

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

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on June 10, 2025 in the Board Meeting Room at 1924 Town Road, for the purpose of discussing all issues before the Board.

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

Absent: Town Operations Manager Paul Thompson

Visitors Present: None.

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

### **Constituent Concerns**

Oftedahl reported that Cindy Lundgren called to request grading of Press Camp Road.

### **Road and Safety**

Road Report – None.

Tractor Repair – The service invoice was reviewed; and payment was approved. Chairman Hull signed the check. He said that Allen Anderson would be needed to pick it up but may not be able to do so until next week.

Flood Bay Turnaround Extension – Hull reported that a road alteration process may be needed to get this turnaround expanded. Flood Bay does not appear to have a current accurate easement. Thompson is hiring a surveyor for this project.

### **General Sewer Operations**

Appelwick's report was presented by Hoops who commented that irrigation has been going very well with 2.5 million gallons irrigated out in May. All maintenance is caught up to date. He reported that Sy/Com was onsite to repair the irrigation flow meter. AUS is recommending an onsite rain gauge that ties into Fleet Zoom for \$500. There were 4 emergency callouts across the Memorial Day weekend. Hoops requested that Wycoff come out to mow at the ponds as soon as possible and the Clerk was directed to call him.

Lift Station 1 & Grease – Because Thompson was absent, the latest status was not available, but it is believed that this problem is not resolved.

GIS Mapping Project – The Notice to Proceed and guidelines email for the project were viewed. The official start date for reimbursable expenses is June 1. Oftedahl reported that the Silversmith tablet had been received.

Sewer Clarification of Responsibilities – Hull tabled this issue until Thompson could be present.

RV Campground Project – Nothing new on this project.

Drechsler New Connection – Oftedahl reported that his application is complete. He owes the assessment fee. Hoops reported that his connection will likely cross the neighbor's property and that they had called him to ask about it.

### **Facility Operations**

Hull reported that both the Memorial and the Republican Banquet events held at the Pavilion went well. New flags were put up in the cemetery. Screens were received for the Pavilion but are not yet installed.

### **Stewart River Wastewater Project**

Voss reported hearing nothing. Oftedahl reported that letters were received indicating that federal funding would not be granted to this project this year.

### **Correspondence**

The following items were passed around for consideration:

- Emails from Stauber, McClosky, and Klobuchar stating that Stewart River Project has not been selected to receive congressionally directed federal funding.
- Email from Bollig regarding reimbursement procedures for the GIS Star grant.

- Email from Attorney Steve Fenske stating that there is no law prohibiting a Township government from renting the hall for events, even in competition with the private sector.
- Email and lab report from Twin Ports Testing showing that the shingles on the Old Town Hall contain 15% asbestos.
- Letter from DOT regarding Township maps.
- DNR Notice to Proceed with GIS system and data mapping.
- Letter from MN State Demographer estimating Silver Creek population at 1168.
- Letter from Aspirus Lakeview Clinic stating that drug screening service will be coming back in the future.
- 1 Right of Interment was signed.
- The Lulich Implement service invoice on the tractor.
- 3 Lake County Public Hearing Notices for land use issues.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Historic Hall – Hull reported meeting with Barbara Marks and said she requested more time to prepare the report. He asked her not to get too far into the details and to have it done by July 1. The schedule was reviewed. Draft notices for both special meetings were approved, and the Clerk was directed to publish both in the newspaper.

Insurance Quote – Hoops directed the Clerk to remove the mini-excavator owned by Reineccius from the Town's inland marine list. No other changes were identified.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Bank Signers – Outgoing Supervisor Krech must be removed as a bank signer and Supervisor Mike Hoops must be added. Hoops signed the Bank form. A new version of Silver Creek's Bank Signer Resolution will be passed next week.

Cemetery Exception – Oftedahl requested an exception to the rule of not selling to someone outside the Township. A family member of the Rubergs wishes to be included in his grandparents' block. Due to a couple of their caskets that cross into two plots, the block may not be able to be sold to anyone else. The Board was favorable and will vote at next week's regular meeting.

#### **PENDING BUSINESS**

None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m. upon motion Hoops, second Voss. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Town Board will be held on Monday June 16, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alison Oftedahl, Clerk