

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
REGULAR MEETING
May 19, 2015

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at the Town Hall. Present were Supervisors – Mike Hoops, Greg Hull and Larry Guentzel; Clerk – Fred Whitney; Deputy Clerk – Kristina Pirsig; Treasurer – Bobbi Gilbert; Deputy Treasurer – Jamie Pellman; Road Foreman – Rick Grupe; Constituents: Tom Opfer and Rich Sve

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

CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:

NONE

REVIEW MINUTES:

4.21.2015 Regular/Reorganization Meeting

Amend, under Constituent Concerns: *Greg Hull asks Road Foreman Rick Grupe for permission to run trucks while the road bans are on to Greg Hull asks Road Foreman Rick Grupe for permission to run trucks while the road bans are in place.*

Amend, under Correspondence: *Land Use Application – Agate Bay Gun Club and Northern Rail Train car Suites to Land Use Application – Agate Bay Gun Club and Northern Rail Traincar Suites.*

Amend, under New Business: *Review bid for town road mowing services to Review bid for town mowing services.*

Amend, under New Business: *Ski Club Discussion to Cedar Road Discussion.*

Amend, under New Business: *Land Use Application: Strenge, B.L. They want to build a fence that is 8" high. To They want to build a fence that is 8' high. Also strike sentence in regard to prior precedence set.*

Amend, under Board Reorganization: *Clerk/Land Use Administrator – add utilize prior to existing Per Diem...*

Amend, under Board Reorganization: *Forestry – Motion by Hoops, seconded by Guentzel to appoint Greg Hoops to the Lake County Forestry Board. Motion carried unanimously. To Forestry – Motion by Hoops, seconded by Guentzel to appoint Greg Hull to the Lake County Forestry Board. Motion carried unanimously.*

Amend, at the bottom of the first page: *Motion by Hull to recess the Regular Meeting at 6:39pm, second by Hoops. ADD Hoops reconvened the meeting at 7:24pm.*

*Motion by Greg Hull, second by Larry Guentzel to accept the Regular/Board Reorganizational meeting minutes of May 19, 2015 as amended. **Motion Carried***

4.21.2015 CDSSD Rate Hearing Meeting

*Motion by Greg Hull, second by Larry Guentzel to accept the CDSSD Rate Hearing meeting minutes of April 21, 2015 as presented. **Motion Carried***

5.7.2015 Board of Equalization

*Motion by Greg Hull, second by Larry Guentzel to accept the Board of Equalization meeting minutes of May 7, 2015 as presented. **Motion Carried***

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Fred Whitney presents the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Bobbi Gilbert. Presents the Clerk's report and Greg's Worksheet. Whitney has made the changes on Greg's worksheet so that it comes out to our ending balance.

TTOSC checking: \$34,105.89 and TTOSC savings: \$948,060.19 for a total of \$982,166.08.

There was a \$5.20 Sewer Batch Fee that will be carried over until next month.

Clerk requests that \$100,000 be transferred from savings.

Motion by Hoops, second by Hull to transfer \$100,000 from savings to checking as per the Clerk's request. Motion carried unanimously.

Whitney reports that in the middle of the month there had to be a \$30,000 transfer from savings to checking. Hoops had been notified about this transfer.

Whitney reports that we received a payment of \$131.98 cash that never made it to the bank. Whitney suggests that we write this off as a cost of doing business however if this becomes a pattern then we will have to look into it.

Whitney reports on Greg's Spreadsheet and how it got messed up. It is now fixed.

Hoops requests a disbursement list every month.

Discussion on Greg's worksheet.

Motion by Guentzel, second by Hoops to accept the April 2015 Treasurer Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER RICH SVE:

Commissioner Sve updates the board on some of the happenings going on in Lake County.

READING OF THE BILLS:

Current month's bills were read; Claims 4408 to 4440, payrolls and electronic transactions thru 5/21/2015.

Motion by Hull, second by Guentzel, authorizing payment of the bills and electronic funds as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously. Hoops abstained from voting on disbursement # 0423201509 and Guentzel abstained from voting on disbursement # 0416201542.

