

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 21, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, May 21, 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 Oftedah!; Treasurer Jamie Pellman; Town Operations and Facilities Manager Jody Reineccius, and (by phone) Deputy Clerk Katie Anderson.

Absent: Supervisor Greg Hull

Visitors Present: Rich Truscott (arrived part way into the meeting)

Chairman Voss called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:

A concern with the condition of Red Maple Road was reported to the Office last week.

A concern with Marble Lake Road was called into the office yesterday. Reineccius noted that Marble Lake Rd is maintained by the County.

ROAD & SAFETY:

Road Report – Reineccius reported all road restrictions have been removed. He will be checking roads right after he leaves the meeting as there is a flood warning tonight. He reported that the Dodge has an exhaust issue and cannot be driven over 20 mph. It will be towed down to Duluth as the Two Harbors dealer said they do not service model 4500s. The Clerk was asked to place an insurance claim for the towing.

Skid Steer Repair – Reineccius said that he is having an engineer test the hydraulics.

Road Groom Demo – The test of the road groomer was discussed. It was tested on a very muddy day. The price of the widest model was not known. No decisions were made.

Grader Bits – The Board viewed a quote for the cost of replacing grader bits – it was just over \$3,000. Thompson would like to purchase these. Reineccius said he is not convinced it is worth it. Voss felt that the cost was not major and that Thompson and Reineccius should come to an agreement. Krech reported hearing from constituents that they were impressed to see Thompson grading on the weekend.

SEWER OPERATIONS:

Sewer Report – Reineccius presented the Operator’s Report and discussed a call-out for pump replacement at Jaeger’s (Gooseberry Cabins).

Motion Voss, second Krech to accept the Wastewater Operator’s Report (included below) as presented. Carried unanimously.

Wastewater Operator’s Report April 2024

Created 05/21/2024

Influent	2022	2023	2024
January	420,400 gallons	409,300 gallons	339,797 gallons
February	456,700 gallons	448,500 gallons	334,101 gallons
March	632,100 gallons	482,900 gallons	408,762 gallons
April	867,500 gallons	694,000 gallons	610,009 gallons
May	823,200 gallons	542,000 gallons	
June	865,700 gallons	706,400 gallons	
July	931,600 gallons	800,000 gallons	
August	887,000 gallons	780,247 gallons	
September	931,700 gallons	800,860 gallons	
October	625,100 gallons	567,797 gallons	
November	600,000 gallons	313,260 gallons	
December	388,100 gallons	440,265 gallons	
Totals	8,429,100 gallons	6,985,529 gallons	

Total trucked in septage and greywater for the year of 2023 was: 663,395 gallons.

Effluent	2022	2023	2024
January	0 gallons	0 gallons	0 gallons
February	0 gallons	0 gallons	0 gallons
March	0 gallons	0 gallons	0 gallons
April	0 gallons	0 gallons	0 gallons
May	3,018,000 gallons	3,040,000 gallons	
June	2,986,000 gallons	2,687,000 gallons	
July	4,563,000 gallons	4,053,000 gallons	
August	2,218,000 gallons	1,960,000 gallons	
September	2,984,000 gallons	3,375,000 gallons	
October	1,147,000 gallons	3,667,500 gallons	
November	0 gallons	0 gallons	
December	0 gallons	0 gallons	
Totals	16,916,000 gallons	18,790,000 gallons	

Current Operations

Mike from Silver Creek Electric is coming soon to hook up electrical to new systems

Irrigation is up and running I still have dripper lines to walk to make sure nothings broke in the woods had a hold up in wiring on flow meter due to me losing my phone and pictures I had to rewire the meter but everything seems to be smooth now

Had to replace a pump at Gooseberry Cabins yesterday as one in duplex station went bad all good now

Got a pump to replace at Gooseberry Park to try to fix holiday weekend alarms because the system cant keep up on big holidays nothing is broke at the moment but trying to get ahead of it

All boxes and blankets are picked up

All reports submitted to MPCA.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Reineccius, Wastewater Operator

New Connections – Reineccius reported that Rostvold’s house is nowhere near completed. Gerard’s house is almost done, and Gerard’s contractor has been using the toilet and then Silver Creek has to pump the tank because we do not have the panel connected for the pump. Reineccius is waiting on Mike at Silver Creek Electric to do the electrical.

Reineccius left the meeting at this point after making his reports.

STEWART RIVER SEWER:

Voss reported that Stewart River is now officially on the list of projects seeking federal funding. He also reported that we requested an extension in our financial agreement with Lake County for 2028 but have not yet received an answer.

REVIEW MINUTES:

Motion Voss, second Krech to accept as presented the 4/16 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion Voss, second Krech to accept as presented the 5/7 Board of Equalization minutes. And, motion Voss, second Krech to accept as presented the 5/14 Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes. All motions carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Pellman as follows: TOSC checking: \$54,746.35 and TOSC savings: \$614,680.74 for a total of \$669,427.09. Outstanding checks totaled \$4,061.75 for a CTAS balance: \$665,365.34. Motion Voss, second Krech to accept the April’s Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion Voss, second Krech to authorize the requested transfer of \$48,000 from savings to checking. Both motions carried unanimously.

READING OF THE BILLS:

The current month’s bills were read: claims 10162-10193 totaling \$31,576.52, and payrolls through May 24th. Oftedahl noted that one charge on Thompson’s VISA was personal, and so he has reimbursed the Town for

that charge which was about \$25. Oftedahl and Anderson received the reimbursement. Motion Voss, second Krech, to authorize payment of the bills as presented. Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board considered the following:

- Email from Hanft Fride Law containing the requested sewer easements for new connections and asking if we were aware of an earlier easement covering the entire property on one of these.
- From MPCA, email response to the Final Wastewater Annual Compliance Summary 2023 – showing 1 missing DMR parameter and 1 missing set of sample values from April 2023.
- Email from MN State Auditor stating that when a bonded officer of a government resigns or leaves office, an examination of accounts must be done. The group discussed the fact that an audit shouldn't be needed with the Treasurer transition as Jamie will likely be named Deputy Treasurer and is only moving into Two Harbors.
- Email from Senator Klobuchar's office stating that submission for congressionally directed funding for Stewart River was received.
- Right of Interment for Philip J Wright was signed.
- Email from Gooseberry Falls State Park Manager requesting quote to chloride the campground.
- 1 signed Hall Rental Agreements.
- Email from Laurel Buchanen regarding Financial Agreement with Lake County.
- New Driveway Access application for Mike Braun.
- 2 approved Land Use Applications from Lake County were reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Historic Hall – Krech said he plans to research whether the Historical Society might maintain the Hall.

NEW BUSINESS:

Interim Treasurer Appointment – Motion Krech, second Voss to appoint Shelly Peterson to the Treasurer position effective 6/1 and at the payment rate set last month (\$450 per month) plus mileage when personal vehicle is used for Town business. Carried unanimously. The Clerk was directed to communicate to both candidates. The position will be on the ballot in March 2025.

Well Pump – The Board asked whether there is still an issue with the well pump. Reineccius had left the meeting, and the others didn't know. It was also discussed that all four spigots at the cemetery were running Sunday morning when Oftedahl walked by. She turned them off. Krech suggested monitoring the area via WIFI.

Pavilion Screen Door – Motion Voss, second Krech to authorize up to \$150 be spent on a screen door for the Pavilion.

Newsletter – The Newsletter draft was circulated and story ideas reviewed. It will likely not be sent until after Supervisors OK it at the June COW meeting.

PENDING BUSINESS:

None

There being no further business, motion Voss, second Krech to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday June 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Oftedahl, Clerk