

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
REGULAR MEETING
July 15, 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; Road Foreman – Rick Grupe; Heavy Equipment operator – Jason Barnard; Lake County Land Commissioner – Nate Eide.

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

CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:

None

LAND COMMISSIONER – NATE EIDE:

Nate indicated that the County borrowed money, \$2.2 Million, to purchase 6,000 acres of land. Both timber sales off of the 6,000 acres and actual land sales, is how the loan was to be paid off and how the Land Office is to be funded. Per State Statute, Nate was required to present the 5 County owned properties that he was in the process of selling in order to fund the Land Office budget. Per State Statute, Nate asked for Board approval, and did say that we have 60 days to act.

Nate presented Special Legislation that says the County cannot appropriate any extra revenue from timber and land sales until the land purchase is paid off. However, as timber and land is sold, the Township is entitled to an apportionment of the revenues, unless it agrees to not take any monies until the loan is paid in full. Nate requested a resolution from the Board that it would not take our apportionment.

Hoops made a motion, second by Hull, that we approve a resolution for the Town to not take apportion until the \$2.2 million loan and interest is paid in full. Motion carried unanimously by Hoops, Hull and Lampart voting Yea and none opposed.

Hull made a motion, second by Lampart approving the sale of the properties presented contingent upon all parcels maintaining a legal access from a public road. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW MINUTES:

Motion by Hoop, second by Hull to accept the 06/17/2014 regular meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hull, second Lampart to accept the 06/17/2014 CDSSD Rate Hearing minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hull, second Hoops to accept the 06/30/2014 Special SRSSD meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

TOSC checking: \$97,744.05 and TOSC savings: \$542,197.78 for a total of \$639,941.83. Motion by Hoops, second Lampart to transfer \$90,000 from savings to checking as per the Treasurer's request. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Hoops, second Hull to accept the June 2014 Treasurer Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

READING OF THE BILLS:

Current month's bills were read; claims 3989 thru 4033. Motion by Hoops, second Hull authorizing payment of the bills and electronic funds. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Cross Cartway – Thank You note from Sunde and Cross thanking the Board for their efforts
Lake County Recreation – Letter regarding membership to begin 01-01-15 if the Board wishes
LAKE COUNTY Planning & Zoning – Kandels, Brasel, Hedin, Smith
LAKE COUNTY Land Use – Crosser – Rental

ROAD & SAFETY:

Rick updated the Board with current projects. No issues on roads. Clerk was directed to contact mower for improved mowing at the cemetery. A push mower will be purchased for mowing around the garage. Replacement culvert purchases over the past few years have been at \$7,000 and we now need some more for replacements.

Hoops made a motion, second by Lampart to direct the Road Foreman to purchase culverts in the amount not to exceed \$7,500. Motion carried unanimously.

With Jason Barnard’s permission, his review was discussed outside of a closed personnel meeting. The review was conducted per his labor memorandum and any changes will take effect May 18, 2014. Grupe indicated that Barnard is called upon to be the step up foreman when Grupe is not around. Both Hoops and Grupe indicated that Barnard’s performance has been very good and he continues to make improvements. Both a base raise and a step-up rate were discussed. Hull indicated that it would be more efficient to set a fixed rate rather than separately tracking regular hours and step-up hours, not to mention over time hours for both.

Hull made a motion, second by Lampart to raise Barnard’s base hourly rate by \$.65, retroactive to May 18, 2014, without a “step-up foreman” title reclassification. Motion carried unanimously.

CASTLE DANGER and STEWART RIVER SUBORDINATE SERVICE DISTRICTS:

Reminder of the special meeting scheduled with the Lake County Board and our Board on July 29, 2014 at the Town Hall, 7:00 pm. The Clerk was directed to contact Wenck Engineering in order for someone to be present.

LAND USE:

Ron Linden filed a permit for a shed. Several properties are up for sale, as well as a lot of calls and visits regarding multiple properties along Highway 61.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Clerk updated the Board regarding the ATV Trail upgrade and financing meeting at Lake County. Bids are now out. Bids awarded hopefully by August 19th.

Town attorney Pete Morris and Tim Costley have now merged.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hoops made a motion, second by Lampart to approve the election judges for the Primary and General elections. Motion carried unanimously. Roll call Yes – Hoops, Lampart and Hull. Nay – None

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES
AND
ABSENTEE BALLOT BOARD
FOR
August 12, 2014 and November 4, 2014**

2014-7

Town of Silver Creek Resolution # 2014-7 Appointing Election Judges

Whereas, Minnesota Statutes Section 203B.121, subd.1 requires the Town Board, as the governing body of the Town, to appoint a ballot board to process all absentee ballots returned to the Town Clerk for the Primary Election scheduled to be held on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 ; and General Election scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014; and

Whereas, the ballot board must consist of election judges trained in the handling of absentee ballots, or staff trained as election judges; and

Whereas, even though only two members are required to meet whenever an absentee ballot needs to be processed, the ballot board must consist of at least the same number of members as the minimum number of required election judges for the town election, which pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 204B.22 has been determined to be 3 for both the Primary and General elections; and

Whereas, the Town Board for the Town of Silver Creek has appointed its election judges for the August 12, 2014 and November 4, 2014 elections as required by Minnesota Statutes Section 204B.21;

Laura Kleive, Wendy Langanki, Susan Hilliard, Jane Wick, Grace Marie Lousie Thureen, Nancy Mancini, Tamera Martineau, Sharon Larson, Suzan Whitney and Kristina Pirsig

Now Therefore Let It Be Resolved: That the Town Board for the Town of Silver Creek hereby appoints the following election judges to serve as the ballot board required to perform all duties required in the processing of absentee ballots required under Minnesota Statutes Section 203B.121 and all other applicable statutes and rules:

Laura Kleive, Wendy Langanki, Susan Hilliard, Jane Wick, Grace Marie Lousie Thureen, Nancy Mancini, Tamera Martineau, Sharon Larson, Suzan Whitney and Kristina Pirsig

Be It Further Resolved: That the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek hereby authorizes any member of the ballot board to be compensated as required by Minnesota Statutes Section 203B.121, when said member performs any required duty of the ballot board.

Be it further resolved: That the Town Clerk may appoint additional election judges, as well as absentee ballot board members, as needed.

Adopted by the Silver Creek Town Board, July 15, 2014

Signed by:

Attested to by:

Chairperson

Town Clerk

The contract for services with People Services, Inc was discussed. This is the company that provides support for our sewer services if and when Hoops and Grupe require assistance or when they are unavailable.

Hoops made a motion, second by Hull directing the Chairman to sign the contract with People Services, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Maher Trucking would like to bid on our garbage services. Grupe indicated that the Town owns our dumpster and simply puts a cone out on the road for John's Sanitary to stop and remove. Lampart didn't know that it thought Maher wouldn't provide that service.

Hoops informed the Board that we need to purchase a new lift-station 25 HP pump. Two have now failed – One stopped working earlier and while it is being repaired, the second pump has now failed. We will buy one now, have it installed, and then install one of the repaired pumps, while utilizing the second repaired pump as backup.

Hull made a motion, second by Lampart to purchase a new, best quality, 25 HP pump not to exceed \$25,000. Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk informed the Board that Lola Haus, current Lake County Auditor, is planning on holding a meet and greet at the Town Hall prior to the regular Board meeting on the 16th of September.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm upon motion by Hull, second Lampart. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Frederick R. Whitney, Clerk