

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
REGULAR MEETING
October 14, 2014

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at the Town Hall. Present were Supervisors – Mike Hoops, Greg Hull and Larry Lampart; Clerk – Frederick R. Whitney; Treasurer – Bobbi Gilbert; Road Foreman – Rick Grupe; Constituents – Karen Erickson, Tom Opfer and LeRoger Lind.

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

CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:

LeRoger Lind inquired as to the notification of the Gooseberry Cabins Variance hearing. The Clerk informed LeRoger that the notice was mailed to all land owners within a ¼ mile, the notice was published in the Northshore Journal, (the Town's legal paper), the Town's bulletin board at the Town Hall, all as required, and had been posted on the Town's web calendar and website as a courtesy. The notice on the website had been there, was removed inadvertently, and was reposted. LeRoger inquired as to the timing of the East Castle Danger road culvert installation. The Clerk indicated that all easement documents were in hand, however the Army Corps of Engineers had not as yet supplied their permit; construction cannot begin without that permit.

REVIEW MINUTES:

Motion by Hull, second by Lampart, to accept the 09/25/2014 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

TOSC checking: \$50,606.43 and TOSC savings: \$760,917.10 for a total of \$811,523.53.

Motion by Hoops, second by Lampart to transfer \$40,000 from savings to checking as per the Treasurer's request. Motion carried unanimously.

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

READING OF THE BILLS:

Current month's bills were read; claims 4128 to 4158.

Motion by Hull, second by Lampart, authorizing payment of the bills and electronic funds. Motion carried unanimously.

RECESS MEETING – 7:30

RECONVENED MEETING – 7:58

CORRESPONDENCE:

- LAKE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Memo from Krysten S. Foster, P.E. as to Road & Bridge funding opportunities, as well as an update as to Highway project update
- LAKE COUNTY Land Use – Anderson
- Federated COOP – Safety brochure.
- U of Mn and Great Lakes Restoration – “Field Guide for Maintaining Rural Roadside Ditches”

ROAD & SAFETY:

Rick updated the Board with current projects – truck repair, salt/sand is ready, fiber installations and the difficulties which have now been resolved. He indicated that he and Jason have 2 wastewater training opportunities - \$300 per session. The Board directed Jason to attend one of the sessions and Rick the

other. Rick confirmed that we hadn't received the Army Corp's permit and we won't proceed without the permit.

With regard to the power angle plow and the DNR, Rick updated the Board that the DNR would like to keep the current agreement; being charged by the Town for plow services, as oppose to a fixed set annual amount of \$3,000 - \$5,000 per year regardless of snowfall. The Board directed the foreman to charge the DNR for all plow services and to not plow if the DNR won't pay.

**OLD BUSINESS:
Lake County Forestry - Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LAKE COUNTY TO WITHHOLD
APPORTIONMENT FROM TAX FORFEITED LANDS
2014-8

WHEREAS, The Town Board of Silver Creek Township, Lake County, Minnesota, received a request from Nathan D. Eide, Lake County Forestry Department Land Commissioner asking that the Town Board authorize Lake County to withhold apportionment from tax forfeited lands for the purpose of payments on the Clair A. Nelson Memorial Forest until 2022 when scheduled payments are complete, or when the Forestry/Land department has fully paid for the land.

WHEREAS, This request is effective retroactively to January 1, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the town board of Silver Creek Township Lake County, Minnesota hereby authorizes Lake County to withhold apportionment from tax forfeited lands for the purpose of payments on the Clair A. Nelson Memorial Forest until 2022 when scheduled payments are complete, or when the Forestry/Land department has fully paid for the land. This is effective retroactively to January 1, 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the town board chair and town clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute this resolution and to contact the Lake County Land Commissioner and the Lake County Auditor of this authorization.

Adopted this 14 day of October, 2014 by the following vote:

Town Supervisor	Yes	No
<i>Greg Hull</i>		X
<i>Larry Lampart</i>	X	
<i>Mike Hoops</i>	X	

Attest: *Frederick R. Whitney*
Frederick R. Whitney, Town Clerk

Mike Hoops
Mike Hoops, Board Chair

Whitney presented the resolution that was originally agreed to by the Board in August and is now ready for the Board to formally approve.

Hoops made a motion, second by Lampart, to approve Resolution 2014-8. Motion carried,

Voting Yea – Hoops and Lampart; Voting Nay – Hull

The purchase of a new power angle plow was discussed again. The Board agreed to hold any purchase at this time.

Stewart River Service District – Hoops updated the Board as to the SRSSD. Applications are still in process. Funding remains an issue. Hull indicated that he had not as yet pursued any County level funding opportunities such as a County Bond Issue. Additionally, the 80 acre parcel where the plant could be located does in fact have some covenants that would prohibit the installation of the plant on the parcel. The Clerk has contacted the past President of the Ski Club regarding. The Ski Club would need to release, or adjust, the covenant on the property in order for the SRSSD plant to be constructed on the parcel. The Clerk reminded the Board that of the 80 acres, the plant would require 15 acres, or less; in fact, only the building would be visible which is even less acreage.

NEW BUSINESS:

Per meeting stipend for the Deputy Clerk – The Clerk requested the Board to approve a meeting stipend for the Deputy Clerk in the amount of \$50 per meeting

Hull made a motion, second by Lampart, to set a \$50 per meeting stipend for the Deputy Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm upon motion by Hull, second by Hoops. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick R. Whitney, Clerk