TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 in the Board Meeting Room at 1924 Town Road for the purpose of discussing all issues before the Board.

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

Absent: Supervisor Chuck Voss.

Visitors Present: None.

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 since last week quite a bit of work has been done on West Castle Danger and Bunker Road.

Tractor Brake Repair – Thompson is waiting for an estimate from Lulich.

Tree Clearing RFP – Hoops reported that trees are marked and ready for the project. He brought in a draft Request for Proposal document. After reading it, motion Hull, second Hoops to proceed with publishing the job in the Northshore Journal. Carried unanimously.

Heck of the North Bike Race – Thompson will handle signs for the race.

WASTEWATER OPERATIONS

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

Frost Blanket Project – Thompson is waiting for blankets to be back in stock.

Sludge Mapping – This project is likely postponed until spring. Hoops reported that a different type of bug that can process sludge on the bottom of the ponds is currently being tested.

Bake Haus Assessment – After reading the revised letter, motion Hoops, second Hull to proceed with sending the letter to the owners. Motion carried unanimously.

FACILITIES

Concrete Repair – Thompson reported that Huseby will seal the concrete when he has time.

STEWART RIVER SEWER

No change.

HALL RESTORATION PROJECT

Ballot Question – Hull reported that questions about the ballot wording, timing, hearings and notices were sent to Attorneys Witty and Smith. Oftedahl reported that the Town may wish to use ballot counters for the Township Election so that the Annual Meeting attendees don't have to wait too long to hear the result. It would cost approximately $1,000. No decisions were made on that subject.

IRRR Grant Agreement Contract – A request to have the contract signed was received by the Clerk's office. After reading the contract, motion Hull, second Hoops to sign it and accept the grant. Motion carried unanimously. The contract was then signed by Chairman Hull and by Supervisor Hoops and given to Oftedahl to forward to the IRRR office. Oftedahl was asked to check on the expiration date of the grant.

REVIEW MINUTES

Motion Hoops, second Hull to accept as presented the 8/18 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion Hull, second Hoops to accept as presented the 8/18 Resumed Annual Meeting minutes. Motion Hoops, second Hull to accept as presented 8/25 Hall Restoration/ Silver Creek combined minutes. And, motion Hoops, second Hull to accept as presented the 9/8 Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes. All motions carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Peterson as follows: TOSC checking: $78,998.14 and TOSC savings: $500,097.70 for a total of $579,095.84. Outstanding checks totaled $1,908.34 for a CTAS balance: $577,187.50. Motion Hull, second Hoops to accept the August Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion Hoops, second Hull to authorize the requested transfer of $60,000 from savings to checking. Both motions carried unanimously.

The Budget Comparison report was reviewed and appeared to not match the Treasurer's report balance. The formulas and data will be reviewed before the next meeting.

READING OF THE BILLS

The current month's bills were read: claims 11133-11166, totaling $67,647.80, and payrolls through September 18th. Motion Hull, second Hoops to authorize payment of the bills as presented with Hoops abstaining for Claim 11139. Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board considered the following:

- Bake Haus assessment letter drafted by the Clerk and discussed above.
- Emailed invitation to MAT's Annual Conference.
- Email from Lola Haus at Lake County Auditor's Office regarding the process of placing a question on the Township Election ballots. She said that the Auditor must be provided 84 days notice of the election date, offices to be voted, and the title and language of the ballot question.
- From the IRRR, the Grant Contract Agreement as discussed above.
- Email written by the Clerk to the Attorney regarding the Ballot Question as discussed above.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Seasonal Storage Rates – After reviewing the contract, motion Hull, second Hoops to raise the seasonal storage rate to $2.25 per lineal foot per month with a 6 month minimum. Motion carried unanimously.

Election Judge Approval – Motion Hoops, second Hull to approve the following list of Election Judges for the November General Midterm Election: Phil Sogge, Debbie Cooter, Liz Busa, Mary Londborg, John Bathke, Katie Anderson, and Alison Oftedahl.

PILT – Oftedahl reported that the second PILT payment will not be half – it will be a small remaining amount.

PENDING BUSINESS

Schedules – Voss is gone now returning 9/27. Oftedahl will be gone 9/19 through 10/2. Hoops will be gone 9/22 through 9/29. Peterson will be gone 9/18 – 9/30. Thompson will be gone 10/10-10/11.

There being no further business, motion Hoops, second Hull to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday October 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Oftedahl, Clerk