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Veteran's Memorial Planned Two Harbors, Waterfront

Gordy Anderson and Keith Larsen from the Lake County Veteran's Memorial Association visited a Silver Creek Board Meeting in February to ask for support for a new Memorial planned for Two Harbors. Pictured right, the Memorial will cost \$478,728, and funds are being raised now. Local vendors are being used to build the Memorial.

At the Silver Creek Annual Meeting, attendees voted to purchase 4 plaques in honor of Silver Creek veterans (one for each branch of the service).

Be a Part of the Effort

The public can purchase a plaque for any veteran who was born in, currently resides in, or has lived in Lake County. Donations can also be made, and Lake County has been matching the contributions. Call 218-830-0909 for more information.

View Waterfront Plans

This design, the new amphitheater and other exciting proposals for the waterfront area are currently on display at the Two Harbors Library or online at City of Two Harbors... Waterfront Task Force.



Town Election Results

Hoops and Oftedahl Re-Elected

30 voters turned out to elect Mike Hoops to a 3-year term as Supervisor and Alison Oftedahl to a 2-year term as Clerk.

Judges Make it Happen

Thank-you for Your Service

Many thanks to Phil Sogge, Deb Cooter, and Mary Londborg for judging at the Township Election.

*Happy Memorial
Day and
Thank You
to our Veterans!*

Hall Restoration Update

Pre-Design Almost Complete

The Hall Restoration Committee, led by Bollig Architect Barbara Marks, has met 4 times on the predesign phase. In this step, desired uses of the building are considered to ensure that the design will meet all identified needs. Meetings are open to the public. To learn the next meeting date, go to the Notices & News tab of SILVERCREEKMNLAKECO.GOV or call Katie Anderson at 218-220-7893.

Hall Restoration Committee Members

Thank you to our committee: Kyle Weideman, Jessica Peterson, Dale Moe, Jamie MacFarlane, Steve Thorne, Gary Reinke, Sara Preston, Katie Anderson, and Supervisor Greg Hull. Reach out to them if you have ideas or questions.

Re-Imagined Town Hall

The diagram at the right shows the latest proposed design. The expanded addition will have larger accessible restrooms, a new catering kitchen, a wider lobby, a small conference room and multiple storage areas. The main area of the Old Hall will allow for approximately 80 people to meet or sit at tables. Some square footage is gained by taking out the old stage. There will also be a new multi-purpose room, a storage area and a wider deck at the top of the front stairs.

The current working design, is not final. Many site ideas are still in plan.

