TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, October 13, 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; Town Operations and Facilities Manager Paul Thompson.

Absent: Treasurer Shelly Peterson

Visitors Present: Tom Opfer

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

CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:

None

ROAD & SAFETY:

Road Report – Thompson reported that some spot graveling was done on West Castle Danger and that grading is in progress. The culvert lining of 3 culverts was completed in 4 hours today. Thompson said it went really well and that the product and team were both impressive. The skid steer will be taken to Duluth for new tracks tomorrow. He asked the Board whether the warranty on the RAM should be extended. It was agreed to get some more information about the cost and what it would cover.

Proposals for Tree Clearing along the Cemetery – The Board reviewed 5 proposals that were received for the tree clearing project.

- Anderson Dirtworx Jacob Anderson Cologne, MN $21,000
- JBL Trucking and Excavating Jack Lax Two Harbors, MN $29,340
- Silver Creek Works Jesse Weideman Two Harbors, MN $40,775
- Toland Forestry & Excavation Jeff Toland Two Harbors, MN $42,000
- Nelson Forestry Brad Nelson Two Harbors, MN $46,500

The lowest priced proposal appeared to be a qualified and responsible one, so that was selected as the top choice. After discussion, motion Hull, second Voss to authorize Supervisor Hoops to contact Anderson Dirtworx LLC, to negotiate the contract for the Town and; in the event that the contract cannot be negotiated, to go to the second choice: JBL. Motion carried unanimously. It was agreed that $2,500 of the project would be charged to the Cemetery Fund and the remainder would be charged to the Road fund.

Culvert Lining – As agreed last week and based upon recommendations from MN DOT and Lake County, motion Hull, second Hoops to authorize Subsurface, Inc to repair 3 culverts on Press Camp Road using their fiberglass lining method for a total cost of approximately $30,000. Motion carried unanimously. It was agreed to pay for this project out of the Road Enhancement fund.

WASTEWATER OPERATIONS:

Hoops reported that the winter shut-down process for the ponds would be done in the next few weeks. Thompson reported that frost blankets are ready for installation.

Wastewater Operator's Report – Motion Hoops, second Voss to accept the Wastewater Operator's Report as presented. Carried unanimously.

STEWART RIVER SEWER:

No change to this project.

FACILITIES

Concrete Repair – Thompson reported that he contacted Huseby about getting the concrete sealed. The estimate is $500 to $600.

HALL RESTORATION PROJECT

Informational Meeting Dates – Motion Hull, second Hoops to confirm the following dates for public informational meetings: Saturday, January 9, 2027 at 1 p.m. and Tuesday, February 23rd, 2027 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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Ballot Question – Chairman Hull reported on a call with Attorney Jesse Smith regarding the wording of the ballot question and the overall process. The attorney had recommended removing the part about increasing property taxes and the "as on file in Clerk's Office". After discussion, motion Hoops, second Hull to accept the ballot language included below. Motion carried unanimously.

> Do you authorize the Town of Silver Creek to remodel and restore the Old Town Hall and construct a new addition onto it at a project cost not to exceed $1.75 million?

Newsletter – It was agreed to have a newsletter solely devoted to the project. After discussion, it was decided that the deadline for publishing is December 15th in order to reach mailboxes by January 2nd, a week ahead of the Informational Meeting.

Meeting regarding Great River Energy – Hull will be meeting with some of the Hall Restoration Committee members tomorrow in the Board Meeting Room.

REVIEW MINUTES:

Motion Hoops, second Voss to accept as presented the 9/15 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion Hoops, second Voss to accept as presented the 10/6 Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes. Both motions carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was read by Deputy Clerk Anderson as follows: TOSC checking: $59,109 and TOSC savings: $462,067 for a total of $521,176.99. Outstanding checks totaled $8,137.87 for a CTAS balance: $513,039.12. The transfer request needed to be increased based upon the late submission of an invoice. After discussion, motion Hoops, second Voss to authorize an increased transfer of $75,000 from savings to checking. And, motion Hoops, second Voss to accept the September Treasurer's Report with the change in the transfer request noted. Both motions carried unanimously.

The meeting was recessed for 10 minutes by Chairman Hull at 7:34 p.m. while Deputy Clerk Anderson keyed a payment and printed the check for the invoice submitted late.

The meeting was resumed by Chairman Hull at 7:43 p.m.

READING OF THE BILLS:

The current month's bills were read: claims 11167-11204 totaling $58,347.57, and payrolls through October 16th. Motion Hoops, second Voss, to authorize payment of the bills as presented with Hoops abstaining from Claim 11174. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board considered the following:

- IRRR Board Meeting Newsletter.
- 3 Affidavits of Posting were signed.
- 1 Pavilion Rental Agreement.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Superior Shores Liquor License – Motion Hoops, second Voss to approve a liquor license renewal for Superior Shores Bev LLC. Hull did not support. Motion carried (2:1).

Resolution 2026-10 – Oftedahl explained that this resolution applies only to Township Election and was recommended by the Lake County Auditor's Office and the Association of Townships because it can save time on election night. Motion Hull second Voss to adopt Resolution 2026-10 Setting Election Policy for the Recording of Votes Cast for Write-In Candidates (full text included below). Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2026-10
TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
LAKE COUNTY MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION
SETTING ELECTION POLICY
FOR THE RECORDING OF VOTES CAST

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FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 204B.09, subd. 3(c), allows townships to establish a resolution governing the counting of write-in votes for township offices;

WHEREAS, the statute provides that townships may choose to record the write-in votes for individual candidates only if the total number of write-in votes for that office is equal to or greater than the fewest number of non-write-in votes for a ballot candidate;

WHEREAS, opting not to record the write-in votes for an individual ballot office when the total number of write-in votes for that office is unlikely to result in an error in the administration of the election;

WHEREAS, the administration of the township election requires significant investment of human and financial resources;

WHEREAS, a reduction in the time and resources necessary to administer the election provides a benefit to the township and is in the best interests of township;

WHEREAS, the orderly and efficient administration of elections increases confidence in the election process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that votes for write-in candidates for township office will be individually recorded only if the total number of write-in votes for an office is equal to or greater than the fewest number of non-write-in votes for the same office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution will remain in effect until a resolution on the same subject is adopted by the Township Board.

Adopted October 13, 2026 upon motion by Supervisor Greg Hull .

Chairman Greg Hull	Supervisor Chuck Voss	Supervisor Mike Hoops

ATTEST: _____
Alison Oftedahl, Clerk

The forgoing Resolution 2026-10 was adopted upon roll-call vote as follows:

Ayes: Chuck Voss, Mike Hoops, Greg Hull

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

PENDING BUSINESS:

Seasonal Storage – Thompson is ready to go.

General Election – Motion Hoops, second Voss to approve Joseph LaMarca as the final Election Judge for the November Election. Preparation was discussed. The garage needs to be cleared by 10:30 Monday November 2nd.

There being no further business, motion Hoops, second Voss to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday November 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Oftedahl, Clerk

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