

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK  
CASTLE DANGER SUBORDINATE SERVICE DISTRICT MEETING  
September 2, 2014

The Castle Danger Subordinate Service District meeting of The Town Board was held on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at the Town Hall. Present were Supervisors – Mike Hoops, Larry Lampart, (Greg Hall was present later in the meeting via telephone); Clerk – Frederick R. Whitney; Deputy Clerk – Kristina Pirsig; Constituents – Tom Opfer, Don Wick and Leroger Lind.

Hoops called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

### CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:

LeRoger Lind asked regarding the new culvert work on East Castle Danger Road. Hoops updated regarding. Anticipated start time is late September. LeRoger noted that he had heard a pump alarm within Gooseberry Falls State Park. Hoops indicated that there was an update regarding within the Wastewater Operator's report.

### WASTEWATER OPERATOR'S QUARTERLY REPORT: September 2, 2014

*June – Received 0.7693 million gallons influent  
July – Received 0.9978 million gallons influent  
August – Received 1.0526 million gallons influent*

*The district received 41,500 gallons of trucked-in wastewater during this quarter.*

#### *Irrigation*

*June – Discharged 2.967 million gallons  
July – Discharged 3.583 million gallons  
August – Discharged 2.947 million gallons*

*I've been pushing the system as hard as possible to rid the ponds of excess water. There is light at the end of the tunnel. If we can discharge approximately 4 million gallons in the month of September we should be in good shape. This would require limited rainfall. To continue the discharge into October would be even better. Total, this season, is 12.319 million gallons.*

*The monitoring system on the irrigation is working even better than anticipated. There are one or two minor changes I would like to make. We will check on the cost. One is shutting off the back flush controller along with the irrigation. This is minimal. The second is to better define alarms that come in as a text, without going online to check.*

*Gooseberry Falls State Park – Again this year we have had weekends where the pumps would not keep up. We believed that we had some blockage in the lines as in past years. We proposed building a 110" driveway off the bike trail to the jetting ports we could not get to due to wet conditions. The park dug their feet on this. The weather cooperated and on Monday, August 26 we jetted those lines. We did not seem to improve the situation as much as we would like, however the pumps kept everything pumped on Labor Day weekend.*

*We believe we have other blockages further down the line as well as some crushing on one section that we did jet. We plan to do extensive repairs this winter while there is frost. Installing more jetting ports and digging up line where we have located obstructions is a priority. I have contacted Eric Blasing, our engineer to provide assistance with a possible solution. I will also be talking with MN Rural Water for help with the location of line and any ideas they might have.*

*Grease in Lift Station #1 – This grease has plagued us for several years and was not truly identified until the Lift Station failure on July 6. See my letter to the Rustic Inn and discussion to follow on meeting Town Clerk and I had with owner. Eric Blasing has also been made aware of this and has experience with grease interceptors. He will be involved in sizing unit.*

*All pumps in lift stations are now operating. We have 1 new pump on order and should arrive in October.*

*Service calls on failed pumps were performed as needed. We have purchased new grinder pumps to replace failed pumps. We no longer seem to be able to repair pumps due to age. When they are broke down they are scrap. Fortunately we do not replace the numbers of pumps we used to.*

*The auto start for the generators is working well, with only one short outage being observed. They do exercise themselves every Monday morning at 9 AM, saving about ½ hour per week of operator time. We also had the generators wet loaded to insure they were operating efficiently and had the cycles adjusted.*

*The line over Camper's Creek did thaw out in mid-June.*

*All monthly reports and sampling required by MPCA sent in a timely fashion.*

*Still working to resolve issues with County Coordinator, County Attorney and our legal counsel to move forward with the work that is required to complete enforcement action for zoning violations within the district. This is/has been an extremely slow process. The good news is the major violator's property has been sold and new owners plan to tear down structures in violation. Several properties in the district have been or are in the process of being sold. Proactively letting realtors know what they can tell prospective buyers as to zoning is challenging.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Hoops, Operator*

Lampart made a motion, second by Hoops, to accept the Operator's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES – June 3, 2014:**

The June minutes were available for review; they had been previously reviewed and approved by the Board.

**FINANCIALS & DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS:**

There were no accounts past due greater than 30 days.

**FINANCIAL REPORT – 08-31-14:**

**Interim Financial Report by Account Number (YTD)**

**As of 08/31/2014**

**600 - Enterprise Fund**

**Actual**

**Receipts:**

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	\$1,016.25
Special Assessments	\$14,704.29
Interest Earnings	\$102.05
Residential	\$10,615.22
Commercial	\$34,810.12
Connect/reconnect fees	<u>\$203.34</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$61,451.27</b>

**Disbursements:**

Sewer	<u>\$84,087.44</u>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$84,087.44</b>

**Other Financing Uses:**

Transfers to other Funds	\$1,000.00
<b>Beginning of Year Cash Balance</b>	\$71.03
<b>Outstanding 600 Fund Balance</b>	<b>(\$21,565.14)</b>

**602 - Enterprise - replacement**

**Actual**

**Receipts:**

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	\$0.00
Interest Earnings	\$77.00
Future Replacement	<u>\$15,197.93</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$15,274.93</b>

**Disbursements:**

Sewer	<u>\$12,633.44</u>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$12,633.44</b>
<b>Beginning Cash Balance</b>	\$39,562.74
<b>Outstanding 602 Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$42,204.23</b>

The Clerk noted that two expense items – \$12,175.00 and \$11,311.20 for the Generator Automated Transfer Switch & Pump purchases respectively had been run towards the 600 Fund in error. The Clerk

will correct the entries and place them into the 602 Fund within CTAS; our accounting software. These corrections will bring the 600 Fund back into a positive balance.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

See wastewater operator's report. Hoops and Whitney updated all regarding the Tidball property variance issues. The property has been purchased by John Frischmann who has indicated that they will be tearing down the buildings that are in violation and then reconstructing within setback.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Clerk discussed the need for a new laptop. New accounting software from the State is coming in late Fall. Hoops indicated that he too wanted a laptop for CDSSD; (he is currently utilizing his own computer). Additionally, all MPCA water permit reporting is running online versus paper reporting. Hoops suggested that he take the Clerk's laptop, while the Clerk purchase two new laptops for Township use – Clerk and Deputy Clerk.

It was noted that both Hoops and Lampart will not be available for the Town's regular meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September. The Clerk contacted Hull via phone to establish a new meeting date.

Hoops made a motion, second by Lampart to reschedule the regular meeting for Thursday, September 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

**CASTLE DANGER LAND USE and STEWART RIVER WASTEWATER PROJECT:**

Frischmann (Tidball); Gooseberry Cabins – possible building & variance applications; Ardelle Johnson – possible new home construction start.

There is a restrictive covenant on the 80 acres where our potential site for the SRSSD treatment facilities will be located. This covenant only allows for hiking, snowmobile and ski trails. The Clerk will be contacting the recreational trail club in order to see if they will allow these facilities. Please note that roughly 17 acres, or less, of the 80 acres would be utilized by SRSSD facilities.

Funding sources are still being investigated. The application process continues. The County lobbyist has been contacted. The Clerk has the contact information of the MN PCA lobbyist at the Federal level and will be contacting her for direction.

**ADJOURN:**

Larry made the motion to adjourn at 7:48 p.m., second by Hoops. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frederick R. Whitney, Clerk