

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
REGULAR MEETING
SEPT 17, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, September 17th, 2024 in the Board Meeting Room at 1924 Town Road for the purpose of discussing all issues before the Board.

Present were Supervisors: Chuck Voss and Scott Krech; Clerk Alison Oftedahl; Treasurer Shelly Peterson; and Town Operations and Facilities Manager Paul Thompson.

Absent: Supervisor Greg Hull, and Deputy Clerk Katie Anderson.

Visitors Present: Mike Miller.

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

CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:

None.

ROAD & SAFETY:

Road Report – Thompson reported that planning is underway for culvert replacements on Loop and Red Maple roads and underground locates are done. Some graveling was done on Red Maple. He talked to Ascendence to try to negotiate down our repair invoice – however they said it was a problem with parts from a different vendor and they couldn't do anything about the cost.

Tractor Repair – no change.

SEWER OPERATIONS:

Motion Voss, second Krech to accept the Wastewater Operator's Report as presented by Eric Appelwick last week. Carried unanimously. Full report on file in Clerk's Office.

Irrigation Line Maintenance – After discussion motion Voss, second Krech to authorize Mike Hoops to order equipment needed for repairs at the sewer system. Carried unanimously.

Grease Problems – Thompson reported that he just pumped another load of grease out of Lift Station 1.

Generator Repair Quotes – Thompson reported that he called Turbo Diesel for a quote, and they have not yet sent one. He also went back to Total Energy Systems to see if they could do better – they came back with a quote for \$5,125 per generator (\$3,000 less than at the prior estimate). The Board directed him to go back to Turbo Diesel and get their quote as a comparison.

Lift Station Pump Replacement – Motion Voss, second Krech to authorize Bollig Engineer Nathan Feist to write a request for proposal (RFP) with the technical specifications needed to obtain competitive quotes for the needed replacement pumps. Motion carried unanimously.

Septage Haulers – As a follow-up to last week's discussion of contamination issues caused by the septage haulers, motion Voss, second Krech to terminate septage hauling into Castle Danger treatment ponds with a termination date of September 30th. Carried unanimously. The Board read and approved the letter drafted by the Clerk to the haulers and gave permission for it to be sent.

Oliver RV Park Project – A letter of authorization for Oliver's application to Lake County has been sent. There are questions about his proposed dump station. Next steps were discussed.

Rostvold's Installation – Thompson requested permission to outsource the work needed to fix this new installation. He stated he needs time to get some road projects done. He said he had invited Mike Miller to attend tonight. As Silver Bay's Wastewater Operator, Miller is licensed for sewer and able to ensure things are done properly. Thompson would hire him and an excavator operator, either Nightwine or Warnecke. He estimated the job to be a one-day job at a cost of approximately \$300 per hour. Motion Voss, second Krech to outsource this project hiring Miller along with either Nightwine or Warnecke. Carried unanimously.

STEWART RIVER SEWER:

No change to this project.

REVIEW MINUTES:

Motion Voss, second Krech to accept as presented the 8/20 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion Voss, second Krech to accept as presented the 8/20 Reconvened Annual Meeting minutes; and, motion Voss, second Krech to accept as presented the 9/10 Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes. All motions carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Peterson as follows: TOSC checking: \$77,459 and TOSC savings: \$704,580.40 for a total of \$782,040.24. Outstanding checks totaled \$3,052.63 for a CTAS balance: \$778,987.61. Motion Voss, second Krech to accept the August Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion Voss, second Krech to authorize the requested transfer of \$44,000 from savings to checking. Both motions carried unanimously.

READING OF THE BILLS:

Prior to reading bills and payrolls, the Board discussed employee Katie Anderson. In consideration of Anderson being temporarily disabled by a broken ankle, motion Voss, second Krech to continue to pay Anderson her normal hours for a period of 3 weeks (equal to 78 hours of pay) during the recovery and to provide work from home opportunity for a 2-week period after that. Motion carried unanimously. Krech discussed the need for a policy. The group discussed Minnesota's Paid Leave Law taking effect in 2026.

The current month's bills were read: claims 10306-10339, totaling \$54,168.81, and payrolls through September 20th. Motion Voss, second Krech, to authorize payment of the bills as presented. Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board considered the following:

- Certification of Membership from Minnesota Rural Water.
- Letter of Credit for Town Bank Account.
- Notice of decision on a variance.
- Office of State Auditor Weekly Update email.
- Letter from Lake County Health and Human Services with a mental health crisis poster for publishing and information about free opioid overdose kits.

OLD BUSINESS:

Historic Hall – Krech reported talking to folks at the Historical Society and that he was finding that there are a lot of steps to getting them involved.

Security Camera – Oftedahl asked if she and Larsen could research cameras for security around the garage and the Board suggested they bring some quotes back to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lake County Recycling Trailer – Motion Voss, second Krech to approve the placement of the Lake County recycling trailer on Town property once the site has been prepared for it. Carried unanimously.

Election Judge Approval – Motion Voss, second Krech to approve the following Silver Creek Election Judges for the November General Election: Elizabeth Busa, Sara Swanson, John Carr, Phil Sogge, Deb Cooter, Jan Brenaman, Michelle Backes-Fogelberg, and Mary Londborg. Carried unanimously.

PENDING BUSINESS:

Seasonal Storage – After viewing last year's contract, motion Voss, second Krech to approve with no changes the same contract language and same price for seasonal storage as was used last year.

Heck of the North Bike Race – Thompson has the 'Event in Progress' signs ready for the race organizer to pick up tomorrow.

There being no further business, motion Voss, second Krech to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday October 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Oftedahl, Clerk