

Silver Creek Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2018

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Silver Creek Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday November 13, 2018 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.

All present stood and recited the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Ludenia. There were 8 people in the audience at the start of the meeting.

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent: None

OPEN FORUM: Chairman Ludenia announced that Silver Creek and Clearwater Township have received a grant for \$750,000 from the State of MN for the project to rebuild 150th St. Supervisor Klein found out about the grant at a meeting he attended and he and Clearwater Supervisor Langenbacher worked together to complete the necessary paperwork to apply for the grant. Wright County will work with us as our sponsor.

County Commissioner Darek Vetsch was present to discuss the 2019 county levy. The budget is a 17.3% increase. He talked about the new justice center being built, a 45 million dollar project, working on increasing technology for the county and county ditch management. Talked about the taxes collected from Excel energy and the possible loss of some of that revenue. Wright County has one of the lowest tax rate compared to other local counties.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion to approve agenda by Supervisor Heikkinen, second by Supervisor Forsman. All present in favor. Motion passed.

Approval of the Consent Agenda Item:

Regular Meeting Minutes 10/16/2018. Motion to approve by Supervisor Ness. Second by Supervisor Klein. All present in favor. Motion Passed.

Old Business:

Second Driveway: Chris Otto 11953 Ferman Ave NW was present to discuss the need for a second driveway coming from his property onto 120th St. Motion by Supervisor Klein to approve the 2nd driveway coming out onto 120th St NW. Second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Supervisor Ness questioned how this fits into our current driveway policy of only having one driveway per parcel. The topography of his lot does not allow him to create a turnaround in his yard to accommodate his vehicles. It is also coming out on another road with a substantial distance between them. Supervisor Ness feels this is a reasonable request. All present in favor of motion. Motion passed.

Snow Plowing Policy: When reviewing the policy Supervisor Ness questions the wording on Page 3, number 2. Motion by Supervisor Ness to return the resolution to our attorney for consideration of question 2, page 3 to correctly reflect the board's wishes regarding barricading minimum maintenance roads. Second by Supervisor Forsman. All present in favor. Motion passed. Motion by Supervisor Klein to continue to the next meeting. Second by Supervisor Ness. Motion passed.

155th St dead trees: One tree has fallen and we cleaned it up plus another one about to fall. Should we request payment for the work that was needed to be done? We will contact the owner and let them know that there has been another tree falling onto the right of way.

Maple Lake Twp shared line road: Supervisor Ludenia and Heikkinen met with Tom Newman and they will get back to us after they discuss it at their Township meeting.

Bishop Ave silt fence: The fence has been pulled up. The contractor came out and did the work. We hauled it away and are storing it here.

New Business:

Election: We had 1689 registered voters at the start of the day. 80 new people registered and 138 absentee voters at Buffalo. The number of persons voting was 1322. Supervisor Heikkinen received 944 votes for Seat 1. For Seat 2 Supervisor Ness received 616 votes, Jay Switzer received 447 votes. Township question 1 to combine Clerk/Treasurer position was yes 841 and no 337. The longest line to vote was the first hour and around 4-5 in the afternoon. 74 voters got through the line in the first half hour. Jay Switzer reported to the board that there was tampering or removal of 60% of his campaign road signs.

Misc.: On the marked freeway frontage road the trucks are now going around and going the other way and are having problems getting turned around. We received a resident complaint that a business is being run without a CUP to do so. We will notify the county about the complaint. Supervisor questioned the placement of the delineator on 127th. The maintenance department will check on the placement.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Forsman. Second by Supervisor Ness. All present in favor. Motion passed. Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Silver Creek Township Clerk
Nancy Betzler
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Approved by Board of Supervisors
December 4, 2018

