

**Silver Creek Township
Board Supervisor Meeting Minutes
Tuesday September 3, 2024**

Call to Order

Chairman Helman called the meeting to order on September 3, 2024 at 7:00pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance the board meeting was paused to allow the P&Z meeting to occur.

Attendance

Present Board Members:

Chairman Mike Helman Vice Chairman Brandon Geyen

Supervisor Ryan Nelson Supervisor Andy Christensen

Absent Board Members:

Supervisor Sandy Forsman

Clerk-Treasurer Alana Paumen

Twelve Residents present, Four via Zoom

Approval of Agenda

-Chris Newmans board resignation was discussed. Motion made by Geyen to fill the board seat, second by Nelson. Carried 3-0

-Andy Christensen was sworn in as a township supervisor.

Approval of Past Minutes

Motion to approve 08/20/24 minutes made by Helman, second by Geyen. Carried 4-0

Clerk-Treasurer Report

-Motion made by Geyen to approve List of Claims/Disbursements, second by Nelson. Carried 4-0

-Payroll Direct Deposit: Motion made by Geyen to approve using direct deposit, second by Nelson. Carried 4-0

Maintenance Report

Ditch mowing full right of way is in progress

Cleaning ditches on Baker Ave this week, 2-3 day project

Shouldering is almost completed

Old Business

-Haack Property: Received a note at the township office from Mr. Haack, letter was read and discussed at the meeting. Made it known that the township maintenance and equipment is not for hire, Nelson gave Haack contact info for a local contractor. Maintenance staff, Geyen, and Haack scheduled to meet at the property to discuss expectations of progress that should be made as a start toward compliance with ordinances.

New Business

-Xcel Sirens: Discussed advantages/disadvantages for both accepting and declining the sirens becoming township property and responsibility. Some comments and concerns from Supervisors and the audience included cost, tax increases, liability, and how to receive nuclear plant emergency notifications, will county activation and maintenance/replacement companies continue to be available in the future?

We will be in contact with surrounding townships to hear their conclusions about the sirens.

Motion made by Nelson for a two week extension on making a decision, second by Geyen.

Carried 3-1

-Mississippi River St. Cloud Watershed: A link for more information and where to submit comments will be added to the township website, comments are being accepted through 09/06/24.

-Vendor Scam: Received an email that looked like it was from Thielen Excavating requesting we pay an invoice via wire transfer. Upon not finding an outstanding invoice and calling Thielen, we determined it was a scam and there are no outstanding invoices with this vendor.

-Office Computer: Reviewed equipment needs and the quote we received from one vendor, will follow up once we receive a second quote. Geyen recommended laptops for supervisors be added to the quotes.

-Planned to discuss proposed projects and budget at 10/01/24 meeting.

-Assigning Chairman and Vice Chairman

Geyen motioned to assign Mike Helman Chairman, second by Christensen. Helman abstained.

Carried 3-0

Helman motioned to assign Geyen Vice Chairman, second by Nelson. Geyen abstained.

Carried 3-0

Adjournment

Geyen motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by Nelson. Carried 4-0