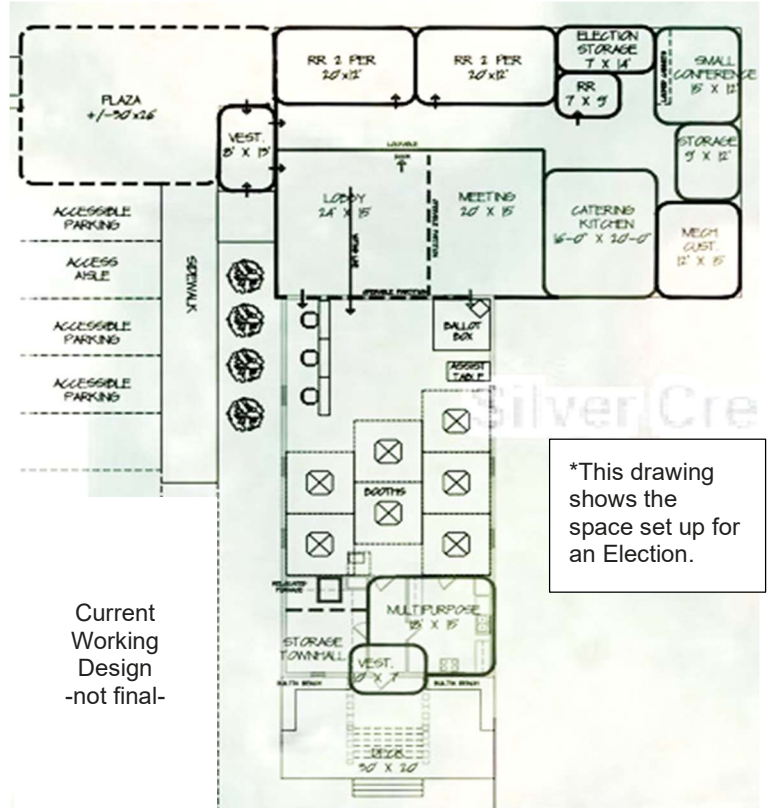
New Slab Solves Multiple Issues

The current plan involves pouring a new slab-style foundation next to the Old Hall and then moving the building onto it. There are several reasons for this plan.

- Reduce the Cost - The new slab will cost less than repairs to the old foundation.
- Improve the Foundation - This plan results in a whole new foundation rather than a repaired hundred-year-old one.
- Lower the Grade - On the slab, the Old Hall height can be lowered 8 inches so that the accessible entrance ramp can be less steep.
- Gain Space - The building would be moved farther from the Pavilion, creating some additional parking.

Optimizing Outdoor Space

The possibility of closing the portion of Town Road that runs past the Old Hall is under consideration. The Town's lot size is only a couple acres, making it difficult to add the larger addition, more parking, expanded septic and still allow for a playground and yard area. Closing a section of the road would free up more square footage. There is a second reason for this idea. Currently vehicles can drive through the middle of an ongoing event. Blocking one end or the middle would prevent this and make the entire area safer for kids and pedestrians. The south end of the cemetery road would stay open. Stay tuned for more information on this proposal. If it moves forward, a public hearing will be published in the Northshore Journal Legal section.



Current Working Design -not final-

Annual Meeting Results

4% Levy Increase for 2027 is Approved

At the Annual Meeting, attendees voted to support the Budget and Levy proposed by the Board of Supervisors and included below. The Capital Project fund will be used for the restoration of the Old Hall. The levy for the project in 2027 is \$25,000 – the amount voted in last year for each of five years. The project will also seek IRRR funding and outside grants.

2027 PLANNED TOWN BUDGET	Amount
General	\$114,250
Road & Bridge	\$360,750
Road Enhancement	\$20,000
Building	\$21,700
Capital Project	\$75,000
Fire	\$75,000
Cemetery	\$12,000
General Debt Service	0
TOTAL BUDGET	\$678,700

2027 Approved LEVY	Amount
General	100,000
Road & Bridge	300,000
Road Enhancement	20,000
Building	5,000
Capital Project	25,000
Fire	60,000
Cemetery	10,000
General Debt Service	0
TOTAL LEVY	\$520,000

Taconite and other Tax Expected	\$152,400
TOWN TOTAL PLANNED INCOME	\$672,400

New Mini Ex

Ready to Roll

Pictured right - The recently purchased 2023 mini excavator is all ready for summer. This machine will come in very handy for culvert replacements.

Need Help?

Call 218-834-5255 for these things:

- Dust Problems on a Township road.
- Purchase or installation of swing-arm mailbox post.
- Report a culvert problem in a township road right-of-way.



Road Report

Upcoming Projects

Operations Manager Paul Thompson reported that they are planning to replace some culverts on Press Camp Road. Ditching and brushing on Loop Road, Clark Road and West Castle Danger are the highest priority, but as many roads as possible will be tackled.

Gravel Crushing Purchase

\$70,000 in gravel crushing has been ordered. The Town is purchasing under Lake County's contract. The gravel will be delivered at the end of summer, so until then, projects not requiring a lot of material will be prioritized. The Town has not purchased gravel in several years, and has funds on hand for this purpose.

Tree Removal Along Alger Grade

After a tree went down last fall cutting power and starting a fire, the Town was asked to remove a stretch of trees along Alger Grade near the intersection with Clark Road. The Town is hoping to partner with Cooperative Light and Power on a contract for the clearing, but may have to hire an independent contractor for the work.

