

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 20, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 2022, in the Board Meeting Room at 1924 Town Road for the purpose of discussing all issues before the Board.

Present were Supervisors: Chuck Voss, Greg Hull, and Chris Jaeger (arrived late at 6:45 p.m.); Clerk Alison Oftedahl; Treasurer Jamie Pellman; Town Operations and Facilities Manager Jody Reineccius, Town Operations Assistant Paul Thompson; and (by phone) Deputy Clerk Katie Anderson.

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

**CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:**

Karla and Brad Anderson Mailbox – Email was received by the Andersons with a photo of their damaged mailbox by the plow truck. Motion Voss second Hull to have Thompson and Reineccius replace the mailbox. Next summer the Andersons will have to replace the mailbox support post.

Hull reported a complaint from a residence on Press Camp Road about the speed of road being cleared and the quality of the work being done. The group discussed the fact that the roads are still being cleared from the snowstorm.

**ROAD & SAFETY:**

Road Report – Reineccius reported they have mostly been plowing snow. There is more winging back snowbanks and tree clean up to do.

Reineccius reported the sewer exam scheduled on December 15<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to the snowstorm.

Storm Follow-up – The Clerk requested a generator and turns out we have one but was not hooked up. We had no communications last week when the power was out for two days.

Part-time On-Call Employee – Reineccius reported that the interview has not yet happened.

Gravel Pit Next Steps – Anderson reported she applied for the storm water permit application online and as of now the application is a pending decision until MPCA reviews the application.

Road Grader Tire Repair – The group discussed the need to repair the grader tire. There was debate about the urgency. Reineccius felt it would save money if he did the work himself.

Supervisor Jaeger arrived and joined the meeting at this point.

Payment Status Repair to West Clark Road – Hull spoke to Nate Eide about the invoice. Nate told Hull the check will be mailed out shortly.

**SEWER OPERATIONS:**

Sewer Report – Motion Voss, second Jaeger to accept the Wastewater Operator's Report (included below) as presented. Carried unanimously.

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Wastewater Operator's Report – December 13, 2022

<b>Influent</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
January	0.4689 million gallons	0.4204 million gallons
February	0.4855 million gallons	0.4570 million gallons
March	0.7586 million gallons	0.6321 million gallons
April	0.6806 million gallons	0.8675 million gallons
May	0.6131 million gallons	0.8232 million gallons
June	0.8192 million gallons	0.8657 million gallons
July	1.1059 million gallons	0.9316 million gallons
August	0.9969 million gallons	0.8870 million gallons
September	0.8284 million gallons	0.9317 million gallons

October	0.7134 million gallons		0.6251 million gallons
November	0.5272 million gallons	est.	0.5000 million gallons
<u>December</u>	<u>0.4614 million gallons</u>		
<u>Total</u>	<u>8.1410 million gallons</u>		

In addition there were 0.0596 million gallons of trucked in wastewater during November.

<b>Effluent</b>	<b>2021</b>		<b>2022</b>
May – Discharged	2.859 million gallons of water		3.018 million gallons irrigated
June – Discharged	3.19 million gallons of water		2.986 million gallons irrigated
July - Discharged	3.246 million gallons of water		4.563 million gallons irrigated
August - Discharged	2.743 million gallons of water		2.218 million gallons irrigated
September - Discharged	0.923 million gallons of water		2.984 million gallons irrigated
<u>October - Discharged 0</u>			<u>1.147 million gallons irrigated</u>
Total for year-	12.961 million gallons		16.916 million gallons irrigated

### **Current Operations**

Pretty much shutdown for winter months. We have considerable capacity in the ponds for effluent at this time. Pump replacements and repair continue as needed.

As I write this on Monday prior to meeting, the installation of the repaired #1 Lift Station #2 Pump is scheduled for Tuesday as well as pipe repairs. We'll know more by the time of the meeting whether this actually occurs. #2 Lift Station #2 Pump is not running at this time and we will have that checked at the same time.

At this point in time we are in good shape with replacement pumps.

Rostvold and Christensen properties are all on hold with no activity taking place. I have not spoken with any of them re. future plans.

Gerard has called me (while I was taking a pack string up a mountain) with his new plan of building next summer. He has downsized several times and has had multiple contractors engaged to build this home but apparently there are issues with scheduling, cost, timing, etc..

Sampling has been done as required and all reports submitted to MPCA.

### **Pending Maintenance Items**

Cut out between pump chambers on duplex stations

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Hoops, Wastewater Operator

Increase Annual Sewer Transfer for Sewer Truck – Motion Hull, second Voss to raise the transfer to \$2,170.00 from Sewer Enterprise fund to Road and Bridge fund for the use of the sewer truck. The transfer will be done in early January 2023.

### **STEWART RIVER PROJECT:**

Voss reported no changes made.

### **REVIEW MINUTES:**

Motion Hull, second Jaeger to accept as presented the November 22<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting minutes. Motion Voss, second Hull to accept as presented the December 13<sup>th</sup> 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: \$57,968.92 and TOSC savings: \$589,257.84 for a total of \$647,226.76. Outstanding checks totaled \$8,749.70 for a CTAS balance: \$638,477.06. Motion Voss, second Jaeger to accept the November 2022

Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion Voss, second Hull to authorize the requested transfer of \$37,000.00 from savings to checking. Both motions carried unanimously.

**READING OF THE BILLS:**

The current month's bills were read: claims 9597- 9623, totaling \$21,280.80, and payrolls through December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. An error was found on claim 9619 and it was voided in the meeting. Motion Hull, second Jaeger, to authorize payment of the rest of the bills as presented. Carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Board considered the following:

- From Total Energy Systems, LLC regarding a credit application.
- Email from Lake County Auditor regarding question of Levy Record.
- Affidavit Of Posting/Publishing was signed.
- Email from Karla Anderson regarding mailbox hit by the plow.
- From Lake County, Notice of Decision at Variance Hearing.
- Email from MN Rural Water Association requesting support letters

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Board Meeting Schedule 2023 – Motion Hull second Voss to approve the 2023 schedule as presented.

Resolution Designating Polling Place – Motion Voss second Hull to adopt the Resolution 2022–8 Designating Annual Polling Place included below. Carried unanimously. Resolution was adopted upon roll-call vote as follows:

Ayes: Chuck Voss, Chris Jaeger, Greg Hull

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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**RESOLUTION 2022 - 8  
TOWN OF SILVER CREEK  
LAKE COUNTY MINNESOTA  
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING  
ANNUAL POLLING PLACE**

**WHEREAS**, it is important that citizens exercise their right to vote at their local polling place.

**WHEREAS** Minn. Stat. § 204B.16 requires the Board of Supervisors to designate its local polling place for elections by December 31<sup>st</sup> each year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek, Lake County, Minnesota does hereby designate the Town Office/Garage building at 1924 Town Road, Two Harbors, Minnesota in Lake County as its polling place for all state and federal elections in 2023.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the township notifies residents of this designation by following the requirements on Minn. Stat. § 205.16.

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022.

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Chairman Chuck Voss

Supervisor Greg Hull

Supervisor Christopher Jaeger

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ Alison Oftedahl, Clerk

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Personnel Reviews – Hull reported he will start reviews the first part of January 2023.

**PENDING BUSINESS:**

On Call Christmas and New Year's – Both Thompson and Reineccius will be available to work on Christmas weekend. Only Reineccius will be available to work on New Year's Weekend.

There being no further business, motion Voss, second Hull to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday January 17, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Anderson, Deputy Clerk