

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday September 13, 2022, in the Board Meeting Room at 1924 Town Road, for the purpose of discussing all issues before the Board.

Present: Supervisors Chuck Voss, Chris Jaeger, and Greg Hull; Clerk Alison Oftedahl; Town Operations and Facilities Manager Jody Reineccius, Wastewater Operator Mike Hoops, and by phone, Deputy Clerk Katie Anderson.

Visitors Present: Earl Innis.

Absent: None

Chairman Voss called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### CONSTITUENT CONCERNS

Jane Wick – Cemetery – The Clerk reported a voicemail received from Jane Wick stating that the water station next to their family's block of cemetery plots looks trashy. A photo of the area was viewed by the Board. Wick's message did not state what she wanted to have done about it, however the Board discussed options. After discussion Jaeger agreed to talk to Wick in person to get a better understanding of what is being requested.

Earl Innis – Arrowhead Transit – Innis requested the Board's help with getting Arrowhead transit to serve the out-of-town portions of the Township. He had tried to have his handicapped daughter transported from a nursing home to his house and was told that Arrowhead could not provide service to his address. The Clerk was asked to try to learn more about the program and Supervisors felt some letters to our legislators should be written.

#### ROAD AND SAFETY

Road Report – Reineccius reported that the road grader is fixed. The inching valve on the clutch was repaired at about \$200. He said that he is working on mowing and that initially he only mowed a small bit next to the roads and now needs to mow more of the right-of-way. Supervisors asked how the new machine is working and Reineccius said it is working great. He also spoke to Nate Eide about the project for the County at Clark Spur. He is waiting for the County to either provide the culvert or direct us where to get it. He also reported on the new truck and requested permission for the vendor (TBEI) to take it to a Truck Expo. The Board had no objections. After the Expo it will go to Mid-State for final inspection and be delivered to Silver Creek on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Gravel Pit Application – Reineccius said he created the Stormwater Management Plan and is having Deputy Anderson type it up. The group discussed whether one acre or two acres would be excavated. The County requires \$2,500 per acre that is excavated as a financial guarantee.

Disaster Preparation – Oftedahl reported no updates on this project.

New Driveway Access Permits (Loop Rd & Flood Bay Rd) – Reineccius reported that he is waiting for the owners to finish putting in their new driveways and culverts for a final inspection.

#### GENERAL SEWER OPERATIONS

Reineccius reported that repairs were completed on the Control Structure at the treatment ponds. Operator Hoops presented his report and said that overall things are going well. He said that the repaired pump for Lift Station 1 has not yet been installed by Wiikwaiban Innini due to issues they are having. He also said he will be gone on vacation 10 days.

New Installations – The installation at Mike Long's new house is completed and the system is up and running. All that is left is some legal work on the easement and a final accounting. Hoops said that the old easement needs to be replaced with a new one. Oftedahl was asked to send the documents to the attorney once Tofte gets the survey done.

Reineccius reported that he has class next week and will take the Wastewater Operator test on September 21<sup>st</sup>. In preparation, he met with a wastewater expert from Minnesota Rural Water who reviewed previous tests and coached him on what to study.

Stewart River Wastewater Project – Voss reported that he has heard nothing from Bollig and that a Special Session appears unlikely.

Correspondence – The following items were passed around for consideration:

- 2 Cemetery Rights of Interment were signed.
- Printout stating that Google G Suite is no longer free.
- Copy of Taconite check received for \$35,219.00.
- Signed Hall Rental Agreement for September Yoga.
- Truth in Taxation form returned to Lake County.
- Spreadsheet showing use of ARPA funds and \$978.46 remaining.
- Letter of Credit from Park State Bank.
- New Driveway Access Application for North Harbor Services on Flood Bay Road.
- Email from Tanya Feldcamp regarding the requirements for the Gravel Pit application including Stormwater Management, Restoration Plan, and reclamation bond.
- August 2022 Newsletter from MATIT.
- 35 approved Lake County Land Use Applications for structure placement in Silver Creek properties. These were issued earlier this year, but copies were not provided to the Town until now.
- 7 approved Lake County Land Use Applications for Grade/Fill and Land Alterations.
- Conditional Use Application for Wild Country ATV Club.

#### OLD BUSINESS

US Bank Certificate of Deposit for Gordon Variance – No change on this project.

Cemetery Dispute – Attorneys have not yet settled the family's dispute. One branch is considering purchasing a new block of plots away from the rest of the family and has visited the cemetery with the Clerks twice in the past couple weeks. They are also considering having one of the caskets moved from it's current grave to a new plot.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Burlington Road Two Harbors & Superior Shores Agreement – The Board considered an email from the Two Harbors Clerk and a draft contract drawn up by Two Harbors. In reviewing documents there were many questions. The main question was what work Superior Shores Resort is going to do to Burlington Road. Hull questioned the drawing and said it might not be accurate. And reference in this new contract was made to our old maintenance contract. The old one was from 2006 and it was pulled and reviewed in the meeting. It states that the City will trade in-kind service or pay for the maintenance that Silver Creek does on Burlington Road. The City has not been paying extra or providing any services and Oftedahl, Thompson and Reineccius were unaware of this agreement. Reineccius was asked to speak to the City Engineer to learn what Superior Shores will be doing to Burlington Road.

Town Subscription to Google G Suite – The Town has a G Suite account used for employee email accounts. At the end of August, all the email accounts were shut off because Google is no longer providing this as a free service to small businesses or governments. The Clerk had to provide credit card payment information to Google to get the accounts enabled. Going forward, Google will be charging \$6 per email account per month. The Board will vote to approve this contract next week.

Seasonal Storage Dates and Rates – The Board reviewed storage rates charged by Lake County and rates charged by a local mini storage provider. Both are charging a higher rate than Silver Creek did last

year. Next week the Board will set the rate and approve the contract. The building has few ongoing expenses, but new doors from a couple years ago were about \$9,000. The dates for storage were not discussed. Decisions will be made next week.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. upon motion Voss, second Hull. Carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Town Board will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alison Oftedahl, Clerk