TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 21, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 in the Board Meeting Room at 1924 Town Road for the purpose of discussing all issues before the Board.

Present: Supervisors: Greg Hull, Chuck Voss, and Mike Hoops; Clerk Alison Oftedahl; Deputy Clerk Katie Anderson; Treasurer Shelly Peterson; and Town Operations and Facilities Manager Paul Thompson.

Absent: None

Visitors Present: Tom Opfer

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

**CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS**

None.

**SITE INSPECTIONS**

Everyone present went over to inspect the Old Town Hall and the Cemetery.

Old Town Hall – The roof leak above the restrooms was inspected. After checking the ceiling, floor, and walls; it was agreed that the restrooms are usable in spite of the leak. The Clerk's office was given the go ahead to allow those renting the Pavilion to use the restrooms.

Cemetery – The Board inspected the mowing job done on both the cemetery and other grounds around the Hall and Pavilion. They also viewed the rock garden and flag display. Thompson and Oftedahl were asked to write a letter requesting more weed whipping and attention to the cemetery ditches, and the area around the Old Hall and Pavilion.

**ROAD & SAFETY**

Road Report – Thompson reported that ditching was done on the hill of Alger Grade and continued on Loop Road. The Dodge truck was taken to the dealer to resolve a red 'exhaust system' indicator light.

**SEWER OPERATIONS**

Sewer Report – Hoops reported that there was a pump failure at Linds' last weekend. He said that the new screen door has been installed on the filter building and that he is working on a cost estimate for a solution to the sludge blocking the irrigation intake. After discussion, motion Voss, second Hoops to accept the Wastewater Operator's Report as presented (full report on file in the Clerk's Office). Carried unanimously.

Lift Station 1 and the Grease Problem – The group discussed Bob Whitmyer's findings at the Rustic. There appeared to be significantly less grease in the Lift Station, but it is not eliminated. Voss was asked to try to reach Whitmyer to request a written report of issues and the plan to resolve them.

**FACILITIES**

Cemetery Signs – Oftedahl reported that the signs have been ordered from Waldo Signworks.

Concrete Repair – Anderson reported that Huseby is planning to do the concrete repair job in the next couple weeks.

Tree Clearing – It was agreed to get bids for tree clearing behind the skating rink area, and along Highway 3 next to the Cemetery in order to increase sightlines and free up space.

**STEWART RIVER SEWER**

Voss reported that he gave Bollig the contact information for the new Lake County Planning and Zoning Director.

**Hall Restoration Project**

Attorney Review of Bollig's Design Contract – Hull said he spoke to Attorney Witty, but hadn't yet sent him the contract – he will do that soon.

Potential Alteration of Town Road – Hull tabled this topic.

**REVIEW MINUTES**

Motion Hull, second Hoops to accept as presented the 6/16 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion Hoops, second Voss to accept as presented the 7/14 Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes. Both motions carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Peterson as follows: TOSC checking: $50,070.56 and TOSC savings: $346,116.48 for a total of $396,187.04. Outstanding checks totaled $8,854.40 for a CTAS balance: $387,332.64. Motion Hoops, second Voss to accept the June Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion Hoops, second Voss to authorize the requested transfer of $160,000 from savings to checking. Both motions carried unanimously.

CD Rollover Reporting – Oftedahl reported the Auditor's directions for recording the CD rollover in CTAS. When a CD is rolled over, CTAS handles it as a cash out of the previous CD and then a purchase of the new CD, causing the Cash Control to show a receipt and a disbursement in the amount of the CD. The Auditor confirmed the fact that there is no other way to handle this in the system.

**READING OF THE BILLS**

The current month's bills were read: claims 11053-11101, and payrolls through Friday July 24 with disbursements totaling $162,009.81. Motion Voss, second Hoops, to authorize payment of the bills as presented – with Hoops abstaining from Claim 11066. Motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board considered the following:

- Hall Restoration Project's IRRR grant application narrative written by Lindsey Huddleston at Bollig.
- Payment advice for receipt of $6,738.50 in Town Aid.
- Lake County Notice of Withdrawal of Variance.
- Letter of Credit – bank collateralization.
- MATIT Insurance Coverage document.
- Closeout Confirmation from the US Treasury for the reporting of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.
- MAT July Newsletter.
- Affidavit of Posting for the August Primary Election.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Insurance Policy – The level of coverage on buildings and contents was discussed in light of the forest fires this year. The value on buildings has not been increased in a long time. Hull agreed to take the policy home and do some further research.

Mileage Rate – The Board declined to raise the mileage reimbursement to match the new federal mileage rate instated recently.

Direct Deposit Payroll – The Board declined the Clerk's request to change all Board paychecks to Direct Deposit.

**PENDING BUSINESS**

None

There being no further business, motion Hoops, second Voss to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday August 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Oftedahl, Clerk