

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
REGULAR MEETING
October 8, 2013

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday October 8, 2013 at the Town Hall. Present were Supervisors – Mike Hoops, Greg Hull and Larry Lampart; Clerk – Frederick R. Whitney; Treasurer – Bobbi Gilbert; Road Foreman – Rick Grupe.

Hoops called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:

None

REVIEW MINUTES:

Motion by Lampart, second Hull to accept the 09/17/2013 Regular meeting minutes as amended.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hull, second Lampart to accept the 10/02/2013 Closed meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

TTOSC Lake Bank checking: \$37,409.17 and savings: \$633,693.61 for a total of \$671,102.78 which balances to CTAS without any errors.

Motion by Hoops, second Lampart to transfer \$40,000 from savings to checking as per the Treasurer's request. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hull, second Lampart to accept the September 2013 Treasurer Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

READING OF THE BILLS:

Current month's bills were read. Motion by Hull, second Lampart authorizing payment of claims #3560-3593 and electronic funds thru 09-30-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

LAKE COUNTY Land Use applications: Ritchie, Bentler, Dorsey, Agate Bay Co., LLC., Coulter.

LAKE COUNTY Planning and Zoning: Dye, Cazier & Love

Wenck eMail dated 10-04-13 regarding the SDSSD – reviewed later in agenda – wetland delineation follow up visit with DNR, et al.

Land Use – Building application for C. Ben Wright – new cabin construction to replace old cabin that burned down due to lightning strike.

ROAD & SAFETY:

Road Foreman Grupe indicated that we now have the County mower and is being used to mow our ditches. Per the survey, East Castle Danger road is within the described road. Grupe will stake out for further survey work and easements, the temporary culvert construction area, temporary road location and the turnaround area at the end of the road. East Alger Grade work will stop so that we can prepare for the winter – salt/sand mix, plows added to equipment. The Ricard maintenance easement for Aspen Road will be ready by next Tuesday and Grupe will prepare the maintenance area as he can. The petition for the Aspen road alteration is ready and signatures have been obtained. The Clerk will verify all signers as to residents, owners, voters and properties are within 3 miles of Aspen Road. Pete will be preparing the road order for a future hearing.

OLD BUSINESS:

- It was decided that our meeting start time of 6:00 p.m. will continue for all future Board meetings.

- The interview committee updated the Board with the progress of the interviews for the Heavy Equipment Operator position. The Clerk will present a compensation estimate comparison for the Board to review and discuss at the next closed labor meeting set for 6:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 15, 2013.
- The health insurance for Grupe was discussed.

Lampart made a motion, second by Hoops to continue the health insurance for Grupe as identified by the annual summary of coverage from Blue Cross; an increase in premium of \$84 per month. Motion carried unanimously.

- The Board Chairman indicated that he will be preparing the Road Foreman's performance review.
- The Clerk's hours were again discussed and it was decided to hold any compensation alteration/discussion until after the Cross cartway proceedings have been completed.
- Hull hasn't had a chance to speak with Dale Moe – THUGS – regarding their request.

STEWART RIVER SUBORDINATE SEWER DISTRICT:

- The Wenck memo dated 10-04-13 was reviewed. While there is an area of wetlands, it is relatively small. The area is still suitable for our project.

Sent: Friday, October 04, 2013 3:14 PM

Subject: Town of Silver Creek Stewart River Project Planning Area Wetland Delineation Report

The report is now on the ftp site, see link information below. One note, the wetland numbering begins at Wetland #7 because part of last year's investigation was an area that has now been removed from the project area.

This report is huge (100+MB). The Corp fillable PDF data sheets from last year's investigation are enormous in terms of file size. This year we used the excel sheets, and they are much smaller. Plus all the maps are 11X17 due the geographic scope of the project. The actual acreage of the wetland investigation areas is pretty small relative to the full wastewater project, and is limited to specific distances from the centerlines of all the roads plus an app. 40 acre proposed soil treatment area. This is all highlighted on the maps I sent out earlier and on the figures in the Report.

Wetlands 9-47 are within the proposed wastewater collection area.

STA Wetlands 1-11 are in the proposed Soil Treatment Area (STA).

Thanks again to all for braving the North Shore cold on short notice, should be a good day. We look forward to seeing everyone next Wednesday.

Matthew Summers, Environmental Scientist

NEW BUSINESS:

- The 2012 Audit – draft – was discussed. The Clerk had reviewed the audit and all appeared to be in order. Additionally, the auditors had submitted 3 items for review and signatures –
 - The “Segregation of Duties” letter
 - Auditor’s “Representation” letter
 - 2013 “Auditor’s Services” agreement - \$8,500 for their services regarding the 2013 audit.

Hull made the motion, second by Lampart, directing the Chairman to sign both the “Segregation of Duties” and the “Auditor’s Representation” letters. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board directed the Clerk to review the auditor agreement in order to verify whether or not we are able to seek an RFP for another auditing firm or if the original 2011 agreement is for one last year with Walker, et al.

- Lampart presented a letter that he received from the Lake County Rec Board Chair indicating that his/our representative membership has been terminated until December 2014, the end of his term, as a result of 2 missed meetings; a violation of the Rec Board bylaws. Additionally, if we want representation on board after 2014, we must submit a request in writing.

Discussion followed. Apparently, some four members were absent at the first meeting that Lampart missed and the Chair wanted to vote all of them off at that time. As a result of that and of hearing some of the Chair's comments later, Lampart decided to miss the next meeting.

The Clerk indicated that monies we have received from Lake County Rec, \$600 annually, has been the same amount since at least 2003. And, apparently we have had a request in to the Rec Board for support of our ice skating rink, which has not been placed onto any schedule and we have been told that we probably would never see any monies. Historically, only Two Harbors and Silver Bay have received monies for recreation projects. In fact, it took an act of God for monies to go to Knife River; the June 2012 flood. In the end, the Board did not feel that it was worth having any representation on the Rec Board.

The Board directed the Clerk to submit a letter to the County Board's Chair, Rich Sve, expressing our decision to not seek membership and to identify our reasons.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. upon motion by Hull, second Lampart. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Town Board will be held on Tuesday November 19, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted
Frederick R. Whitney, Clerk