

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 18, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, in the Board Meeting Room at 1924 Town Road for the purpose of discussing all issues before the Board.

Present were Supervisors: Chuck Voss, Greg Hull, and Scott Krech; Clerk Alison Oftedahl; Deputy Treasurer Jamie Pellman; Town Operations and Facilities Manager Paul Thompson, and (by phone) Deputy Clerk Katie Anderson.

Absent: Treasurer Shelly Peterson

Visitors Present: Allen Anderson arrived part way into the meeting.

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

CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:

Thompson reported a call from the Deputy at 2:30 a.m. Sunday with a tree partially blocking West Castle Danger Road. Krech reported he had a complaint of blight on Press Camp Road.

ROAD & SAFETY:

Road Report – Thompson reported doing a lot of unfreezing of culvert pipes. He had Louie out with the loader fixing problem areas by adding gravel, and then today they put up the road restriction signs. He found an issue on Alger near Highway 2 where the pipe pulled apart and the road caved in. He has flagged it and has plans to fix it. They said there is a lot of ditching and brushing to do all over. He was asked by Supervisor Hull whether it would be good to get a part-time employee for the summer. After discussion, motion Hull, second Voss to have the Clerk run an ad for a seasonal part-time temporary Equipment Operator/Truck Driver with a Class A license. Motion carried unanimously.

Dodge Truck Repair – The appointment with Dodge is out to April 8, and Thompson said he did not yet have time to contact Premier about it.

Bridge Replacement Priorities – Voss tabled this until the Road Tour.

Tractor Repair – Thompson reached Lulich, and the part came in, but it is the wrong part.

SEWER OPERATIONS:

Thompson reported that Appelwick will be up Thursday to look at Jaeger's panel, but that last week's planned visit did not occur.

Sewer Report – After viewing the report, motion Hull, second Voss to accept the Wastewater Operator's Report (full text on file in Clerk's Office) as presented. Carried unanimously.

Lift Station 1 Grease Problem – Thompson reported that it is half full of grease.

RV Park Engineering Questions – Oftedahl reported that questions regarding design engineering came in from Oliver's engineer and that they were sent to Nathan Feist, the Castle Danger Engineer of Record. The email was included with correspondence. Voss reported on the Hearing for their conditional use permit. It was continued due to questions about impact to the Nester Grade right-of-way.

FACILITIES:

Thompson reported he has to buy a toilet for the Historic Hall but has not yet done so.

STEWART RIVER SEWER:

Voss reported that he submitted his letter of support and is working on getting submissions from others.

REVIEW MINUTES:

Motion Hull, second Voss to accept as presented the 2/18 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion Voss, second Krech to accept as presented the 3/4 Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes and motion Voss, second Hull to accept as presented the 3/11 Board of Canvass Meeting minutes. All motions carried unanimously. The Annual meeting minutes were reviewed and Oftedahl was directed to delete two sentences.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Deputy Treasurer Pellman as follows: TOSC checking: \$82,777.04 and TOSC savings: \$719,089.58 for a total of \$801,866.62. Outstanding checks totaled \$3394.88 for a CTAS balance: \$798,741.74. The Clerk noted that the Taconite receipt did not get split according to the Board's budget. It will be corrected changing the Road and Bridge and General Fund balances. Motion Hull, second

Voss to accept the February Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion Voss, second Krech to authorize the requested transfer of \$30,000 from savings to checking. Both motions carried unanimously.

READING OF THE BILLS:

The current month's bills were read: claims 10500-10525 totaling \$44,041.57, and payrolls through March 21st. Oftedahl reported that January's check to Linde Gas and Equipment was lost in the mail. A replacement check has been cut and a stop-payment put on the other one. Motion Voss, second Krech, to authorize payment of the bills as presented. Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board considered the following:

- CLP request for votes for Bylaws Amendment. Each supervisor voted a ballot for the bylaw change.
- Email from Nathan Feist responding to Oliver's Engineer's questions regarding the flow volume of the existing grinders along Oliver's proposed RV Park.
- Email of Interest for Wastewater Operator received via the website.
- Emails between UPS Store and Clerk explaining the late mailing the newsletter out in a timely fashion and the date it was mailed.
- 1 notice of Variance Hearing from Lake County regarding a property in Castle Danger.
- 3 Notices of Decision regarding Lake County Planning and Zoning Variance Decisions.

Chairman Voss called a 2-minute recess at 7:45 pm as requested by Hull. The meeting resumed at 7:47.

OLD BUSINESS:

Historic Hall – In follow-up to the Annual Meeting discussion, Krech reported that he has some people coming out to see the Historic Hall for estimates and bids.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sewer Rate Hearing Preparation – The Board viewed the draft Resolution to be presented at the April 10 Rate Hearing and did not request any changes. They also viewed the Annual report to the MPCA created by Eric Appelwick. Voss directed the Clerk to contact Appelwick and ask him to attend the Rate Hearing. Voss would like a list of future updates with a timeline. Thompson will follow up with Appelwick.

Grant for GIS Mapping of Sewer – The application has been made but the Town has not learned whether the funds were received.

PENDING BUSINESS:

MAT Training – Voss plans to attend April 4 training at the DECC. Oftedahl and Anderson might go. Motion Hull, second Voss that Voss, and the Clerks and Treasurer be authorized to attend and receive reimbursement for all expenses necessarily and actually incurred. Motion carried.

There being no further business, motion Voss, second Krech to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday April 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Oftedahl, Clerk