

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
REGULAR MEETING
February 17, 2015

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, February 17, 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

Hoops called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:

None.

Fred Whitney brought up that we don't have anything as far as public forum that we only address constituents concerns and sometimes we have other people attending meetings. Hoops said that we can change it to say: Constituent Concerns and Other Voices.

STEWART RIVER SUBORDINATE SERVICE DISTRICT:

Whitney had forwarded an email to everyone from Eric Blasing at Wenck Associates who was hoping to speak to Julie at Senator Bakk's office. Everything is still moving forward.

CASTLE DANGER SUBORDINATE SERVICE DISTRICT:

Fred Whitney was speaking with that auditor's office and brought up Gooseberry Village. Gooseberry Village is in the Year of Default. Lake County is going to start proceeding with forfeiture, etc. We won't see any revenue until it either goes back to the state/county or sold. Whitney will find out what the process is for us to get the township money.

Motion by Hoops, second by Hull, to have the Clerk take necessary action with Lake County regarding Gooseberry Village. Motion carried unanimously

REVIEW MINUTES:

Motion by Hoops, second by Hull, to accept the 1/20/2015 Regular Meeting minutes as amended: strike Little Store at bottom. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hull, second by Hoops, to accept 1/29/2015 Special Meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hull, second by Hoops, to accept 2/10/2015 Budget Work Session with the following changes:

- Interest on Debt Service \$106,500 (original \$9,000)
- User Fees \$113,236
- Special Assessments might be high. Whitney is looking into this.

Motion carried unanimously

BOARD ACTIONS:

Move all items to New Business

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Have Not closed out the books yet.

TTOSC checking: \$46,000.43 and TTOSC savings: \$876,914.19 for a total of \$922,914.62.

Motion by Lampart, second by Hoops to transfer \$25,000 from savings to checking as per the Treasurer's request. Motion carried unanimously.

Hoops asked about the Cemetery Perpetual Maintenance Fund. The interest gained on this account is kept in the savings but not broken out. Whitney suggested that we use a percentage of Taconite Funds. There should be another \$500 in that account. Whitney will make that change.

Motion by Hull, second by Lampart to accept the January 2015 Treasurer Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD OF AUDIT:

Motion by Hull, second by Lampart to accept the Board of Audit. Motion carried unanimously.

READING OF THE BILLS:

Current month's bills were read; Claims 4281 to 4322, payrolls and electronic transactions from 2/12/2015 thru 2/19/2015.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter from Land Stewardship Project
- Lake County –Land Use – Verizon tower installation

ROAD & SAFETY:

Motion by Hull, second by Lampart, to designate the money from the sale of the 5 – 40's (whatever the actual amount is which is approximately \$41,000) from Lake County, for Foreman Grupe to acquire tools, machines as he deems useful for road maintenance with no time limits on the money and at his discretion. Motion carried unanimously.

Foreman Grupe reported the fuel purchased for 2014. \$19,786.90 for 5307 gallons.

Foreman Grupe is letting Jason make decisions on road maintenance. In April we should update the year-to-year agreement with Rick. He will be gone from March 14th to April 14th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Group Life Insurance– We will deal with this after the elections.

Date for Board of Appeal and Equalization – May 7, 2015, 1:00 p.m.

Motion by Hull, second by Lampart to approve the Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting for May 7, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously

Reschedule Road Tour - May 7, 2015, 7:00 a.m.

Motion by Hull, second by Hoops, to approve the Road Tour for May 7, 2015 at 7:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously

Approve survey for Loop Road -

Motion by Hoops, second by Hull, to have Sam Parker survey the Loop Road. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Identify % for Taconite Revenue:

Hull suggested that we take the excess of what's budgeted and put it into a Capital Improvements Fund. Then at the end of each year it can be reviewed and decided what the township needs are.

Motion by Hull, second by Hoops institute a financial policy regarding taconite funds that come into TTOSC. First distribute funds by budgeted amount. Second the excess money will be designated and segregated for capital projects as designated the Board. This will be done only once the money is received and done at the regular meeting in December. At no time will funds be encumbered prior to receipt. Motion carried unanimously.

At the April meeting we will do fund transfers for 2014.

Approve 2016 Budget:

Motion by Hull, second by Lampart to approve the 2016 Budget for presentation at the Annual Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hull, second by Hoops to approve the recommended 2016 Levy. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Update:

It has been brought to the Boards attention that the Treasurer will no longer meet the residency requirements of the job beginning in September. Hull asks that the Deputy Treasurer be brought up to speed on the job.

Adjourn:

Motion by Hull, seconded by Lampart to adjourn the meeting at 8:26pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Pirsig, Deputy Clerk