

Supervisor Board Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2021

Silver Creek Township

On Tuesday September 21, 2021 the Silver Creek Board of Supervisors met 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.

Chair Sandy Forsman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 4 people in the audience at the start of the meeting and 2 on Zoom. Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present

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

Absent:

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

OPEN FORUM:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion by Supervisor Ness to approve, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Carried 5-0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda: Regular meeting minutes 09/07/2021 and list of Claims (List of Disbursements presented to Board at Meeting) – Included check numbers 17077-17124 & EFT # 2005 in the total amount of \$113,626.80. Motion by Supervisor Ludenia to approve, second by Supervisor Ness. Motion carried 5-0.
Affidavit of Official Interest in Claims – Motion to approve claim by Supervisor Ludenia, second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion carried, 4-0-1 abstained, Chris Klein interested party.

Audit of Claims: 17094 C&S Welding	2,055.00
17099 Couri & Ruppe	360.00
17102 John Deere	296.05
17122 MN Revenue	808.49

Motion by Supervisor Ness to approve, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion carried, 5-0

Clerk/Treasurer’s Report:

Balance as of August 31, 2021

Revenue Account:	\$266,520.13	Fire Fund	\$ 59,214.69
Road & Bridge Acct:	<u>234,281.66</u>	Contingency Fund	9,118.56
Total Available	500.801.79	Checks Out	1,198.41
		Checking	24,564.55

Supervisor Ludenia motion to approve, second by Supervisor Ness. Motion carried 4-0.

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MAINTENANCE REPORT: Supervisor Ludenia said there is a fall expo in St Cloud that maintenance can attend October 6th from 9:30 to 11:00 on winter maintenance for \$30. Motion by Supervisor Forsman, second by Supervisor Ness to send the maintenance crew to the St Cloud Expo for \$30 each. Motion carried 4-0-1 abstained Chris Klein interested party. T-Ray put in the line for the electrical service to the shed. The electrician will come out to see what is needed for supplies for electric service. Tractor was in for repair. Trees on Amery & 105th St: there are power lines involved and it is a steep ditch. Have checked with Bear Tree Co. and the cost for a crew for a day's work will be \$1500. Will be checking with Wright Hennepin to see if some of it is covered by them. Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to spend up to \$1700 to hire the tree trimmers for a day, contingent on hearing back from Wright Hennepin first, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business:

Culvert Pipe: Purchased culvert pipe from Wright Co and stayed under the \$7500.00

Items in right of way: continue to next meeting

Pit reclamation: Will check to see if ARPA funds could be used. Continue to next meeting.

Hall roof: The price we received last year was \$47,300 and have been told it will be up to around \$75,000 now. Will get a few more quotes for roof repair. Continue to Oct 19th meeting.

Annual meeting amendment: Requested information from MN Association of Townships on what to do about the amendment that was added to the levy at the annual meeting. He reply was No; the voters are authorized to set a levy. The powers of management over the roads are held by the board. You may disregard the additional condition the voters tried to add. One of the difficult aspects of the townships form of government is having the voters understand that their powers at the annual meeting are limited to what is delegated to them by state law. They have no extra powers and are not able to set aside or modify state law. The voters don't have the power they are trying to use, so the board can accept the vote for the aspect the voters were authorized to act upon, and reject anything else. Board discussed if we will use a professional to evaluate the conditions of the roads and if we have the funds to pay for it or if the Board and maintenance will do it.

Budget 2022: Discussed what will be needed for the budget, will review the new figures received, check on the ARPA funds and will continue to work on it at the next meeting.

New Business:

Culvert issue 155th St NW: There is someone that put in a driveway a couple years ago, got a culvert but has not put it in. Will send them a letter that he needs to install it.

WC Township Officers Meeting Oct 7th. Meeting is at Albion Twp, will post as a meeting.

Sunflower Oil cleanup by Olson's Truck Stop: Accident on freeway but they need to use our right of way for cleanup. The company has sent a certificate of liability insurance for the cleanup. Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen that we allow West Central Environmental Consultants to use our right of way to clean up the sunflower oil, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion carried 5-0.

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Misc.:

Adjournment: Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to adjourn, second by Supervisor Ness.
All present in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Silver Creek Township Clerk
Nancy Betzler
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Approved 10/05/2021

