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# SILVER CREEK SOURCE

## *Old Hall Project Awarded \$250,000 by Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation*

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## *Thank You Election Judges!*

Pictured: Mary Londborg and Liz Busa at the Roster Station.  
Not pictured: Head Judge Phil Sogge, and Judges Debbie Cooter, John Bathke and Alison Oftedahl.

### **Huge Thank-you to Senator Grant Hauschild; Representative Roger Skraba and IRRR Board**

Silver Creek's Hall Restoration Project was awarded \$250,000 in IRRR funds after Senator Grant Hauschild and Representative Roger Skraba recommended it. The grant funding was awarded through the Taconite Environmental Protection Fund. Hauschild and Skraba had attended a Silver Creek Board Meeting last December and then followed through on their promise to look for some funding for the project. Read more about the project on the next page.

## *Primary Election Recap*

### **265 In-Person Voters on Election Day**

The State Primary Election at Silver Creek went smoothly, with 265 of 924 registered voters coming in-person to vote on August 11<sup>TH</sup>. Of the 265, 98 were Republican and 167 were Democrat. Silver Creek DFLers chose Peggy Flanagan (131) Trina Swanson (141) and Klobuchar/Schierer (152). Silver Creek Republicans chose Adam Swarze (33); Pete Stauber (84) and Lindell/Parrish (37)

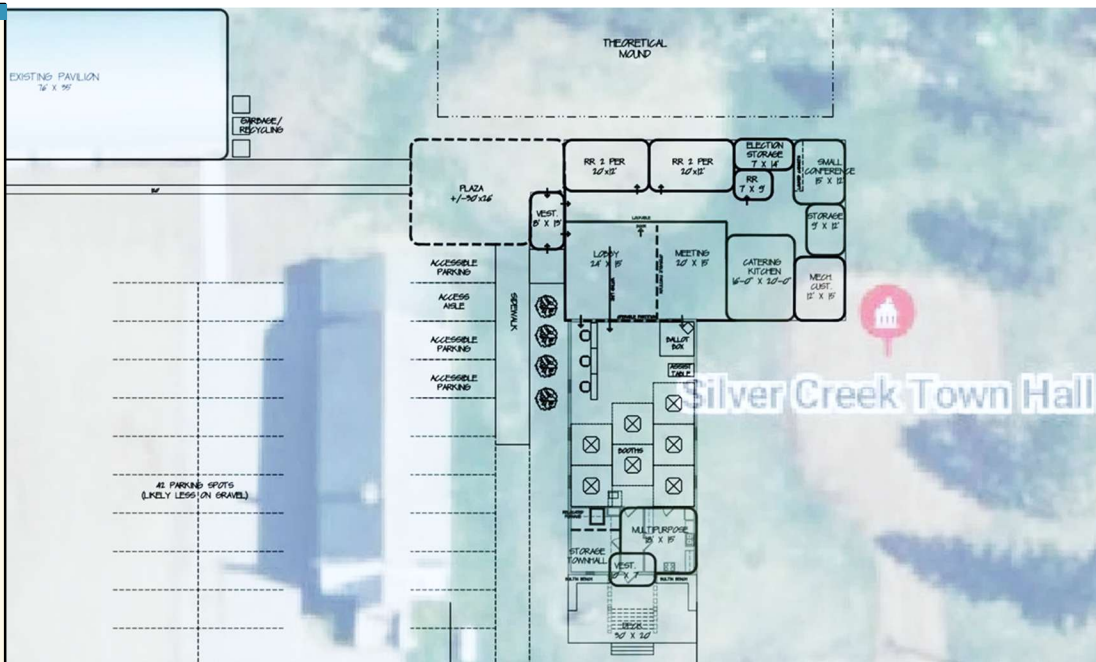


## *Apologies to Coast Guard Veterans*

### **Correction to the June Issue of *The Source***

Silver Creek voters approved the purchase of 5 Veteran Plaques: one each for Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard and that is what the Town is doing. We mistakenly reported 4 in our Newsletter and forgot the Coast Guard. Please accept our sincere apologies for this mistake.

“After reviewing multiple concepts, the group settled on... an addition/renovation project. This approach includes razing the most recent addition, lifting and moving the Town Hall to the east, and setting it on a new slab; so that the entire building is at one level. It would include an approximate 42’ by 66’ addition with renovation of the 30’ by 60’ existing construction and limited site work. The current budget assumptions are that this is a \$1.75M project. (Full report on the Town’s website).



Excerpted from Bollig's Predesign Report.

| Area of Work       | Assumed Cost       | Notes                                                                                                              |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Site Work          | \$176,100          | Paved accessible parking, apron, sidewalk and accessible route.                                                    |
| Sanitary           | \$69,300           | Based on 12 fixture count.                                                                                         |
| Demolition         | \$59,300           | Complete removal of 480 sf addition, remove hazardous siding & shingles                                            |
| Addition           | \$1,063,300        | 2,917 addition to the north at \$289 per sf                                                                        |
| Renovation         | \$374,500          | 1,970 sf of renovation, \$150 per sf, includes new slab, metal roofing, new windows and doors, HVAC and electrical |
| <b>Total Cost*</b> | <b>\$1,742,500</b> | This is an estimated preliminary cost developed in predesign and included in Bollig's report.                      |

\*Total includes the architectural and engineering costs and a 10% contingency.