Greg Hull asks the board if they could take a 5 minute recess. Granted

Hoops calls the board back to order at 8:37pm.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- MN DOT District Meeting
- Lake County Planning and Zoning
 - Mark Carr
 - Jacob Bushe
 - Michael Elling
 - Decker
 - Tim O'Brien
 - Assmussen's
- MTAIT Insurance Due in July will pay the premium before the survey is finished.
- GTS workshop

ROAD & SAFETY:

Road Foreman Rick Grupe updates the board on the East Castle Danger Culvert project. The culvert will be set tomorrow.

Road Ban signs came down yesterday.

Greg Hull requests that equestrian signs be put up on the Alger Grade because there are equestrian riders on the road. Rick will check with the county sign plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review bids for town mowing services –

1. North Harbor services (current)
\$3250 Castle Danger Waste Water
\$2250 Cemetery
\$5500 Total

2. Eckland Services
\$4800 Cemetery/Town Hall
\$3500 Castle Danger Waste Water
\$8300 Total

Motion by Hoops to accept the bid from North Harbor Services.

Discussion on the cost of purchasing a mower

Second to accept motion made by Hoops. Motion carried unanimously.

Taconite Disbursements –

There is an excess of \$69,090.89 in taconite funds. However there are some funds that are under budget. Whitney suggests that we move the money around so that at minimum each fund is zeroed out per the budget.

Hoops suggests we move this money into a separate line item so that it is there if there aren't any taconite funds to be disbursed.

Motion by Hull, second by Guentzel, to move \$69,090.89 into a new fund called Capital Improvements and this year we DO NOT adjust the other funds. When we get the 2015 funds and adjust the other funds so that they are fully funded according to our budget, in January before the 2015 book are closed. Motion carried unanimously.

Cancel Variance Hearing: Streng, B.L. –

Motion by Hoops, second by Guentzel to cancel the variance hearing for Brent Streng. Motion carried unanimously.

Town Road – Easement Costs

Hoops presents a worksheet reviewing different possibilities for easement costs.

Hoops recommends that the cost not exceed \$10,200 per acre for the parcel with \$400 for the temporary easement.

Hoops is wondering what the value of the trees is? That can be added to the price.

Motion by Hull, second by Guentzel that the chairman go into negotiations with Roy Sipper to negotiate both a temporary and permanent easement with the cost of the permanent easement not to exceed \$10,200 per acre and the temporary easement not to exceed the cost of \$500 excluding the timber value. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Road Mowing:

We are looking for someone to mow once in June with a sickle bar or disc mower to do a drop cut on the township roads. Request made to have the Clerk put an ad in the North Shore Journal.

Attorney Retainer Agreements:

1. Costley & Morris (Current)
\$1500 retainer
\$135/hr for township business
\$200/hr reimbursable
2. Conrow Law Office
NO retainer
\$90/hr for township/reimbursable business

Motion by Hull, second by Guentzel to enter into agreement with Conrow Law Office and retain them as the official township attorney and authorize the supervisor to sign.

Costley & Morris are still dealing with the Cedar Road property. Do we continue with Costley or switch to Conrow?

Motion by Guentzel, second by Hull, to bring Conrow up to speed with the Cedar Road Property and discontinue doing business with Costley & Morris. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed modification to Cemetery Rules & Regulations:

Motion by Hoops, second by Hoops to adopt Resolution 2015-7. Motion carried unanimously.

Review CDSSD Land Use Ordinances:

Our sign policy is more stringent than Lake County as well as a couple others are more stringent than Lake County. Hoops suggest printing a copy and taking a look at it as it hasn't been reviewed for 5 years.

Paul Iverson:

On June 10th at 3:30pm there will be a presentation about Lake County HAS. Hull and Guentzel will try to go. Clerk will post the event.

Clerk/Deputy Clerk:

Whitney suggests to the board that he be appointed as the Deputy Clerk and that Krysty Pirsig be appointed as the Clerk. Discussion about terms of Clerk's position:

\$1500 base salary
\$25 internet
\$25 cell phone

Adjourn:

Motion by Hull, seconded by Guentzel to adjourn the meeting at 11:15pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Pirsig, Deputy Clerk