

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK  
SPECIAL MEETING  
STEWART RIVER SUBORDINATE SEWER SERVICE DISTRICT  
July 29, 2014

A special meeting of the Town Board of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday July 29, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall for the purposes of discussing future directions for the Stewart River Service District. This was a joint work session with the Lake County Commissioners. Present were Supervisors – Mike Hoops, Greg Hull; Larry Lampart; Clerk – Frederick R. Whitney; Lake County Commissioners – Rich Sve, Rick Goutermont, Jeremy Hurd, Brad Jones and Peter Walsh; Lake County Administrator – Matthew Huddleston.

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

Hoops provided an update for the County Commissioners as to the entirety of the Stewart River Subordinate Sewer District – SRSSD – project. Hoops went through the background and history of the district creation, the need for the project, and original costs of construction along with the updated costs and finally, grant opportunities and loan/bonding avenues available for the project.

Estimated construction costs have increased due to the extensive ledge rock terrain along Highway 61 resulting in a more costly directional boring installation of the infrastructure. Updated grant opportunities funding the project now appear to be somewhat lower than estimated.

The Lake County Commissioners agreed for the need of this project. Funding avenues were discussed; State Bonding, Federal Bonding. Utilizing a lobbyist at the Federal level was discussed. Wenck Engineers was directed to look into the “Wooden Frog” project at Rainey River as to how funded and other grant opportunities they accessed.

While this project has become more of a challenge, the conclusion is that this it will continue. Due to the smaller size of the properties along Highway 61, normal sewer systems are not available. This limits their ability to expand the buildings on the properties. This limits development of the properties. And, this limits the ability for sale of the properties. As Highway 61 is repaired and upgraded in the future, these properties will be further impacted.

This project may in fact become a model for the entire North Shore Management Zone where multiple areas are under the very same constraints that exists along Highway 61 from Two Harbors to the Silver Creek tunnel.

Both Silver Creek and Lake County will pursue funding opportunities. All permit applications that are in process will continue. The project will continue.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frederick R. Whitney, Clerk