

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 15, 2015

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at the Town Hall. Present were Supervisors – Mike Hoops, Greg Hull and Larry Guentzel; Clerk – Kristina Pirsig; Deputy Clerk – Frederick Whitney (absent); Treasurer – Jamie Pellman; Deputy Treasurer – Bobbi Salakka (absent); Town Foremen – Rick Grupe and Eric Warnecke

Visitors Present: Gayle Coyer, Jo Swanson and LeRoger Lind

Hoops called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:**

LeRoger Lind asked about speed limits in the Township. Hull and Hoops explained the density requirements are set by the State of Minnesota. Lind asked about advisory signs. The Board agreed that the advisory signs have shown to do little in slowing traffic on the Press Camp Rd.

**Superior Hiking Trail:** Gayle Coyer presented the Superior Hiking Trail Reroute to the Board.

Motion by Hoops, seconded by Hull, to support this project as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Hoops instructed the Clerk to send a letter to the county supporting this project once we are notified about the conditional use permit.

**REVIEW MINUTES:**

**11.17.2015 Regular Meeting**

Motion by Hull, second by Guentzel to accept the Regular meeting minutes of November 17, 2015 as amended. *Motion Carried*

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Jamie Pellman presented the Treasurer's Report.

TTOSC checking: \$34,288.87 and TTOSC savings: \$857,888.51 for a total of \$888,623.07. CTAS balance: \$888,627.92. CTAS is short by \$4.85 due to 1 Batch Fee that is in transit.

Treasurer requested that \$55,000 be transferred from savings to checking.

Motion by Hoops, second by Guentzel to transfer \$55,000 from savings to checking as per the Treasurer's request. *Motion carried.*

Motion by Hull, seconded by Guentzel to accept the November 2015 Treasurer Report as presented. *Motion Carried.*

**READING OF THE BILLS:**

Current month's bills were read; Claims 4715 - 4758, payrolls and electronic transactions thru 12/17/2015.

Motion by Guentzel, seconded by Hull, authorizing payment of the bills and electronic funds as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Guentzel abstained from voting on disbursement #1026201542.

**Hoops recessed the meeting at 7:11 pm.**

**Meeting reconvened the meeting at 7:43 pm.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Lake County Board of Adjustment
  - Paul Fish
- Lake County Land Use Permits
  - Lake Superior School District
- Christmas Card from Nortrax
- Certificate of Membership: MN Rural Water
- Lake Bank ACH Agreement

## **ROAD & SAFETY:**

Town Foreman Eric Warnecke reports that the roads are bad. Town Foreman Rick Grupe said that they fixed the roads but with the weather it's making them bad again.

Hull asked about culverts. Are there going to be any problems with freezing? Grupe and Warnecke both agreed that it doesn't appear that there are going to be any problems.

Warnecke reports that they laid some cleaner material on the West Castle Danger Rd. Warnecke and Neil Udenberg graded the Press Camp Rd. and they attempted to fix the Clark Rd but couldn't do much more than what they did.

Grupe reported that Warnecke and Barnard are fixing machinery. Grupe has about 280 hours left to use before his end date of April 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Cedar Road Property Update:**

Clerk reported that we have the Quit Claim Deed from Canadian National Railroad. Attempted to record it today. Should be recorded by next meeting.

Supervisor Hull reported that he spoke with Town Attorney Russ Conrow. He said that there are a couple of problems with the easement. It was decided that the best course of action is a memorandum of understanding. John Cron has emailed Hull stating that they are an entity and forwarded the incorporation papers. However, they weren't incorporated until 2 months after they received the property from the railroad. Hull will continue to work with the Ski Club.

- **Betty Veness Property:**

Discussion was had about who owns that property now.

Motion by Hoops, seconded by Hull, to have Town Attorney Russ Conrow send a letter the purchaser of the Betty Veness property that had the Township's Pest House on it and offer the land for \$500 plus legal fees. Motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Designate Absentee Voting Place**

Motion by Hull, seconded by Guentzel, to designate the absentee voting place at 1924 Town Rd., Two Harbors, MN 55616 (Clerk's Office). Motion carried unanimously.

- **Designate March Election Polling Place**

Motion by Hull, seconded by Guentzel, to designate the Town Hall as the March 2016 Election Polling Place. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Designate March 2016 Polling Hours**

Motion by Hull, seconded by Hoops, to designate the March 2016 Election Hours as Noon to 8pm. Motion carried unanimously.

- Cemetery Regulation Proposal:  
Hull requests that the following be put into the Cemetery Regulations: **The preceding conditions shall not be construed to limit the Board of Supervisors from considering unique or special circumstances, and permitting the burial or inurnment of individuals they deem fit within the general intent and purpose of the Silver Creek Town Cemetery. (Added at the end of Section 4).**

Motion by Hull, seconded by Guentzel, to adopt this statement to the Cemetery Regulations.

Discussion: Hoops asks about Section 8 and vaults. Minnesota allows for green burials. This is something that should be looked at.

Hoops supported motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- Cemetery Kiosk: Hull spoke to his brother Denver about the best way to go about having the sign done. Grupe will contact Dick Bohrer about the computer program needed.
- 2016 Meeting Dates: Motion by Hull, seconded by Hoops to accept as amended.
- THUGS: Dale Moe sent Hull an email saying that they expect the event to be larger than last year. Hull has volunteered to work with them about making sure that the Township is involved with the planning of the event.
- Grupe asks about the possibility of buying a 500 gal. propane tank for the Town Hall. Hoops stated that Our Saviour's Lutheran Church has one that is empty that the Township can have.

**Motion made by Hull, seconded by Guentzel to close the regular meeting for labor negotiations at 9:10pm. Motion carried unanimously.**

This meeting was closed pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03, subd.1 (b), which is a portion of the Open Meeting Law that allows a Town Board to close a meeting to consider strategy for labor negotiations, including negotiation strategies or developments or discussion and review of labor negotiation proposals, conducted pursuant to sections 179A.01 to 179A.25

**Motion made by Hull, seconded by Guentzel to reopen the regular meeting at 9:59pm. Motion carried unanimously.**

Adjourn:

Motion made by Hull, seconded by Guentzel to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristina Pirsig, Clerk