

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 19TH 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 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; Treasurer Shelly Peterson; Town Operations and Facilities Manager Paul Thompson; and (by phone), Deputy Clerk Katie Anderson.

Absent: Supervisor Scott Krech.

Visitors Present: None.

Chairman Voss called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:

Clerk Oftedahl reported a resident who is considering adding a second driveway to his property. The Driveway Access Resolution does not answer the question of whether and under what conditions multiple driveways are allowed. Oftedahl would like the Board to discuss the issue next month so that the Resolution can be revised accordingly.

ROAD & SAFETY:

Road Report – Thompson reported lots of water on roads today due to rainfall. He removed some trees and worked on ditches. After this rain there is a short time to get the roads in good condition before freeze-up. The electrician was in to replace lights in the garage that had burned out and they also replaced bulbs in the utility room. Thompson may buy more bulbs so that the same model can be installed throughout the garage.

Tractor Repair – There is no current ETA for completion of this repair.

SEWER OPERATIONS:

Sewer Report – Motion Voss, second Hull to accept the Wastewater Operator's Report as submitted via email by Operator Appelwick. Carried unanimously. (Full report on file in the Clerk's office.) The Board discussed the calibration of the pumps and the fact that October total influent measured less than half the prior month and 200,000 gallons less than the same month last year. Appelwick had included a note that he wanted to re-check the draw-down test. Thompson was then asked about the generators. He reported that when he tested a power outage scenario, the pumps failed to start via the generator power. Evidently the generators were not tested at the time they were rebuilt. He then called in Total Energy Systems and SyCom, who resolved that issue. There is still one more repair – one of the generators has a leaking radiator.

Grease Problems – Voss reported that Operator Appelwick wanted previous Operator Mike Hoops with him for a meeting with the restaurant staff. It looks like this will be in December.

Lift Station Pump Replacement – Voss reported that he is waiting for Nathan Feist to get information for the request for proposal (RFP).

Ben Oliver Project – Voss reported we have heard nothing new from Oliver.

FACILITIES:

Thompson reported that the new Cemetery flagpole light was installed, however it isn't very bright by morning.

Recycling Trailer – Thompson reported things are going well.

Old Golf Cart for Recycling and Cemetery – The Board discussed whether a side by side would be a better option and be shared with sewer etc. No decisions were made.

STEWART RIVER SEWER:

Voss reported no updates.

REVIEW MINUTES:

Motion Hull, second Voss to accept as presented the 10/22 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion Hull, second Voss to accept as presented the 10/29 Special Meeting minutes. Motion Voss, second Hull to accept as presented the 11/12 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: \$51,500.70 and TOSC savings: \$645,071.57 for a total of \$696,572.27. Outstanding checks totaled \$901.74 for a CTAS balance:

\$695,670.53. Motion Hull, second Voss to accept the October Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion Voss, second Hull to authorize the requested transfer of \$87,000 from savings to checking, noting that this includes \$30,672 for the International truck loan payment. Both motions carried unanimously.

READING OF THE BILLS:

The current month's bills were read: claims 10374-10405 totaling \$84,097.33, and payrolls through November 22nd. Motion Voss, second Hull to authorize payment of the bills as presented. Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board considered the following:

- Letter from Jason DiPiazza regarding Lake County gravel stockpile contract in 2025. The Clerk requested a response that can be written up. DiPiazza requested budget as well as pit and amount. After discuss, it was agreed that the Town would like to purchase 5,000 yards to be crushed in Swandstom's pit with a budget of \$35,000
- Email from Rural Water Association asking for a letter of support for the assistance they have to offer. The Clerk's office will draft a letter.
- Renewal form from Hamilton Monroe for cyber-Insurance. Motion Hull, second Voss to accept and sign the renewal form. Motion carried unanimously.
- Two Letters from Lake County Planning and Zoning regarding Variance Hearings.

OLD BUSINESS:

Historic Hall – Not discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution Delegating Cannabis Registration to County – Motion Hull second Voss to adopt Resolution 2024-10 Delegating Cannabis Retail Registration and Compliance to Lake County (included below). Carried unanimously. Resolution was then adopted upon roll-call vote as follows:

Ayes: Chuck Voss, Greg Hull

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Supervisor Scott Krech

**RESOLUTION 2024-10
DELEGATING CANNABIS
RETAIL REGISTRATION AND COMPLIANCE
TO LAKE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 342.22 requires a cannabis microbusiness, cannabis mezzobusiness, cannabis retailer, medical cannabis combination business, or lower-potency hemp edible retailer to register with the city, town, or county in which the retail establishment is located before making retail sales;

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 342.22 requires a local unit of government to conduct compliance checks of every cannabis business and hemp business with a retail registration issued by the local unit of government;

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 342.22 permits the county to issue cannabis retail registration for the jurisdiction in cases where a city or town has provided consent;

WHEREAS, the Town Board determined that delegating cannabis retail registration and cannabis compliance checks to the County under Minn. Stat. § 342.22 serves the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek in Lake County, Minnesota does hereby consent to having Lake County issue cannabis retail registration and conduct cannabis compliance checks in Silver Creek Township.

Adopted this 19th day of Nov 2024.

Chairman Charles Voss

Supervisor Gregory Hull

Supervisor Scott Krech

ATTEST:

Alison Oftedahl, Clerk

MAT Annual Conference 12/13-14 – Supervisors Voss and Hull both plan to attend the Township Association Conference in St. Cloud. Motion Voss, second Hull to authorize attendance and reimbursement for all expenses necessarily and actually incurred. Motion carried unanimously.

Township Election 2025 – Motion Voss second Hull setting the 2025 Election Polling Place and Absentee Ballot Location to 1924 Town Rd, Two Harbors, MN 55616 and setting the Township Election polling hours to 12 noon to 8:00 p.m. on March 11, 2025. Carried unanimously.

Website and domain update to .gov – This project is on hold awaiting a price estimate from the web designer.

PENDING BUSINESS:

Newsletter – A rough draft of the December Newsletter was passed around for the Board to read. Several edits were noted.

There being no further business, motion Hull, second Voss to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday December 17th, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Oftedahl, Clerk