

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK  
BUDGET AND LEVY WORKING MEETING  
FEBRUARY 6, 2024

The Budget and Levy Working Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, in the Board Meeting Room at 1924 Town Road.

Present were Supervisors: Greg Hull, Chuck Voss, and Scott Krech, Town Operations and Facilities Manager Jody Reineccius, Clerk Alison Oftedahl, and Deputy Clerk Katie Anderson.

Chairman Hull called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. He explained the handouts that each member received including a Cash Control Report for 2023, a Taconite Production summary, a Statement of Indebtedness Report and summary sheet showing the past 7 years of levies. The Board reviewed the Budget/Levy Spreadsheet that contained budgeted and actual expenditures and receipts back to 2019, and a 10-year average in each category.

For last year, the Town spent 5% over budget but came in 9% over plan on income. The extra income was largely a result of Taconite Production taxes. The sewer spent 19% over budget but received 29% more income than expected. The income surplus came from reimbursement for the connection of new houses.

After setting preliminary numbers, Chairman Hull recessed the meeting at 5:39 pm for supper. He then reconvened the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Budget adjustments were made to arrive at the following 2025 budget:

2025 BUDGET:

General	\$112,200
Road & Bridge	\$358,500
Road Enhancement	\$20,000
Buildings	\$39,100
Fire	\$45,000
Cemetery	\$10,500
General Debt Service	<u>\$56,000</u>
Township Sub Total	\$ 641,300
CD Sewer Enterprise	\$138,000
CD Sewer Replace	<u>\$46,000</u>
Sewer Total	\$184,000
TOTAL BUDGET	\$825,300

Supervisor Krech left prior to the end of the meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m. In working to hold down the levy, it was agreed to draw down the balance in the Fire fund. The plan assumes \$75,000 in Taconite. It also relies upon increased PILT receipts based upon information from the County Auditor. Voss and Hull agreed upon the levy included below -- an increase of 4% over the 2024 levy.

2025 Proposed LEVY:

General	\$50,000
Road & Bridge	290,000
Road Enhancement	\$20,000
Buildings	\$25,000
Fire	\$30,000
Cemetery	\$11,000
General Debt Service	<u>\$30,000</u>
TOTAL LEVY	\$456,000

Other Anticipated Income \$134,000 - includes Taconite, Gas Tax, Town Aid, etc.  
Sewer User Fees (estimate)\$184,000

TOTAL INCOME \$774,000

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. upon motion Hull, second Voss. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alison Oftedahl, Clerk