

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 18, 2014

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday March 18, 2014 at the Town Hall. Present were Supervisors – Mike Hoops, Greg Hull and Larry Lampart; Deputy Clerk – Kristina Pirsig; Treasurer – Bobbi Gilbert; Road Foreman – Rick Grupe. Frederick R. Whitney – Clerk was not present.

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

**CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:**

None

**REVIEW MINUTES:**

Motion by Lampart, second Hoops to accept the 02/18/2014 Regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The 03/11/2014 Annual meeting minutes were reviewed. The minutes were updated to reflect that the New Business \$500 donation was made to the Agricultural Society.

Motion by Hull, second Lampart, to accept the 03/11/2014 Board of Canvass as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

TTOSC Lake Bank Balances: \$730,830.59 which balances to CTAS without any errors.

Motion by Hull, second Hoops to accept the February 2014 Treasurer Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hoops, second Hull to transfer \$50,000 from savings to checking as per the Treasurer's request. Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that The Lake Bank statements were now being received electronically. It was further noted that if we continued to receive a hard copy of the statements, that we would be charged. This is not correct. The change to an electronic version was for speed and efficiencies.

**READING OF THE BILLS:**

Current month's bills were read.

Hull made a motion to suspend the reading of the bills and alter the agenda to now consider the Old Business items for Cross Cartway, second by Lampart. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Cross Cartway Order dismissing petition pursuant to stipulation of dismissal.

Hoops read the Order dismissing petition pursuant to stipulation of dismissal.

Motion by Lampart, second by Hull to accept the order. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call Vote –

Voting Yes: Hoops, Hull and Lampart

Voting No: None

- Cross Cartway payment authorization of the petitioner's deposit. The remaining balance of \$2,225.13 to be returned to petitioners and petitioner's attorney.

Hull made a motion, second by Lampart approving the payment of the remaining balance of \$2,225.13. Motion carried unanimously.

**READING OF THE BILLS CONTINUED:**

The Deputy Clerk continued the reading of the bills.

Motion by Hull, second Lampart authorizing payment of claims #3841 - 3878 and electronic funds thru 03-18-14. Motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Duluth Archaeology Center, LLC. Review of Phase 1A for Stewart River Subordinate Sewer District. (An electronic version has been requested).

**ROAD & SAFETY:**

Hoops asked the Board as to whether or not we should plant some trees around the cemetery. No direction was given. Grupe indicated that there is an open house at Titan Machinery this Thursday. Both Grupe and Jason will be attending a ditch workshop. Grupe indicated that there will be three DNR permits that he will be filing for concerning the three culverts being installed. He will charge the permit fee to the Town credit card. The sweeper with valves and switches will cost \$27,000. This will be put together in Duluth, as oppose to a field installation. Steve has handed in his keys and will no longer be working for us. Ken will be working for one more season. Grupe continues to work on the tanker.

The Board directed Grupe into working with the Clerk upon his return for the hiring of a full-time pit laborer, operator/driver and/or part-time custodian. The Clerk and Foreman are to develop a list of job duties to work some 15 hours per week during the summer.

**RECESSED:** Hoops made a motion, second by Lampart to recess the meeting at 7:15 pm for the Quarterly CDSSD meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**RECONVENED:** The Board reconvened at 8:30 pm.

**OLD BUSINESS CONVENED:**

- Rick Grupe's Planned Phased Retirement.

Discussion followed regarding the Board's direction to the Chairman in completing the planned phased retirement option agreement with Rick Grupe. Hoops indicated that he has met with the Clerk and Grupe regarding possible hourly compensation rates. Hoops shared his discussion points with the Board as to a bonus, insurance, stored up comp and sick leave time. Discussion followed.

Lampart made a motion, second by Hoops to set Rick Grupe's base hourly compensation rate at \$39 per hour, plus social security. Motion carried unanimously.

Hoops made a motion, second by Lampart to tie the base hourly rate to COLA – cost of living adjustment – for the year, as well as a satisfactory performance review. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Authorization for Kristina Pirsig, Deputy Clerk to be a signer at The Lake Bank in the Clerk's absence.

Hoops made a motion, second by Hull, authorizing Kristina Pirsig, Deputy Clerk, to be a signer in the Clerk's absence for The Lake Bank financial transactions of check writing, ACH Debit and Credit issuing. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2014-4 Roll Call Vote –  
Voting Yes: Hoops, Hull and Lampart  
Voting No: None

- After the annual meeting, Hull spoke with Jessica Williams regarding the start-up of a new 4-H chapter up. They needed a place for them to meet. While we can't donate any monies towards the 4-H club, can we allow them to meet at the Town Hall rent free? Perhaps there is something in kind that they could do –pick-up sticks in the ditch and cemetery, and/or clean up the Hall monthly? The Board agreed that they could begin to use the Hall after they contact the Clerk to reserve the meeting dates and Hull will discuss the cleaning opportunities with Jessica.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m. upon motion by Lampart, second Hoops. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted  
Frederick R. Whitney, Clerk