

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
REGULAR MEETING
June 17, 2014

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday June 17, 2014 at the Town Hall. Present were Supervisors – Mike Hoops, Greg Hull, Larry Lampart; Clerk – Frederick R. Whitney; Deputy Clerk – Kristina Pirsig; Treasurer – Bobbi Gilbert; Deputy Treasurer – Elizabeth S. A. Johnson; Road Foreman – Rick Grupe. Constituents – LeRoger Lind, Tom Opfer, Don Wick.

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

CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:

Don Wick inquired as to the East Castle Danger culvert. Hoops provided an update. He indicated that the cost to the Township will be \$20,000, (\$10,000 engineering costs and \$10,000 for approach way costs), due to the utilization of State Town & Bridge funds supplied by Lake County for this project.

Leroger Lind had a question of the sewer service area for Castle Danger. Both Hoops and Whitney provided information regarding, as well as it is defined within the Ordinances that are on the website – www.ttosc.org – under Land Use.

REVIEW MINUTES:

Motion by Lampart, second by Hoops to accept the 05/20/2014 regular meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hull, second Lampart to accept the 06/03/2014 Quarterly CDSSD meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hull, second Hoops to accept the 06/03/2014 Closed Labor meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

TOSC checking: \$60,446.19 and TOSC savings: \$608,286.14 for a total of \$668,732.33. Motion by Hoops, second Lampart to transfer \$75,000 from savings to checking as per the Treasurer's request. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Hull, second Lampart to accept the May 2014 Treasurer Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

RECESS:

Motion by Hull, second by Hoops to recess the meeting at 7:28 pm in order to conduct the CDSSD Rate hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENED:

Hoops called the meeting back to order at 7:55 pm.

READING OF THE BILLS:

Current month's bills were read; claims 3955 thru 3988. Motion by Hull, second Lampart authorizing payment of the bills and electronic funds. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

LAKE COUNTY Planning & Zoning – Gischa, Davies, Carr, Colvin, Bowe, Lykins and Hanson.
MAT identification cards for Town Officers
MAT Summer Short Course Registration reminder

ROAD & SAFETY:

Rick updated the Board with current projects. Aspen Road maintenance turnaround is being constructed. The Clerk indicated that the Aspen Road Alteration documents have all been filed. The East Alger Grade culvert is on hold while LHB and the DNR agree upon the proper sizing of the culvert. It appears that the stream bed is wide enough that the culvert will need to be a box culvert and will come under the State Road and Bridge funding. The Clerk reminded the Board that the original LHB contract stated that field work was a part of the design contract. Therefore, if LHB did not properly measure the stream size, or did not in fact go into the field to measure the stream before designing, then the Town should be reimbursed. The Board agreed. Grupe indicated that Ryan is working out and is more than willing to do anything.

Hoops and Whitney presented the new LHB East Castle Danger Road box culvert design contract.

Lampart made a motion, second by Hull to approve and direct both the Chairman and Clerk to sign the LHB engineering design services contract in the amount not to exceed \$14,572. Motion carried unanimously.

STEWART RIVER SUBORDINATE SERVICE DISTRICT:

Hoops presented emails received from Eric Blasing from Wenck Engineering:

June 12, 2014 *****
Mike and Fred,

As you are aware, MPCA has requested additional fieldwork be conducted on the proposed wastewater site. They are asking that piezometers be installed and Ksat testing be conducted. The amount of time to conduct a Ksat test varies depending upon the conductivity of the soil. I will also conduct some percolation tests to supplement the Ksat tests using a different instrument. This will shorten the amount of time. Installing piezometers doesn't take much time and this can be completed while a Ksat test is running. FYI, the piezometers will need to be periodically measured for groundwater. Mike, are you up for some hiking? J

I expect to be out there for a couple days. The estimated fee below includes time in the field, reimbursable costs, time to process the data, and time to prepare a site figure showing testing locations. I provide a range as I am not sure how much time I will be in the field; as described above. We can invoice under the existing PER contract or the 2014 general services contract; whatever you prefer.

