

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK  
SPECIAL MEETING  
DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 2025

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Silver Creek met for a special meeting on Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in the Board Meeting Room at 1924 Town Road for the purpose of discussing formation of a citizen subcommittee for the Old Hall Restoration Project.

Present: Supervisors: Greg Hull, Chuck Voss, and Mike Hoops; Clerk Alison Oftedahl; and Deputy Clerk Katie Anderson.

Visitors Present: Barbara Marks, John Bathke, Debbie Cooter, Denise Bohrer, Nate VanSanten, Brenda Melquist, Phil Sogge, Rachelle Hull, Gary Reinke, Sara Preston, Steve Thorne, Jessica Peterson, Kyle Weideman, Valerie Johnson, Chuck Hilliard.

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

Hull explained the purpose of the special meeting saying that the only thing that can be discussed is the working committee for the Old Hall Project. He asked everyone to fill in the interest cards they were given. He explained that this would be a subcommittee of the Board not a separate non-profit group. The main two purposes of the group will be: first, to work to achieve the goal of developing a greater sense of community by organizing events; and second, to assist in the design and planning of the renovation and new addition. The draft resolution to establish a subcommittee was then displayed on screen (included here):

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**RESOLUTION 2025-9**

**TOWN OF SILVER CREEK  
LAKE COUNTY MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
ESTABLISHMENT OF  
CITIZEN WORKING COMMITTEE FOR  
OLD TOWN HALL REFURBISHMENT PROJECT**

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**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors has approved a capital construction project for the restoration of the 1906 Town Hall building;

**WHEREAS**, the project goals include ensuring that the facility meets the needs of the Town but also inspires increased use by the entire community;

**WHEREAS**, ongoing community member involvement has been identified as the best way to ensure that it meets community needs and inspires increased use;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors as an elected body should retain oversight and fiduciary responsibility for the overall project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that a citizen working committee be established to provide community input, generate and share ideas, work with the architect on design selection, and plan for future use by the community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the citizen committee be established and operate as a subcommittee of the Silver Creek Board of Supervisors, under their authority and comprising a part of the Town of Silver Creek government, subject to Open Meeting Law and all other laws required by the State of Minnesota. This subcommittee will operate on a presumption of deference to the Silver Creek Board. Plans, projects, contracts, or events requiring expenditures must be pre-approved by the Silver Creek Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to remove a committee member in extremes, such as, but not limited to violation of the law, violation of conflict of interest or repeated and extended absence from committee meetings.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the citizen working committee shall consist of one sitting member of the Silver Creek Board of Supervisors (who shall serve as Chairman); up to six other residents or property owners appointed by the elected Silver Creek Board. In addition, up to two alternates may also be appointed. All committee members must either own property or reside in Silver Creek Township.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that committee members shall be paid a per diem, and mileage reimbursement at a rate set annually by the Silver Creek Board of Supervisors.

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Chairman Hull explained that the Board would be appointing six people from those interested in participating and that the decision would be based upon diversity of expertise, geographical representation, and a balance of genders and ages. A couple alternates may also be selected. Appointees must live in or own property in the Township. The Silver Creek Board will have oversight over the committee. He then introduced Barbara Marks, Architect from Bollig Engineering, who has been retained for the pre-design phase of the project. He said that in the pre-design phase, they'll be looking at the dreams, hopes and aspirations to get some big ideas to help drive the design.

Marks led the group through an activity in which everyone placed red or green stickers on photos of buildings, rooms, playgrounds, and patios. She then had people discuss what elements they liked and disliked in each photo. There was lively participation in the activity. At the end Marks told the group that she noticed a couple of recurrent themes including "natural light" and "safety" as well as "vernacular", which she explained as asking does the design fit, and does it feel right? She explained that what we need for the committee is people who are willing to not just look at their own idea, but will push for discussion to try to see other people's point of view and consider who the users might be. She said that in pre-design they would be setting goals and then working on building diagrams. Marks then concluded by thanking everyone for their participation.

Chairman Hull let attendees know that the Board would likely appoint the committee members in January as there were some interested folks who couldn't make this meeting. He thanked everyone and reminded them to fill in their interest cards (which were collected). There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. upon motion Voss, second Hoops.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alison Oftedahl, Clerk