Supervisor Forsman  
would like the road closed and the bus company notified. Resident Barry Heikkenin commented  
about if we're thinking about closing the road to notify Wright County Dispatch. Resident  
Massmann wondering if the water can be pumped? Mr. Klein commented that it most likely has  
to do with the hydrology and the level of the lake. If the Board wants to pump it would be better  
to wall it up with sandbags and then try to pump it out. Discussion was had and decided to have  
Maintenance with approved overtime pay, put the signs back up tonight, then check the road &  
water in the morning, Road Authority and Maintenance to make the decision in the morning on  
whether to close the road or keep it open based on the status.

**Old Business:**

a) Policy/Resolution Review and Updates: Clerk to update the Personal Communications and Use of Social Media Policy.

b) Planning and Zoning Committee Appointment – Board discussed to review and update the Bi-Laws of May 11, 1976 with the new Planning and Zoning Board.

2010 Operating & Procedural Manual says:

The term is: 3 years – max 2 consecutive terms, minimum 1 year lapse between 2 year terms.

The Board is going to check with Wright County on trainings for the Planning and Zoning.

At the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to vote on the Planning & Zoning appointments and have Planning and Zoning seated for the June 6, 2023, Planning and Zoning meeting.

Mr. Chwalek and Mr. Vanek to have their seats reappointed for.

Mr. Egge and Mr. Mielke will retain their seats, until next year 2024, 2 seats will be open for Committee Members.

**New Business:**

a) Rob Presser – Curtis Ave – Could not make it tonight.

b) CMRP Update – They are moving to a lobbying group, 501-C6 they are moving to a Non-Profit Business entity. They will no longer be a joint power agreement between the municipalities, it will now be a Joint Power Agreement between the two Counties, who will be making decisions and finalizing the funding for the bridge crossing.

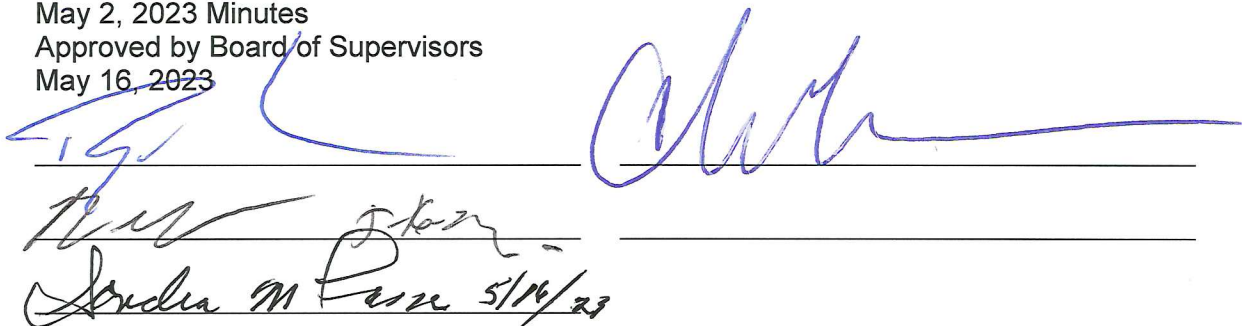
Motion made by Supervisor Helman to direct the Township to be removed from the CMRP , until future discussion if needed. Seconded by Supervisor Nelson. Carried 5-0.

**Adjournment:**

Supervisor Geyen adjourned the meeting at 8:13pm; Seconded by Supervisor Nelson, Carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Eckerman  
Silver Creek Township Clerk  
May 2, 2023 Minutes  
Approved by Board of Supervisors  
May 16, 2023



Two large blue ink signatures are written over horizontal lines. Below them, a smaller signature is written over another horizontal line, with the text "J. Geyen" written above it. At the bottom, the name "Jordina M. Frazee" is written in blue ink, followed by the date "5/16/23".