

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 16, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, in the Board Meeting Room at 1924 Town Road for the purpose of discussing all issues before the Board.

Present were Supervisors: Chuck Voss, Greg Hull; Wastewater Operator Mike Hoops; Town Operations and Facilities Manager Jody Reineccius; Treasurer Jamie Pellman; Clerk Alison Oftedahl and Deputy Clerk Katie Anderson.

Absent: Supervisor Scott Krech.

Visitors Present: Dwight Lind and Daniel Doda.

Chairman Hull called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:

Dwight Lind brought an estimate to repair his camper. It was \$4,935.34. It was damaged during seasonal storage. After discussion, motion Hull, second Voss to extend one year of free rent (\$304.50) for the 2023-2024 winter storage season as reasonable compensation for the damage.

ROAD & SAFETY:

Road Report – Reineccius reported grading has been ongoing and that Thompson has been working on Red Maple and Clark Road to reclaim gravel off the sides of roads. Red Maple Road turnaround work will start tomorrow. Reineccius said the road bans should be off township roads starting May 24th, 2023. The plow is now off the new plow truck and the Cemetery cleanup is finished. Wastewater Operator Hoops said he will put the American flags out in the cemetery for Memorial Day. Winter storage is out of the pavilion building and now available for summer event rental.

Gravel Pit – The road is low, and water was across the road. So Reineccius built up the road with sand and has bunch of sand pushed up in a pile. He is just waiting for the road bans to be off.

SEWER OPERATIONS:

Sewer Operations Vendor – Reineccius reported that Mike Miller is willing to mentor him and serve as an emergency backup for less than Eric Appelwick. Written quotes were not yet presented.

Sewer Report – Motion Hull, second Voss to accept the Wastewater Operator’s Report (included below). Carried unanimously.

Wastewater Operator’s Report – May 2, 2023

Influent	2022	2023
January	0.4204 million gallons	0.4093 million gallons
February	0.4567 million gallons	0.4485 million gallons
March	0.6321 million gallons	0.4829 million gallons

April	0.8675 million gallons	est 0.6000 million gallons
May	0.8232 million gallons	
June	0.8657 million gallons	
July	0.9316 million gallons	
August	0.8870 million gallons	
September	0.9317 million gallons	
October	0.6251 million gallons	
November	0.6000 million gallons	
<u>December</u>	<u>0.3881 Million gallons</u>	
<u>Total</u>	<u>8.4291 million gallons</u>	

Too early in the month to know if there was trucked in wastewater during April.

Effluent	2021	2022
May – Discharged	2.859 million gallons of water	3.018 million gallons irrigated
June – Discharged	3.19 million gallons of water	2.986 million gallons irrigated
July - Discharged	3.246 million gallons of water	4.563 million gallons irrigated
August - Discharged	2.743 million gallons of water	2.218 million gallons irrigated
September - Discharged	0.923 million gallons of water	2.984 million gallons irrigated
<u>October - Discharged</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1.147 million gallons irrigated</u>
Total for year-	12.961 million gallons	16.916 million gallons irrigated

Current Operations

Pond capacity is just about maxed out. All the wet snow that we had blowing the ponds full did not do us any favors. The water is turning over in this wind and bringing everything off the bottom. If weather conditions were favorable for irrigation, the water will need to settle for several days prior to startup. Looking at the minimum time for startup is about May 10. More than likely, we will be walking dripper lines on fishing opener.

Lift Station #1 -Pump #2 Waiting for the rebuild of the pump that was burned out in Lift #1. This was Pump #1. Installed a used pump that we had as a spare. I have asked Jody to contact Mike Nelson to see where we are at on his schedule.

Repairs needed: on Lift #2, blown flange gasket, on Lift #1 Pipe replacement, panel repairs, pump #1, needs to be repaired and installed.

Grinder pumps- We had a failure of a pump on the LeRoger Lind property. This pump had been replaced in January. We have a need for repair parts and pump repairs to be done.

Sampling has been done as required and all reports submitted to MPCA.

Pending Maintenance Items

Calibrate Lift Station #2 pumps. Cannot be done until flange gasket is replaced. Calibration was skipped last fall.

Cut out between pump chambers on duplex stations.

There is going to be a need for much work at the ponds this spring and at lift stations i.e. putting gravel back where it belongs, fence repairs, rutting on dikes.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Hoops, Wastewater Operator

STEWART RIVER SEWER:

Voss reported nothing has changed.

REVIEW MINUTES:

Motion Voss, second Hull to accept as presented the 4/18 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion Hull, second Voss to accept as presented the 5/2 Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes. Motion Voss, second Hull to accept as presented the 5/9 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting minutes. All motions carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Pellman as follows: TOSC checking: \$53,124.73 and TOSC savings: \$657,745.33 for a total of \$710,870.06. Outstanding checks totaled \$233.18 for a CTAS balance: \$710,636.88. Motion Voss, second Hull to accept the April Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion Hull, second Voss to authorize the requested transfer of \$72,000 from savings to checking. This includes a large transfer for Two Harbors fire invoice. Both motions carried unanimously.

READING OF THE BILLS:

The current month's bills were read: claims 9744–9770, totaling \$66,864.11 and payrolls through May 19th. Motion Voss, second Hull, to authorize payment of the bills as presented. Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board considered the following:

- Letter from Mayor Wade LeBlanc of Silver Bay to attend a Presentation of Silver Bay Airport Feasibility Study.
- One Town Hall rental application.
- Letter from Lake County Land Commissioner regarding Sealed-Bid Timber Auction.
- Two Approved Land Use Applications from Lake County were reviewed.
- Two Renewal Interim Use Applications for Vacation Rental Home from Lake County.
- Email from Christine McCarthy of Planning and Zoning regarding the Gordon variance issue. The Clerk reported a meeting with Christine McCarthy and McCarthy said she will check with the Lake County attorney on options for transferring the CD to Lake County.

- Letter from City of Two Harbors regarding 2022 fire expenses.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Town Attorney – Hoops invited Daniel Doda as a potential Township Attorney. Doda is a resident of the Township. His practice includes construction, business, real estate law, cartway issues, probate and estate litigation and contracts. He said he will not charge the Township a retainer but will charge \$300 per hour for legal services.

LBAE Follow-up – It was noted that all three Board Supervisors need to go to the County Board of Equalization training before the LBAE Meeting next year.

MAT Insurance / ALCCTO Meeting – Hull attended the ALCCTO Meeting and reported on MAT concerns. Hull suggested the Town of Silver Creek join the League of Minnesota Cities. And, as a result of MATIT losing \$834,197 in a phishing scam, the Town of Silver Creek is considering other insurance.

Permission to have Breakwall Digital add website button for email addresses – Motion Hull, second Voss to accept the Clerk's suggestion to spend \$150 to have a button to allow viewers to enter their email address for receiving e-newsletter.

PENDING BUSINESS:

Road Tour Follow-Ups – A number of culverts need to be done. The edges of town roads need work.

Newsletter Ideas – The Clerk has a rough draft started and asked the Board Supervisors for any ideas they would like added to the newsletter.

There being no further business, motion Hull, second Voss to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday June 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Anderson, Deputy Clerk