

**Silver Creek Township
Supervisor Board Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2023**

Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman Newman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at the Silver Creek Township Hall. All those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present:

Chris Newman, Chairman

Sandy Forsman, Supervisor

Brandon Geyen, Supervisor

Heidi Eckerman, Clerk/Treasurer

10 Residents signed in, 11 in attendance, 0 on Zoom

Absent: Mike Helman, Supervisor, Ryan Nelson, Supervisor

Open Forum for Citizen Comments:

No Citizen comments.

Review and Approval of Agenda:

Change 8d to General Employee Handbook Updates.

Motion made by Supervisor Geyen to approve the agenda; Seconded by Supervisor Forsman; Carried 3-0.

Approval of the Agenda Items:

Motion made by Supervisor Geyen to approve the regular meeting minutes of 06-06-23;

Seconded by Supervisor Forsman. Carried 3-0.

Motion made by Supervisor Geyen to approve the List of Claims/Disbursements; Seconded by Supervisor Forsman. Carried 3-0.

Audit of Claims:

18222 - \$173.77, 18229 - \$2028.34, 18233 - \$88.44, 18238 - \$468.00, 18235 - \$5,580.28

Old Business:

Gowan Ave – Silver Creek Chair Newman & Supervisor Forsman attended Clearwater Township Meeting on June 14th to discuss Gowan Ave culvert. Clearwater Township passed and voted to move forward with the Engineering Proposal Study for \$30,000.00 with Bogart, Pederson & Associates to provide Civil Engineering & Surveying Services. Maintenance Mr. Klein spoke about the road has been there since the 1970's. Has the culvert has deteriorated and/or the structural integrity of the culvert, or is there an obstruction in there. James Bidell was at the meeting, a Hydrologist from the DNR. The Engineer also agreed to look at further downstream to see what impact that would have with Limestone Lake. Water is decreasing and is flowing at 75%. It doesn't flood every year. Sugar Lake Association has agreed to contribute \$10,000.00 to the cost of the study.

Scott Dahlke, Engineer, his option is to replace the culvert with a 36" culvert, slight adjustment to length, slight adjustment to location, same elevation, change to RCP materials. Maintenance & Mr Dahlke had email coorespondance where Mr Dahlke estimated engineering and surveying at \$16,000.00.

All Engineers should follow the same parameters. Time frame for Mr. Dahlke, he thought he could get his part done by Fall construction, it's when he hands it over that the time frame that they have by law to work with.

Supervisor Forsman made a motion that we do not accept Bogart, Pederson & Associates, Inc. quote with Clearwater Township, Seconded by Supervisor Geyen; Carried 3-0.

Supervisor Forsman made a motion that we accept Scott Dahlke's quote of \$16,000.00 for the engineering and surveying on Gowan Ave. Seconded by Supervisor Geyen.

Discussion is to add the \$10,000.00 from the Sugar Lake Association, and that is acceptable to the Sugar Lake Association. It will be a formal proposal with a deadline, and the effect on Limestone Lake within the 6 inches.

Supervisor Forsman added to the motion to state:

Supervisor Forsman made a motion for accepting the Gowan Ave engineering quote with Scott Dahlke, with the addition of \$10,000.00 contributing with Sugar Lake and also with the upstream and downstream to be considered in to Limestone Lake in the amount of \$16,000.00. Seconded by Supervisor Geyen. Carried 3-0.

145th & Clementa culvert – Attorney needs to look more into this, and that he'll get back to us, that the Board had concerns about putting in a culvert and water drainage onto adjoining land owners.

Clerk/Treasurer Report:

Treasurers report read.

Mat newsletter in packet for the Board to read.

Olson's Truck Stop Liquor License Yearly Renewal:

Chairman Newman, made a motion to approve Olson's Truck Stop Liquor License renewal; Seconded by Supervisor Geyen. Approved 2-0 Supervisor Forsman Abstained.

West Central Sanitation – 2023 Clean-Up Day Report:

The Total Expenses were: \$6,462.89

The Total Income Received: \$5,627.95

The Total new Expense: -\$834.94

Maintenance Report:

All the ditch mowing is completed.

Spraying of noxious weeds to start the week of June 19th – June 24

Graveling of roads to start in the last week of June or the 2nd week of July

Cost estimate on the 134th culvert. Asking for \$1200.00 for an inspection to know how soon they have to replace the culvert. The road is slated to get an overlay in the next year or two at that time replace the culvert with the road. Maintenance feels the integrity should last 3-5 years.

Hauled gravel on 123rd St (camp ground road), completed – will need one more lift next season
Grader moldboard sent out for welding & machining brushing holes to size.

Quote was received from Hakanson Anderson for the 156th Chipseal project.

Base Bid (156th Street) is awarded \$59,551.00

Alternate 1 (Meridian Ave & 105th Street) is \$22,689.62

Total for both is \$82,240.62

Chairman Newman made a motion to approve and move forward with the Chipseal quote with the change order to be submitted to remove the blotter sand for flush seal Item #5 Schedule A and for Fog seal to be added to Schedule B and to approve moving forward that no more than \$85,000.00 for the total with those changes; Seconded by Supervisor Forsman. Carried 3-0

156th Cull-de-sac put on the Agenda July 18th, 2023

Contractor Inspections – Have the Maintenance Employees do it.
Supervisor Geyen received a few complaints about the amount of grass on the road this year.
Try to keep the grass in your yard not on the road.

New Business:

a) James Theisen – Wondering why Wright County is doing the appraisals? Ken Yeager retired from the Assessor's office and Wright County took it over. The Formula that Mike from the Assessor's office had used is, they base it off of sales. The house sold down the road for a \$250,000.00 more than what it appraised for.
Going forward he would like to see the Township get their own Appraiser.
Thank You and good work to the Township.

b) Recycling out for Quote – Clerk will check on different Quotes for recycling companies.

c) Meridian Speed Study – A speed check was attempted, however due to low roadway volumes, was not significant enough to include in the study. Based on the results, MNDOT recommend no change to the current Statutory speed limit.

d) Township Holidays & Employee Holiday Pay – Chair Newman asked for changes to be made to the Employee Handbook.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting is adjourned at 8:56pm by Supervisor Geyen, Seconded by Supervisor Forsman.
Carried 3-0







