

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2024

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday October 8, 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; Town Operations and Facilities Manager Paul Thompson and (by phone) Deputy Clerk Katie Anderson.

Absent: None

Visitors Present: Lake County Environmental Services Director Christine McCarthy, and Lake County Solid Waste Coordinator Colleen Wallin

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

Constituent Concerns

A complaint about dust and lack of chloride on Alger Grade was discussed. It was noted that the Chloride truck was out of order for a good part of the summer, and currently there is no chloride left. Supervisor Hull will follow up with this resident.

Various complaints about the roads needing grading were discussed. The lack of rain for the past two months has been the cause. Thompson reported that they have done some spot grading by dumping tankfuls of water in bad spots on some roads.

Recycling Trailer

A photo of the gravel pad prepared for the recycling trailer was viewed. Then, McCarthy shared the history of the project and explained that a grant from MCPA paid for the trailer and the shelter, so they would like to have them both used, but realize that this is a retrofit. The items were purchased originally for Crystal Bay Township. The Board viewed a draft agreement written by Lake County. The agreement stated that Silver Creek "will be responsible for monitoring the trailer so that it is utilized appropriately by removing garbage or any materials not identified as acceptable recycling materials". The Board members stated that monitoring proper use would be a challenge based upon current staff size and the lack of any internet or security camera over there. The community will need to be on their honor to use it properly. The shelter building was discussed. The portability of it was considered as Silver Creek may yet move the recycling trailer closer to the Office/garage building. McCarthy said that a Land Use Application is required even though the building is considered temporary. The ease of plowing with or without the shelter building was discussed. Excess garbage was considered. Thompson said he is worried that it will become a garbage dump. Hull posed the idea of having a dumpster there as well, but the concern with cabin owners dropping a lot of garbage was raised. The pickup schedule was discussed, and it was noted that it might not be able to be on-demand. The Town can notify Wallin when it is full. McCarthy agreed that the program could start without a signed agreement, but she would like an agreement down the road. Hull suggested going 60-90 days and then meeting again to finalize the contract. Everyone then agreed that the trailer would be installed in Silver Creek tomorrow morning and advertised in the next Newsletter.

Road and Safety

Road Report – Thompson reported that he installed pipes on Red Maple Road and Loop Road and corrected washout issues. He hauled 100 yards of gravel on the Loop Road to get ready for the detour on Highway 3. He also installed a mailbox on Loop Road today. The International truck has a check engine light. Folco scanned it and found 13 error codes. Thompson said he will make a call to get it back into the shop. Folco also worked on the sewer truck, replacing the wire harness to get the heater working. Thompson said he was able to grade Press Camp Road and Cedar Road by spraying water from the pumper truck. Lake County's garage was used to fill the pumper truck.

Tractor Repair – No change. Thompson said he will give the shop a call before the next meeting to see where they are with it.

General Sewer Operations

Thompson reported that Sycom repaired the system at Lift Station 1 so that the two pumps run and rotate evenly. He said he is in the middle of a water transfer. When that is done and Alum has been applied, he will bring back the pontoon boat. Lines will be blown out next week. He had the generators rebuilt by Turbo Diesel, whose quoted price was significantly lower than that of Total Energy Systems. Thompson

said the generators still need their radiators pressure washed as they were packed full of material. That will be done next week.

Operator's Report – Operator Appelwick was not at the meeting and the Operator's Report is not yet submitted.

Rostvold's Installation – Thompson reported that the work at Rostvold's went very well and their installation is totally completed. The issue was that the main line had not actually been tapped. Once tapped, it worked perfectly.

Grease Problems – Thompson reported he pumped grease out of the lift station twice since September 17th.

Lift Station Pump Replacement – Thompson said that Nelson Electric pulled the pump of Lift Station 2 to get the model number. He then quoted a price of approximately \$45,000 per pump instead of the original \$65,000 originally quoted to get the same Flygt model into Station 1. Voss is having Feist of Bollig Engineering prepare a request for proposal so that two competitive bids can be obtained.

Ben Oliver Project – The right to 10% capacity of the entire system (5800 gallons per day) was discussed. The Dump Station concerns were discussed. McCarthy noted that her team would be reviewing all aspects of the proposed RV Park to ensure that it complies with regulations. Voss reported that he planned to bring Feist to the Conditional Use Hearing to ensure the sewer is protected and the right conditions are placed.

Stewart River Wastewater Project

Voss reported no changes with this project.

Correspondence

The following items were passed around for consideration:

- Email from Bonnie Staples regarding lack of chloride.
- Email from Jamie MacFarlane of Castle Haven regarding renovation of cabins and draft letter written by the Clerk providing authorization by Silver Creek for the project.
- Email inquiry on renting the Hall and Pavilion in 2026 for a wedding.
- Email from Kineth Hospitality Companies regarding liquor license request for Superior Shores Resort.
- New Driveway Access Application submitted by Bruce Blanchard.
- Email from Matt Holman announcing public review period for the Lake County 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan and requesting the announcement be posted and requesting review of the plan.
- 80-page printout of the Lake County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

OLD BUSINESS

Historic Hall – The Clerk reported that Sharon Kleive submitted a suggestion that the Historic Hall be turned into a childcare center. She heard that there will be federal funds to increase the number of childcare centers. The water issue caused by a leaking toilet in the Historic Hall was reported by Thompson.

Security Camera – Oftedahl did not do research yet on cameras. The fact that there is no internet at the Hall and Pavilion was discussed as a camera on the recycling trailer might be available.

NEW BUSINESS

Superior Shores Liquor License Resolution – Email was received that Superior Shores is applying for a liquor license. Completed applications go to Lake County first and Jodi Anderson will forward them when ready. This will be voted upon at the next Regular Meeting if the applications are received in time.

Snowplow Policy – The same policy as last year was considered. There were no suggested modifications. The policy will be voted upon at the next meeting.

PENDING BUSINESS

Seasonal Storage – Thompson discussed his plans to get items into the Pavilion on Friday and Saturday of this week.

OTHER

Cemetery – Resident Sharon Kleive has been volunteering her time to water the new Maple trees in the Cemetery during this drought. She also requested the replacement of the lights on the cemetery flag display. The old solar lights are broken. Issues with the use of solar panels were discussed. There is no power out to the flagpole area. Thompson agreed to do some more research.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m. upon motion Hull, second Voss. Carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Town Board will be held on Tuesday, October 22, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Oftedahl, Clerk