Flood Bay Road Alteration Hearing

After a quiet Hearing May 12th, the Board of Supervisors passed a Road Order Resolution extending the legal definition of Flood Bay Road to its current physical location and widening the turnaround. The legal definition recorded in 1984 no longer matches the road as it is today. The only physical change will be a widening of the turnaround.

Pavilion Rental This Summer

Planning a Summer Event?

The Pavilion will be available for rent this summer, but renters will be required to rent portable biffies because the Old Hall will not be available.

Possibility of Allowing Alcohol to be Served

The Board of Supervisors is considering allowing beer and wine to be served at events provided liability event insurance in the amount of \$2 million is purchased or is held by a Caterer with a liquor license. The new policy is not yet finalized. The change has been recommended by the Hall Restoration Committee and the Clerk's Office.

Wastewater Operations

Quiet Rate Hearing

One appeal was heard at the April 14th CDSSD Rate Hearing. Residential rates were not raised this year. For more information, the Rate Resolution can be viewed on the Town's website.

Investment of Funds

Monies from the CDSSD Replacement Fund have been placed in a Certificate of Deposit in order to grow the balance for infrastructure improvements.

New Connections to Sewer

Two new commercial accounts have requested connection to the system. Mighty Fine Cabins will open Memorial Day. And the Rustic Inn has received a Conditional Use Permit for "the Bake Haus" in the building adjacent to their current restaurant.

Added Expertise

Advanced Utility Solutions continues to manage wastewater operations. They recently hired Silver Creek resident Gary Ganser to assist with maintenance. Ganser is retired from the City of Two Harbors. His expertise is very welcome.

Stewart River Project

Hoping for Good News

The Stewart River Project remains on the Bonding Committee list. As of press time, there are only a couple of days remaining in the legislative session, but no Bonding Bill has been passed.

Lake County Solid Waste
 Winter hours (thru April)

Demo Landfill
 2740 Bunker Hill Rd
 Tuesdays 10:00 to 3:00pm
 or by appt (218) 834-8304

Household Hazardous Waste Collection
 Wednesdays 9:00 to 3:00pm
 East End of the Recycle Center building

Recycle Center
 515 Recycle Center Dr
 Mattresses, Appliances, E-Waste & Tires accepted
 9:00 to 3:00pm Monday - Friday (year-round)

Now Open year-round!
 Closed On Jan 19, MLK Jr Day
 Feb 16, President's Day

Refresh, Renew, Recycle

Composting of Food Waste

The County has several bearproof composters and is planning to place one in Silver Creek. However the exact location and timing have not yet been set.

If the Recycling Trailer is Full...

With summer tourism, the amount of recycling can vary week to week. Currently Lake County staffing and resources only allow for emptying of the trailer every two weeks. When the full trailer is removed, it must be emptied by hand at the Recycling Center. Usage is being tracked by the County. If you wish to report that the trailer is full, contact Colleen Wallin at 218-834-8304 or email colleen.wallin@co.lake.mn.us. If the trailer is full, you must bring your items down to the Two Harbors Recycling Center.

Hungry as a Bear

Please close the bars on the top of the recycling trailer to ensure that your trash doesn't end up as a bear salad spread all over the lawn.

Cemetery Spring Cleaning

Blowing in the Wind

Please bring only live flowers to the cemetery. The wind creates litter and confetti from plastic and silk flowers.

To purchase plots, contact the Office. Purchases must be done in person and paid via check.

Reconnect

Mark Your Calendar Upcoming Meetings

- May 28 – Hall Restoration Committee Meeting 6:30 pm
- June 9 – Committee of the Whole COW
- June 16 – Regular Meeting 6:30 pm
- July 14 – (COW) Meeting 6:30 pm
- July 21 – Regular Meeting 6:30 pm
- August 4 – COW Meeting 6:30 pm
- August 11 – Primary Election
- August 18 – Reconvened Annual Meeting and Regular Meeting 6:30 pm
- September 8 – COW Meeting 6:30 pm

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