

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 19, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, March 19th, 2024, in the Board Meeting Room at 1924 Town Road for the purpose of discussing all issues before the Board.

Present: Supervisors Chuck Voss, Greg Hull, and Scott Krech; Clerk Alison Oftedah!; Treasurer Jamie Pellman; Town Operations and Facilities Manager Jody Reineccius, and Deputy Clerk Katie Anderson.

Absent: None

Visitors Present: None

Chairman Hull called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:

The group discussed Hull and Voss' attendance at the Maji ya Chai Land Sanctuary hearing.

Voss reported on James Rostvold's concerns about his sewer tank. He was okay with the plan for the tank.

Voss then reported that he and Reineccius met with Christine from Lake County Planning and Zoning at Max Arndt's property about his fence.

The group discussed Sara Preston's idea for a pickle ball court at the Town Hall.

ROAD & SAFETY:

Road Report – Reineccius reported that the roads are in good shape, and the road bans are on. Hull brought a request for an exception to the ban. Motion Voss, second Krech to allow Hull's Forest Products to haul during the road bans. Hull abstained. A letter was signed stating they will be responsible for any damage done to the road.

Town Road Bridge Load Rating – Motion Hull, second Voss to empower Reineccius to coordinate with the County on the load rating. Motion carried unanimously.

SEWER OPERATIONS:

Sewer Report – Motion Hull, second Voss to accept the Wastewater Operator's Report as corrected (included below). Carried unanimously.

Wastewater Operator's Report 2024
Created 03/12/2024.

Influent	2022	2023	2024
January	420,400 gallons	409,300 gallons	339,797 gallons
February	456,700 gallons	448,500 gallons	334,101 gallons
March	632,100 gallons	482,900 gallons	
April	867,500 gallons	694,000 gallons	
May	823,200 gallons	542,000 gallons	
June	865,700 gallons	706,400 gallons	
July	931,600 gallons	800,000 gallons	
August	887,000 gallons	780,247 gallons	
September	931,700 gallons	800,860 gallons	
October	625,100 gallons	567,797 gallons	
November	600,000 gallons	313,260 gallons	
December	388,100 gallons	440,265 gallons	
Totals	8,429,100 gallons	6,985,529 gallons	

Total trucked in septage and greywater for the year of 2023 was: 663,395 gallons.

Effluent	2022	2023	2024
January	0 gallons	0 gallons	0 gallons
February	0 gallons	0 gallons	0 gallons

March	0 gallons	0 gallons	
April	0 gallons	0 gallons	
May	3,018,000 gallons	3,040,000 gallons	
June	2,986,000 gallons	2,687,000 gallons	
July	4,563,000 gallons	4,053,000 gallons	
August	2,218,000 gallons	1,960,000 gallons	
September	2,984,000 gallons	3,375,000 gallons	
October	1,147,000 gallons	3,667,500 gallons	
November	0 gallons	0 gallons	
December	0 gallons	0 gallons	
Totals	16,916,000 gallons	18,790,000 gallons	

Current Operations

Lift Stations are all good.

Sewer pumps are all rebuilt.

Ice is coming out of the ponds. Ramping up to start irrigation.

Rostvold and Gerard Installations – waiting on electricians to finish and a couple level sensors.

Couple projects (pump replacements and trying a couple different pumps that we already have to hopefully save on call ins on holiday weekends) - Gooseberry and Grand Superior.

All reports submitted to MPCA.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jody Reineccius, Wastewater Operator

Surveyors for Utility Easements on New Installs – We are waiting for Rick Tofte to be back in town.

Gerard Panel Installation – This is almost done. It is just waiting for the sensor switch.

Frischmann’s Alarm – Reineccius said he is working on this.

STEWART RIVER SEWER:

Voss reported no change.

REVIEW MINUTES:

Motion Hull, second Krech to accept as presented the 2/20 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion Voss, second Krech to accept as presented the 3/7 Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes. Motion Voss, second Krech to accept as presented the 3/12 Board of Canvass Meeting minutes. All motions carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Pellman as follows: TOSC checking: \$79,462.68 and TOSC savings: \$667,191.50 for a total of \$746,654.18. Outstanding checks totaled \$370.04 for a CTAS balance: \$746,284.14. It was noted that the Gas Tax and Taconite Tax were received. Motion Hull, second Voss to accept the February Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion Hull, second Voss to authorize the requested transfer of \$39,000 from savings to checking. Both motions carried unanimously.

READING OF THE BILLS:

The current month’s bills were read: claims 10099 - 10131 totaling \$48,271.75 and payrolls through 3/22/2024. Motion Voss, second Krech, to authorize payment of the bills as presented. Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board considered the following:

- Permission letter written by Clerk to Hull’s Forest Products regarding road restrictions.
- Town of Silver Creek Right of Interment for Raymond Welsh.
- MAT Officer list update.
- Interim Use Application.
- Email from Jason DiPiazza regarding routine Safety Inspections on Bridge L9520 on Town Road.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rate Hearing Prep / Proposed Rates – The group discussed raising the Auxiliary rate by \$1.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board of Canvass Scheduling – Oftedahl made a request to move the Board of Canvass to the day after the Town Election. The group discussed giving the Election Judges more time and giving the Clerk a chance to look at the paperwork before the Board of Canvass.

Removal Date for Seasonal Storage – Reineccius stated he will call the seasonal storage customers.

Clerk Vacation – Oftedahl said she will be gone from March 28th to April 28th. Deputy Clerk Anderson will be managing the office during Oftedahl's absence. Supervisor Krech will also be gone in April.

PENDING BUSINESS:

None.

There being no further business, motion Hull, second Voss to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday April 9th, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Anderson, Deputy Clerk