

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
APRIL 10, 2025

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Thursday April 10 in the Board Meeting Room at 1924 Town Road, for the purpose of discussing all issues before the Board.

Present: Supervisors Chuck Voss and Greg Hull; Clerk Alison Oftedah; Town Operations and Facilities Manager Paul Thompson; Wastewater Operator Eric Appelwick; and Deputy Clerk Katie Anderson.

Absent: Supervisor Scott Krech.

Visitors Present: Natalie and Sandy Hoff; Dwight Lind; and Clark Sweet.

Voss called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then recessed this meeting for the purpose of calling to order the CDSSD Rate Hearing at 6:36 pm. The visitors left after the Rate Hearing. This COW meeting resumed at 7:42 p.m.

### **Constituent Concerns**

None

### **General Sewer Operations**

Operator's Report – Operator Appelwick presented his report. He informed the Board that the MPCA will be inspecting the system in May or June. He said they would ask to see 3-5 years of records. He discussed the need to replace the On-Float in Lift Station 2. He and Thompson discussed callouts. The Board approved a new pump to be installed at Rostvold's. Eric Appelwick left the meeting at this point.

GIS Mapping Grant – Hull heard from Bollig that this grant has not yet been awarded.

RV Campground Project – Voss reported that the Planning Commission is still reviewing the project and that they do have a copy of our regulations for campground dump stations.

### **Road and Safety**

Road Report – Thompson reported that snow plowing and steaming culverts took up a lot of the past couple weeks. He said that there is a problem with the sewer truck. It needs a new water pump and Jeff Foley has been working on it. He requested approval to purchase filters for all vehicles and equipment during NAPA's 50% off sale. This was granted.

Hiring of Seasonal Help – Oftedah reported the advertisement is in the newspaper this weekend and next.

Dodge Repair – The Dodge went in for repair today. The issue is with the DEF pump. Thompson does not believe it will be warranty work. There are four other trucks there for the same repair, but there's no recall yet.

Road Grader – Thompson has not had time to research grader rebuild.

Tractor – Thompson has not heard anything new.

### **Facilities Operations**

Seasonal Storage Removal – Thompson called all customers and they have agreed to wait a week for the weather to improve and the ground to dry.

### **Stewart River Wastewater Project**

Voss said that he has heard nothing.

### **Correspondence**

Most correspondence was held over for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday. The following item was passed around for consideration:

- Letter and invoice from City of Two Harbors for fire service. The Town owes \$40,406. The Board also viewed a Cash Control showing \$41,000 in the Fire Fund currently.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Historic Town Hall Estimates/Quotes – Hull reported that he spent some time thinking about this project. He put forward three options for the old Hall: demolition; comprehensive renovation; or construction of a new building using some elements from the old Hall. He stressed that comprehensive renovation is the only renovation he would consider. He reported that he called two companies: Bollig Engineering and

Veit Construction, to assist the Town. He would like these companies to have architects/structural engineers inspect the Hall and then prepare a professional assessment report. He is also asking for a written cost estimate for each option (demolition, renovation, new construction). This information can then be presented at the public meeting planned for September. He believes that Veit and Bollig will charge the Town around \$5,000 to do this work. He is hoping to bring a quote Tuesday for Board approval to move forward with Bollig and Veit.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Plan for LBAE – Voss and Hull both heard from the Assessor's office that it has been a quieter year for appeals. Anderson asked about food. It was agreed to have lunch at the Rustic between the Road Tour and the LBAE.

Road Tour Plan – Thompson mentioned the bad state of the roads. Hull said the date of the Road Tour cannot be changed due to LBAE.

Board Re-Organization Items – These items will be decided in Tuesday's regular meeting.

#### **PENDING BUSINESS**

Clerk Vacation – Oftedahl leaves day after tomorrow and Deputy Anderson will be in charge of the office. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m. upon motion Voss, second Hull. Motion carried. The next regular meeting of the Town Board will be held on Tuesday, April 15, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alison Oftedahl, Clerk