

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 19,2022

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, in the Board Meeting Room. Present were Supervisors: Chuck Voss, and Chris Jaeger; Clerk Alison Oftedah!; Treasurer Jamie Pellman; Town Operations and Facilities Manager Jody Reineccius, and by phone, Deputy Clerk Katie Anderson.

Absent: Supervisor Greg Hull

Chairman Voss called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:**

None.

**ROAD & SAFETY:**

Road Report – Reineccius said that grading and mowing work is continuing. He said the Loop Road is getting much more traffic than usual and is requiring more maintenance. The second load of chloride has arrived and can be applied after grading. New signposts have been ordered and are arriving Wednesday. A new mower has been ordered and he is suggesting selling the old brush cutter. He said the old one is hard on the skid steer and has broken down multiple times. He felt it should be sold now while it is in working order. After discussion, motion Voss, second Jaeger to empower Reineccius to proceed with selling the old one.

Gravel Pit – Reineccius reported that he has calls into both Christine McCarthy and Mike Hoops in regard to our application to learn whether a wetland delineation and stormwater runoff permit will be needed. Oftedah! reported that the application is almost completed but still needs set-back measurements.

**SEWER OPERATIONS:**

Reineccius discussed recent pump failures. He said he made a new test tank for use in repairs and has found a new contractor for pump repair and on-site service that he believes will cost less. He also reported concrete is delivering tomorrow and will be ready for use with the installation at the Long property.

Motion Voss, second Jaeger to accept the Wastewater Operator’s Report (included below). Carried unanimously.

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**Wastewater Operator’s Report – July 19, 2022**

<b>Influent</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
January	0.4689 million gallons	0.4204 million gallons
February	0.4855 million gallons	0.4570 million gallons
March	0.7586 million gallons	0.6321 million gallons
April	0.6806 million gallons	0.8675 million gallons
May	0.6131 million gallons	0.8232 million gallons
June	0.8192 million gallons	approx. 1.0000 million gallons
July	1.1059 million gallons	
August	0.9969 million gallons	
September	0.8284 million gallons	
October	0.7134 million gallons	
November	0.5272 million gallons	
<u>December</u>	<u>0.4614 million gallons</u>	
<u>Total</u>	<u>8.1410 million gallons</u>	

In addition there was 0.0268 million gallons of trucked in wastewater during June. This is down about 70,000 gallons from June 2021. I’m not sure where wastewater is going or if it is being pumped.

<b>Effluent</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
May – Discharged	2.859 million gallons of water	3.018 million gallons irrigated
June – Discharged	3.19 million gallons of water	2.986 million gallons irrigated

July - Discharged 3.246 million gallons of water  
August - Discharged 2.743 million gallons of water  
September - Discharged 0.923 million gallons of water  
Total for year- 12.961 million gallons

## **Current Operations**

We paid heavily this past month for the time last winter when we did not have pump failures. We had quite a few this past month.

We've had to purchase more new pumps as well as I took several pumps to Josh Ruhnke for repair in order to get ahead of the curve. I picked up 6 on this date from his shop. He has 2 left to repair and 1 that is scrap.

Concrete is coming today to ballast the three tanks that we have. Anticipating installation of the tank on the Long property in the next two weeks. Waiting on the pump and panel for that station, but work has slowed on the home. Sounds like more supply chain issues.

Rostvold and Gerard properties are the same status as June.

Christensen development on East Castle Danger Rd. remains the same as in June. No one knows what they are doing yet. I'm sure it will be a crisis due to a failure to plan.

I just received the information from Team Labs on the pond sludge and am looking at it. It appears that there is less sludge than what would appear as it is concentrated around the SE corner of #1 Pond. I will have that information for the board next month.

Sampling has been done as required and all reports submitted to MPCA.

## **Pending Maintenance Items**

Cut out between pump chambers on duplex stations

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Hoops, Wastewater Operator

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## **STEWART RIVER SEWER:**

Voss said he has not heard anything from Bollig.

## **REVIEW MINUTES:**

Motion Voss, second Jaeger to accept as presented the 6/21 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion Voss, second Jaeger to accept with two corrections noted, the 7/12 Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes. Motions carried unanimously.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The June Treasurer's Report was presented by Pellman as follows: TOSC checking: \$51,268.35 and TOSC savings: \$511,131.71 for a total of \$562,400. Outstanding checks totaled \$1,342.97 for a CTAS balance: \$561,057.09. Motion Voss, second Jaeger to accept the June Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion Voss, second Jaeger to authorize the requested transfer of \$58,000 from savings to checking. Both motions carried unanimously. Questions were raised about the receipt of the first half of the levy and the ARPA funds. These funds were received but were not deposited until July.

Transfer for Truck Down Payment – Oftedahl reported that when the \$35,000 down payment check was authorized at last week's COW and then Mid State brought it to the bank, it caused the Town checking account to be overdrawn. The Town has overdraft protection and so the amount was covered by the Town savings account. After notification, the Treasurer transferred \$35,000 (the down payment amount) from savings to checking. Based upon this, motion Voss, second Jaeger to authorize yesterday's (7/18/22) \$35,000 transfer. Carried unanimously.

**READING OF THE BILLS:**

The current month's bills were read: claims 9413-9450 totaling \$82,748.75, and payrolls through July 22nd. Motion Voss, second Jaeger, to authorize payment of the bills as presented. Carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Board considered the following:

- Payment advice for Town Aid received in the amount of \$4,426.50.
- Notice of new IRS mileage reimbursement rate.
- Quarterly Investment report of employee deferred compensation program with Nationwide.
- Email notifications from the bank of checking balance dropping negative. Oftedahl said that steps are being taken to have these alerts sent to the Treasurer and Deputy Clerk after learning they only went to her.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Cemetery Dispute – Oftedahl reported that we have not heard anything in response to our letter.

Cemetery Directory Update – no change on this project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Election Judges – Motion Voss, second Jaeger to approve the following individuals as Election Judges for August and November, dependent upon completion of training: John Bathke, Phil Sogge, Julia Jaeger, Debbie Cooter, Shele Hull, Michelle Backes-Fogelberg, and as backups Katie Anderson and Alison Oftedahl. Carried unanimously.

Increase Mileage Reimbursement Rate – Per the Town's policy to match the federal IRS mileage reimbursement rate, motion Voss, second Jaeger to increase the rate to \$0.62 per mile. Carried unanimously.

**PENDING BUSINESS:**

New Truck – Reineccius said the truck is still in Lake Crystal having options installed. Voss reported meeting with Mike Cooper of Mid-State to give him the down payment check required to meet pricing and current interest rate. He said all financial aspects of this deal are complete.

There being no further business, motion Voss, second Jaeger to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday August 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alison Oftedahl, Clerk