## Ballot Question Planned for March Township Election

The Silver Creek Board of Supervisors attended the August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Hall Restoration Committee to hear a report from the Township's attorney regarding proper procedure. It appears that by Minnesota statute, a vote by the Silver Creek electors is required for the project to move forward. More information including final design, price and plan for funding will be presented and sent in future newsletters prior to the March Election.

## Hall Renovation Committee works on Funding

Additional grant funding, beyond the \$250,000 already obtained, is being pursued. Some grant programs require a more finalized project plan before application may be made. The Hall Committee and Architect Marks will continue developing the plan to the extent necessary for grant applications.

## Building/Loader Loan Paid Off

The ten year loan taken out for the loader and the addition on the Town garage that now houses the Office and Board Meeting Room has been fully paid off!

## New Policy Allows Beer and Wine

The Pavilion is available for rental. The Board of Supervisors has approved the serving of beer and wine at events, provided liability event insurance is purchased and other guidelines are followed. The Town will work with Harbor Insurance to make it easy for renters to obtain the proper event policy at a relatively low cost. The new contract with the policy can be viewed on the Town's website.

## Restrooms Again Available

In spite of a tarp covering a leak in the roof of the Old Hall; its restrooms are dry and have new toilets. These restrooms may again be used when renting the Pavilion.

## Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap

Supervisor Chuck Voss worked with Bollig Operations and Regional Specialist Marcus Weikert to complete Silver Creek's application to a new federal program run by EPA called Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap (CAWAG). It is described on their website as an "Initiative [that] provides no-cost technical assistance to communities with failing septic systems or without existing wastewater infrastructure. Through this Real Water Technical Assistance initiative, EPA also helps communities apply for funding through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund ...and other funding sources to address wastewater needs.

## *A Mountain of Gravel*



### **Ready for Repairs**

Just over 10,000 cubic yards of material has been crushed for use by the Silver Creek Road crew. This material is needed for planned culvert replacements and ongoing routine maintenance. Burlington, Trillium and Alder roads have already had new gravel applied.

### **Upcoming Highway 2 Construction**

Lake County reports that a resurfacing project on Highway 2 will begin in September. This project is between Reeves Road and Wales Road. It is expected to take 2-3 weeks. Traffic will be reduced to a single lane, flagged traffic conditions during working hours.

### **Heck of the North Bike Race Sept 26**

The annual bike race will be running on East Alger Grade from Highway 2 up to Highway 3 from about 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.



## *Fire Response*

### **Town Buildings Evacuated**

The Town office and garage were part of the Stewart Trail Fire evacuation order. After this close call, the insurance level on the garage and office have been increased to a higher replacement value ...just in case.

### **Sign up for Emergency Alerts**

To receive text alerts on wildfires or other disasters, go to Lake County's web site, [lakecountymn.gov](http://lakecountymn.gov) select Departments...Emergency Management ... (lower left) **Sign Up for Lake Co Emergency Alerts.**

### **Trees Clearing Along Alger Grade Completed**

Trees have been cleared under the power line along Alger Grade near the Clark Spur to mitigate fire danger.

## *Castle Danger Wastewater*

### **Sludge Impacts Irrigation Processes**

Sludge from the bottom of the ponds has been floating to the surface and clogging the irrigation intake lines. A sludge map study will be completed to be compared to the one previously done in 2022. Then, this winter, samples will be taken and analyzed to determine the organic contents. A plan with the correct biologics to consume the sludge will be then be designed and implemented.

### **New Frost Blankets**

New insulation blankets for Castle Danger Wastewater customer stations are being purchased. Unlike the older boxes and overly large blankets, the new ones are sized to be easily and quickly installed by one person.

## *Pipes Ready to Go*





## *Around Town*

### **Please Respect the Recycling Trailer when it is Full**

Summer sees extra use of the Recycling trailer, but meanwhile there is no additional staff available for emptying it. If it is full, proceed into Town to the Recycling Center behind Qwik Trip on Recycle Center Drive. Do not leave recyclables on the ground! Respect this amenity so that it may continue to be offered.

### **Cemetery Beautification Efforts**

A new flower display is being managed by Anderson's Greenhouse. A new contractor is handling mowing this year – Mark Ness who also does the Sawtooth Mountain Cemetery. You will notice new gate signs requesting only live flowers in movable pots to help keep the cemetery clean. It was a quiet summer with only a couple burials and several stone placements. Contact the Clerk's Office to purchase cemetery plots.

### **Yoga Wednesday Nights 6:30**

Walk-ins are welcome, or Contact Lake Effect Yoga via Facebook or web to reach Stacy Nightwine for more information.

### **Mark Your Calendar Upcoming Meetings**

Sept 8 – COW Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
Sept 15 – Regular Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
Sept 29 – Hall Restoration Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
Oct 6 – COW Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
Oct 13 – Regular Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Oct 20 – Lake County COW at Silver Creek at 6:00 p.m.  
Nov 3 – General Election – 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Nov 10 – COW Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
Nov 17 – Regular Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
Dec 8 – COW Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
Dec 15 – Regular Meeting 6:30 p.m.

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