

SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY JANUARY 6, 2026 AT 7:00PM

ATTENDANCE

Chair Mike Helman
Supervisor Ryan Nelson
Supervisor Andy Christensen
Supervisor Sandy Forsman
Absent Supervisor Geyen
8 guests present

Chairman Helman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Review and approve the agenda

Helman asked to move dog ordinance discussion after open forum, Nelson made motion to approve agenda, second by Christian motion carried 4-0.

Review and approve meeting minutes

Supervisor Nelson made motion to approve 11-06-25 minutes, second by Christensen motion carried 3-0, Forsman abstained. Supervisor Nelson made motion to approve 11-18-25 minutes, second by Christensen motion carried 2-0, Helman and Forsman abstained. Supervisor Nelson made motion to approve 12-16-25 minutes, second by Christense, motion carried 4-0.

Open Forum

Helman recognized MN State Senator Holmstrom who was present. Senator Holmstrom said he was present to listen and held a brief Q&A from board and residents. No other comments were received.

Review/Approve List of Disbursements

Nelson made motion to approve disbursements, second by Forsman, motion carried 4-0.

Dog Ordinance review

Helman asked the residents present if the barking dog issue was getting better and the homeowner at 12946 County Rd 8 said it was getting worse; the continued issue is the neighbor's dogs bark at all hours of the day affecting their quality of life. Homeowner at 12986 County Rd 8 state their dogs are protecting their sheep and have erected fences to keep their dogs within their property and thought the dogs were barking less. The board was presented ordinances from Southside, Clearwater and Rockford Townships for review and discussion.

Each board member was asked their thoughts, and a lot of discussion was if a change was made or how does this affect our current residents who own businesses, farms or live outside platted developments. Supervisor Nelson and Christensen liked Clearwater Township's ordinance that states No dogs allowed to bark from 10pm-6pm in the Township. Motion made by Nelson second by Christensen to have chairman work with township attorney to draft an amendment to our current dog ordinance, no barking dogs from 9 or 10pm to 6am motion carried 4-0. Board will address the proposed changes at the 1st meeting in February unless attorney cannot present changes by then, a later date will be set. Board would then decide if proposed changes should move forward for posting and final vote.

Reorganizational meeting

Board discussed publication, bank, committees, meeting dates, wages and meeting dates. Motion made by Nelson second by Christensen to approve Helman as Chairman and Geyen as road boss, motion carried 3-0, Helman abstained. Motion made by Nelson, second by Christensen to leave current committee members, motion carried 4-0. Motion made by Christensen, second by Forsman to approve keep current meeting day twice a month and cleanup day May 2, 2026, motion carried 4-0. Motion made by Nelson, second by Christensen to increase monthly pay for Chairman and Road Boss is \$600.00 a month, motion carried 3-0, Helman abstained. Motion made by Christensen, second by Forsman to increase maintenance pay to \$38.00 and to increase part time help to \$35.00 when plowing snow only otherwise \$30.00 an hour, motion carried 4-0.

Clerk/Treasurer

Board was presented with an overdue payment from the IRS motion was made by Nelson and second by Christensen to have the treasurer pay the balance, motion carried 4-0.

Maintenance

Board was given an update on the 2023 John Deere tractor purchase MN Equipment, maintenance said it should arrive within the next week. Board commented after the freezing rain that maintenance did a good job deicing roads.

Old Business

Helman said the Township received 2 applications for fulltime maintenance and nothing for the Clerk/Treasurer. Motion was made Nelson second by Forsman to post in Indeed and allow up to \$500 for each position, motion carried 4-0.

Helman asked the board to table driveway application and hall rental reviews because of time, board agreed.

Adjournment

Motion made by Nelson second by Christensen to adjourn, motion carried 4-0 @ 9:17pm