

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
CASTLE DANGER SUBORDINATE SERVICE DISTRICT MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2012

The Castle Danger Subordinate Service District meeting of The Town Board was held on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at the Town Hall. Present were Supervisors – Mike Hoops, Greg Hull, Larry Lampart; Clerk – Frederick R. Whitney; LeRoger Lind, and Don Wick.

Hoops called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

OPERATORS REPORT:

Hoops presented the December Wastewater Operator's Report. Quarterly Flows: September – .6947 million gallons; October – .5385 million gallons; November – .3755 million gallons

In addition to the above flows for the quarter, 40,000 gallons of waste were trucked in September, 3,500 gallons in October and no waste in November.

For this quarter, influent flows were down in September and October and up about 20,000 gallons in November, as compared to last year. Irrigation ended August 31st. Total gallons irrigated for the year was 10.475 million gallons, much of which was rainwater that we received in May and June. Ponds are at an acceptable level to prevent freezing, but still allow for capacity needed for storage. In late September, the system was made ready for winter. Pump repairs and replacements were conducted. We have a good stock of replacement pumps on hand. We had a limited number of service calls this quarter.

Our permit application renewal is in draft form at this time. Any changes to requirements of the permit were discussed with the MPCA. The comment period begins soon and we do not anticipate any problems with the reissuance. All monthly MPCA required reports and samplings have been made in a timely fashion.

Work planned at the Rustic Inn did not take place due to time constraints. The Tidball property pumps have been pulled and delinquent payments have been certified to taxes. The CO-OP has also turned off the power. Further action on this property will be conducted after speaking with the County Attorney and our legal counsel.

At the request of Mr. Hoops, the Clerk presented a new, simplified balance sheet. While we are in a positive position – Receipts over Disbursements – the numbers appeared to be off Budget. In that this was a new report created just before the meeting, the Clerk indicated that he would investigate the numbers.

Please note – The Clerk discovered the following day that the budget numbers are correct and are for 11 months – January thru November. The actuals, while correct, were for different periods of time. Specifically, revenues for Residential were only for February thru September. This is due to the fact that our billings are on a quarterly basis and the timing of receipts dictates actuals presented. The Commercial Revenues are for January thru October in that November receipts had not been entered.

Gooseberry Park is still running under the surcharge in that their "I & I" hasn't been fixed.

Hull moved to accept the Operator's Report, second by Lampart. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:

None

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS:

Delinquent accounts were discussed. One property was just over the 30 day mark, and the owner had just called Tuesday morning indicating that all payments would be made on Tuesday, December 11th. All other accounts are current. Tidball property past due amounts have been certified to taxes.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Stone property grinder installation estimate will be put together over the winter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hoops indicated we have installed the box covers that we have at some grinder stations. We will be installing shavings at all other grinder stations, thereby insulating the stations when the snow cover is too light. More materials may be donated from Larry Lampart's workplace where more box covers could be built. Whitney indicated that he will add language to billing statements requesting all owners to cut back and keep clear all grinder stations from shrubbery and other obstructions.

CASTLE DANGER LAND USE:

Frederick Whitney indicated that due to all of the Tidball property issues, he had a survey created for his property, including structures, which is immediately adjacent to the eastern lot line of the Tidball property. The survey discovered that one of the Tidball buildings is in fact on the Whitney property line, and the overhang to that building is in fact on the Whitney property. Whitney understands that no side yard setback variance had been obtained or granted thereby making this building non-compliant. Further, Whitney wanted this building moved or torn down. Discussion followed.

It was suggested that Whitney write a letter to The Town Board and to the property owner – Wells Fargo now – highlighting the letter with concerns, photos and a copy of the survey.

By bringing this issue up at this meeting, Greg Hull wondered if that was sufficient enough to “stop the legal clock” on the encroachment issue. Regardless, Whitney indicated that he will submit letters and material to both The Board and to Wells Fargo.

STEWART RIVER SUBORDINATE SERVICE DISTRICT:

Hoops indicated he wanted to set up a meeting with Eric Blasing and Peter Miller from Wenck Engineering, Rich Sve and Matt from Lake County, Dennis Tabart from MN Rural Development to discuss where we go from here on the SRSSD future.

Hull made a motion to hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, December 11th, at 6:00 p.m. at The Town Hall for the purposes of discussing the future direction of SRSSD. Lampart second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

In the event that Tuesday didn't work with all invitees, Hull made a motion to hold a Special Meeting on Monday, December 10th, at 6:00 p.m. at The Town Hall for the purposes of discussing the future direction of SRSSD. Lampart second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk was directed to cancel whichever meeting that would not work for all invitees.

Constituent LeRoger Lind offered to carry the message about the SRSSD to Representative Elect Nolan. Hoops will meet with the County Board next time they meet with Representative Elect Nolan to discuss the SRSSD.

ADJOURN:

Lampart made the motion to adjourn at 7:05 p.m., second by Hull. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Frederick R. Whitney, Clerk