

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
May 10, 2022

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday May 10th, 2022, 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 Oftedahl; Town Operations and Facilities Manager Jody Reineccius; and via phone, Deputy Clerk Katie Anderson.

Absent: Supervisor Chris Jaeger, and Wastewater Operator Hoops.

Chairman Voss called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSTITUENT CONCERNS

Ukulele Group Camping – Voss was approached by Ukulele club members asking for more parking and camping at the Ukulele Festival held in the Pavilion. Voss expressed concerns regarding liability with camping. Hull stated that legally there can be four campers plus the organizer's camper. Voss suggested a letter be drafted clarifying the position of the Town. Discussion to be continued next week.

Cemetery Dispute – Oftedahl received a call from a sister regarding marking a plot for a stone (this is an empty plot), but had also been contacted by the brother, with both claiming the other has no right to these plots originally purchased by the father. Cavallin's Funeral Home, who sold the stone, suggested that the law says the plots are inherited by the oldest child (sister). The brother is executor of the estate and may possess documentation. The sister and brother have each retained attorneys (prior to this issue) and are not allowed to speak to each other until settlement. Silver Creek does not wish to get in the middle of this dispute or make a decision that may not be legal. After discussion, the Board directed the Clerk to write a letter suggesting that the disputed plots be added to the list of property being legally divided by the attorneys. Hull also suggested that the Town could buy back the plots.

ROAD AND SAFETY

Road Report – Reineccius reported road grading in progress as well as culvert repairs on Alger Grade and Town Road. He said he placed a larger order for sign and mailbox posts with the authorization of Voss. He completed repairs on the tanker truck and got the plows and wings off trucks and grader. Reineccius requested authorization to hire an independent contractor for shimming on the grader blade. He also suggested purchase of brush cutter from King Manufacturing out of Bovee. He likes the \$4,600 low flow model.

Mid-State Truck – The truck is not here, but Reineccius heard it is on the line being built right now.

Consolidated Phone Service Utility Work – Hull reported that he has not heard back from CPS.

Gravel Crushing – Reineccius said he doesn't feel that the town needs class five or gravel this year and that it is expensive right now and he'd rather save the money. He said we could use more crushed rock. He also suggested exploring Silver Creek's Alger Spur Pit property to see if there is usable rock or sand there. There was interest in that idea.

General Sewer Operations – Hoops was absent and there was no Operator Report. Reineccius reported that ponds have been opened, and Hoops is getting ready to repair dripper lines.

New Installs – The hookup at Mike Long's new house is underway and old tanks removed.

Septage Account – Voss reported that the overdue account is all paid up and septage can again be pumped into CDSSD's ponds. Reineccius said that we have called upon this hauler for emergency pumping at homes and businesses on the CDSSD sewer and noted the importance of continuing a good relationship. The Board discussed terms of use going forward, suggesting that septage pumped be reported by the 5th of the month, invoiced by the 15th and paid by the last day of the month.

Rustic Restaurant Addition – CDSSD authorization was granted for an addition onto the back of the restaurant building.

Stewart River Wastewater Project – Voss reported that he has heard nothing from Bollig lately.

Correspondence – The following items were passed around for consideration:

- Letter from Mid-State Truck regarding \$1500 of expected additional charges on the truck we ordered.
- Permission letter written by Clerk for Rustic's Land Use Application for an addition.
- Email from MAT on 2022 Town Law Review and Legal Short Course.
- Request from North Shore Area Partners for donations.
- 1 Lake County notice of Public Hearing for Interim Use Application.
- The MATIT insurance declaration pages for building, vehicle, inland marine, and liability were received for review. Payment due by July 1.

OLD BUSINESS

US Bank Certificate of Deposit for Gordon Variance – No change on this project.

NEW BUSINESS

Bids for Dodge Truck – There have been no calls, no test drives, and the Clerks have received no sealed bids.

Cemetery Preparation for Memorial Day – Reineccius is on it. The lights for the flagpole require repair. Reineccius said he will put the flags out for the holiday if Hoops is not available.

Anderson Training – Anderson was authorized to attend Clerk training in Duluth this Friday and to receive reimbursement for all expenses necessarily and actually incurred.

Road Tour – The Road Tour was cancelled due to emergency road repairs needed that day. In discussion, Reineccius said he is lacking time, but is willing on a rain day to go out with Supervisors. Due to the need to post a date if all attend, it was agreed that Hull, the Supervisor in charge of roads would go out with Reineccius on a rain day to view the roads.

Newsletter – The Clerk requested ideas for the newsletter. Hull suggested something on the Board of Appeal to help people understand the process better.

PENDING BUSINESS

None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. upon motion Hull, second Voss. Carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Town Board will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Oftedahl, Clerk