

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
REGULAR MEETING
January 20, 2015

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 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; Road Foreman – Rick Grupe; Wenck Engineering – Eric Blasing and Constituent – Larry Guentzel

Hoops called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:

None.

STEWART RIVER SUBORDINATE SERVICE DISTRICTS:

Eric Blasing reported regarding the meeting at the state capital with Bakke, Dill, Rural Development, Hoops, Whitney and Wenck. Rural Development went over their outstanding comments/questions. Wenck is completing the response to some 21 items. A few “significant items”; a Phase 1 Archeological dig will be required; Eric will get another proposal from Duluth Archeology in regards to the “shovel test,” Superior Shores, as a significant user will need to submit a letter of support and their financials and finally, a letter of support from the City of Two Harbors.

Discussion was held about how much money could be received from Rural Development, IRRRB, and how much would have to be requested for the State Bond. Bakke and Dill stated that more money should be requested than what we had originally requested for inflation costs. We need to get the legislative money first and then worry about where we are getting the grant money from.

Eric indicated that a Township Resolution will be required in the bond application. Whitney will pull the resolution together.

Motion by Hoops, second by Lampart, to call a Special Meeting for January 29, 2015 at 7pm at the Town Hall for the purpose of accepting the resolution for the state application. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Hull, second by Hoops, to approve the transfer of \$1,000 for the sewer truck costs. Motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW MINUTES:

Motion by Hull, second by Hoops, to accept the 12/16/2014 Regular Meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

TTOSC checking: \$81,089.62 and TTOSC savings: \$889,620.97 for a total of \$970,710.59.

Motion by Hoops, second by Lampart to transfer \$15,000 from savings to checking as per the Treasurer’s request. Motion carried unanimously.

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

READING OF THE BILLS:

Current month’s bills were read; Claims 5849 to 5876, payrolls and electronic transactions from 12-22-2014 thru 01-20-2015.

Motion by Hull, second by Lampart, authorizing payment of the bills and electronic funds as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously; with Hoops abstaining on sewer manager payroll – Disbursement # 0120201509.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Sue Turnquist – Invitation to January 26th Sex Trafficking Open House
- Lake County – Conditional Land Use – Verizon tower installation

ROAD & SAFETY:

Foreman Grupe reported that the Beargrease Sled Dog race is set to start on Saturday. They have gone up and prepared the gravel pit where the race will start this year due to lack of snow.

Foreman Grupe requests that we open a charge account at the Little Store. This would make it easier to purchase fuel without needed to have the credit card which is often times left at the garage.

Motion by Lampart, second by Hull, to authorize the Clerk to open a charge account at the Little Store with a limit of \$2,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Foreman Grupe reported that they are making heaters for the grinder pumps.

Foreman Grupe requests that the board consider building into the budget upgrading the loader before we are finished paying of the excavator. The cost of a new loader is approximately \$145,000. Foreman Grupe also passed out information about new panels for the sewer system. This system would be ideal if money were no object.

Update was given on the broom. Nortrax sent a mechanic that meet with Foreman Grupe. The bottom line is that the broom is operating the way that it was intended.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ski Club – Hull hasn't been able to make contact but will keep trying.

Audit RFP – Whitney updated the Board as to the RFP for audit services. Walker, Grioux and Hahne has come down to \$9,000 - \$9,500 - \$10,000. By getting a loan through the Lake Bank instead of PFA we would pay the Lake Bank approximately \$11,000 just in the first year. Lake Bank is going to check to see if we can even get a loan through them for a refinance. Our loan would be of a size that they would require a "participation loan", as well as an audit. It also needs to be considered that if we are going to go ahead with SRSSD, we are going to have to have an outside audit because of that PFA loan. Whitney's recommendation is that we stay with Walker, Grioux and Hahne.

Motion by Hull, second by Lampart, to empower the Board Chairman and Clerk to sign the agreement with Walker, Grioux and Hahne that provides our audit for the years 2014, 2015, and 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

2015 IRS Mileage:

Motion by Hoops, second by Lampart to approve the 2015 IRS mileage rate of \$.575. Motion carried unanimously.

Reschedule April 14th Regular Meeting:

Motion by Hull, second by Lampart to approve the rescheduling of the April 14th Regular Meeting to April 21st. Motion carried unanimously.

Reschedule April 7th CDSSD Rate Hearing Meeting:

Motion by Hull, second by Lampart to approve the rescheduling of the April 7th CDSSD Rate Hearing Meeting to April 14th. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve the ALCCTO Semi-Annual Meeting:

Motion by Hull, second by Lampart to approve the ALCCTO Semi-Annual meeting for April 8, 2015, 6:00 pm at the Town Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting:

Motion by Hull, second by Lampart to approve the "COW" meeting for October 20, 2015, 6:00 pm at the Town Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

Election Judges and Absentee Ballot Board Resolution:

Hoops made a motion, second by Lampart, to approve Resolution 2015-1. Motion carried,

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES
AND
ABSENTEE BALLOT BOARD
FOR
MARCH 10, 2015 TOWNSHIP ELECTION
2015-1**

Town of Silver Creek Resolution # 2015-1 Appointing the 2015 Election Judges and Absentee Ballot Board

Whereas, Minnesota Statutes Section 203B.121, subd. 1 requires the Town Board, as the governing body of the Town, to appoint election judges and a ballot board to process all absentee ballots returned to the Town Clerk for the town election scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 ; 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 the March 10, 2015 election for the Town of Silver Creek; and

Whereas, the Town Board for the Town of Silver Creek has appointed its election judges for the March 10, 2015 election as required by Minnesota Statutes Section 204B.21;

Wendy Langanki, Tamera Martineau, Sue Hilliard, Jennifer Havlick

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:

Wendy Langanki, Tamera Martineau, Sue Hilliard, Jennifer Havlick

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, January 20, 2015

Signed by: Attested to by:

Chairperson

Town Clerk

Voting Yea – Hoops, Lampart and Hull.

Candidates Filed:

Candidates filed for the March 10, 2015 elections as of 5:00 pm January 13, 2015

- Supervisor – 3 year term - Larry Guentzel
- Treasurer – 2 year term - Bobbie Gilbert

Little Store Gas Charge:

Lampart made a motion, second by Hull, directing the Clerk to open a gas charge account, up to a \$2,000 limit, for Township Trucks at the Two Harbors Little Store. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm upon motion by Hull, second by Lampart. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Pirsig, Deputy Clerk