Estimated Fee Range: \$4,500 - \$5,500

If acceptable, please let me know and I will schedule for later this month or early July. I plan to invite Steve Stark (MPCA Hydrologist) while I am up there to get him acquainted with the site and observe soil conditions.

Sincerely, [Eric](#)

June 16, 2014 *****
Fred,

The following email provides an update on the Stewart River project for tomorrow's meeting.

- (1) I contacted Brian Fitzpatrick this past month regarding his 5/28/2014 comments. One comment asked we investigate the ISTS replacement and cluster treatment system approach. I provided an overview of why Wenck believed this alternative was not cost effective (as explained in the report). He asked that I contact Mike (I talked to Mike about this last week) to see if there is available land for cluster system use. If there is not available land and/or it is not believed to be suitable then this alternative is not feasible. Also, if it is believed that the main collection line will be needed for this alternative to collect a dwelling that cannot site a ISTS, then it shouldn't be investigated further as there wouldn't be much for cost savings. I also informed Brian about the Rural Development no wetland impact.
- (2) I discussed the public hearing with Brian. He said that it needs to be held and the facilities plan adopted before September. I told him there is concern to hold the hearing too soon as Rural Development has not reviewed the PER or provided an update on the amount of grant they could offer. This is important information to have for the hearing. He suggested to provide an overview of system costs with a range of possible fees based on a range of grant dollars. Mike and I discussed having the hearing in early August.
- (3) I requested Brian to call Mike to discuss the project.
- (4) Wenck provided the Town a fee estimate to complete additional fieldwork within the proposed property. MPCA asked that piezometers be installed to monitor shallow groundwater elevations and hydraulic conductivity tests be completed for groundwater mounding calculations. This work can be scheduled for early July. I invited Steve Stark (MPCA Hydrologist) to the site during this additional fieldwork.
- (5) The Town sent in a 2015 IUP request to PFA.

Sincerely, [Eric](#)

Hull made a motion, second by Hoops to engage Wenck Engineering for additional fieldwork required by the MPCA, such as piezometer testing of the SRSSD site(s), in the amount not to exceed \$5,500. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed holding an informative public hearing sometime in August. Prior to that hearing though, the Board would like to hold a work session in order to identify where we are with the entire MPCA-Rural Development application process. Additionally, what should the hearing accomplish; what documents need to be created, who will present at the hearing, do we have more closely identified costs associated with the project, etc.

The Board asked the Clerk to contact Wenck Engineering for a work session on June 23, 24 or 25 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, as well as a public hearing for Saturday, August 2nd at 10:00 am at the Town Hall. The Clerk will inform all Board members with what date works for Wenck. If none work, the Clerk will poll the Board with other dates. The Chairman will then call the work session.

Hoops made a motion, second by Hull to set the public informational hearing for Saturday, August 2, 2014 at 10:00 am, at the Town Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

LAND USE:

Grand Superior Lodge has applied for a bike shelter adjacent to their maintenance building. The Clerk-Land Administrator has approved the permit.

Hoops indicated that he had visited the site with a realtor, a perspective buyer of the Tidball property, as well as the Deputy Clerk. It appears that the buyer will be making an offer to Wells Fargo. He is fully aware of the setback and permit violations that exist, as well as the potential sewer repairs that may need to be made on the property.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Clerk presented the updated garage survey that now includes the location of the buildings and all right of way setbacks. The garage is approximately 30 feet from the Town Road right of way setback.

The Clerk indicated that he will be attending the County's ATV trail meeting that the Township agreed to be the fiscal agent of the IRRRB funds.

Hoops discussed his thoughts for the garage addition design, as well as funding options. The Clerk agreed to contact IRRRB regarding possible funds for an addition.

NEW BUSINESS:

New population estimates were received from the State and presented to the Board; population 1,112 and households of 496. Hoops discussed Land Use training sessions available.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:53 pm upon motion by Lampart, second Hull. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Frederick R. Whitney, Clerk