

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
REGULAR MEETING
December 16, 2014

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at the Town Hall. Present were Supervisors – Mike Hoops, Greg Hull and Larry Lampart; Clerk – Frederick R. Whitney; Deputy Clerk – Kristina Pirsig; Treasurer – Bobbi Gilbert.

Hoops called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:

None.

REVIEW MINUTES:

Motion by Hull, second by Lampart, to accept the 11/18/2014 Regular Meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hoops, second by Hull, to accept the 12/09/2014 CDSSD Quarterly meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

TOSC checking: \$55,233.01 and TOSC savings: \$735,846.09 for a total of \$791,079.10.

Motion by Hoops, second by Lampart to transfer \$70,000 from savings to checking as per the Treasurer's request. Motion carried unanimously.

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

READING OF THE BILLS:

Current month's bills were read; claims 4205 to 4239.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- COOP Light and Power- Dividend allocation notices
- COOP Light and Power – Christmas card
- LAKE COUNTY Forestry letter withdrawing their request of withholding apportionment of Tax Forfeited profits.
- NORTRAX – Christmas card
- LAKE COUNTY Land Use – Barfus and Buscher.

ROAD & SAFETY:

Foreman was on vacation. The Clerk indicated that the new sweeper is not functioning properly; it works slowly in the forward position and normally in the reverse position. Nortrax was been called some weeks ago, but still hasn't come to service.

STEWART RIVER SERVICE DISTRICT: The Clerk read the email received from our engineers, Wenck Engineering, indicating that Peter Miller continues to work with Rich Sve regarding State Bond funding possibilities. Hoops indicated that he is attempting to arrange a meeting in St. Paul sometime in January with Senator Bakk and Representative Dill for the purpose of discussing State Bonding.

Hull indicated that he will follow up with the Ski Club and the covenants that are in place on the 80 acres we own and want to use for the SRSSD plant.

OLD BUSINESS:

Audit RFP – Whitney updated the Board as to the RFP for audit services. Four RFP requests have been sent out. One firm just declined to respond and our current auditors have responded. The current auditor response is roughly 55% higher than last year's fee. The Clerk will follow up on that response while waiting for others to respond. The Clerk extended the submission deadline to December 31, 2014. Hoop suggested that we look into borrowing the remaining balance from The Lake Bank if we wouldn't need such an expensive audit. Hull indicated that he would follow up with The Lake Bank. The Clerk indicated that he would look into any early payoff penalties, or issues with our State PFA lender, due to an early payoff.

NEW BUSINESS:

Set Board Meeting Dates/Times:

2015 BOARD MEETING DATES

TUESDAYS AT 6:00 P.M. (except where noted) AT THE TOWN HALL

January 20, 2015	Regular
February 10, 2015	Budget & Levy working meeting 4:00 P.M.
February 17, 2015	Regular (Board of Audit to meet during this meeting)
March 3, 2015	Castle Danger Subordinate Sewer District - CDSSD
March 10, 2015	TOWN ELECTION – Noon to 8:00 P.M.
March 10, 2015	ELECTION VOTE CANVAS – 8:05 P.M.
March 10, 2015	ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – 8:15 P.M.
March 17, 2015	Regular
April 7, 2015	CDSSD Rate Hearing
April 14, 2015	Regular
May 14, 2015	ROAD TOUR – Tentative - 7:00 A.M.
May 19, 2015	Regular 7:00 P.M.
June 2, 2015	Castle Danger Subordinate Sewer District 7:00 P.M.
June 16, 2015	Regular 7:00 P.M.
July 14, 2015	Regular 7:00 P.M.
August 18, 2015	Regular (Reconvene annual meeting if needed) 7:00 P.M.
September 1, 2015	Castle Danger Subordinate Sewer District 7:00 P.M.
September 15, 2015	Regular 7:00 P.M.
October 13, 2015	Regular 7:00 P.M.
November 17, 2015	Regular
December 8, 2015	Castle Danger
December 15, 2015	Regular

Motion by Hull, second by Lampart to approve the 2015 meeting dates. Motion carried unanimously.

Proclamation – January 2015, Human Trafficking Awareness Month: The Clerk read the proposed Proclamation.

PROCLAMATION
In recognition of
Human Trafficking Awareness Month
January, 2015

WHEREAS, January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Advocates for Freedom will be joining millions of Americans nationwide in recognizing the growing need to stop human trafficking.

WHEREAS, the United States has made great strides in preventing the occurrence of modern slavery, prosecuting traffickers and dismantling their criminal networks, and protecting victims and survivors, our work is not done. We stand with those throughout the state of Minnesota who are working every day to end modern slavery, bring traffickers to justice, and empower survivors to reclaim their rightful freedom.

WHEREAS, the efforts by individuals, businesses, organizations, and governing bodies to promote the observance of "Human Trafficking Awareness Month" in January of each year represents one of the examples of the ongoing commitment in the state of Minnesota to raise awareness of and to actively combat human trafficking.

WHEREAS, the governmental entities of Lake County, City of Two Harbors, City of Silver Bay, City of Beaver Bay, and Local Townships, are committed to public awareness of Human and Sex Trafficking in an effort to eradicate this heinous act against humanity;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED, we, the Board of the Town of Silver Creek, hereby proclaim January, 2015, as "Human and Sex Trafficking Awareness Month" and urge all citizens to educate themselves about all forms of modern slavery and the signs and consequences of human trafficking.

Together, we can combat this crime and join with our partners throughout Lake County and Minnesota to end this injustice.

Motion by Hoops, second by Lampart to authorize the Chairman to sign the proclamation as it is presented by the committee. Motion carried with Hull abstaining indicating that the Town Board should not be making this type of proclamation, but rather that it is a law enforcement / criminal justice issue.

Northeast Service Cooperative (NESC) Fiber Project support: The Clerk read an email requesting the Board's support of this project. This project is not to be confused with their support of the Lake Connections Broadband project that they supported a few years ago. After discussion, the Board decided to table the request.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm upon motion by Lampart, second by Hull. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Frederick R. Whitney, Clerk