

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
REGULAR MEETING
January 19, 2016

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 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(absent)

Hoops called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:

NONE

REVIEW MINUTES:

12.15.2015 Regular Meeting

Motion by Guentzel, second by Hull to accept the Regular meeting minutes of December 15, 2015 as amended. *Motion Carried*

12.15.2015 CDSSD Meeting

Motion by Hoops, second by Guentzel to accept the CDSSD meeting minutes of December 15, 2015 as amended. *Motion Carried.*

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jamie Pellman presented the Treasurer's Report.

TTOSC checking: \$59,305.22 and TTOSC savings: \$999,907.38 for a total of \$1,059,212.60. CTAS balance: \$1,055,094.09. CTAS is short by \$5.30 due to 1 Batch Fee that is in transit.

Treasurer requested that \$310,000 be transferred from savings to checking.

Motion by Hoops, second by Guentzel to transfer \$310,000 from savings to checking as per the Treasurer's request. *Motion carried.*

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

READING OF THE BILLS:

Current month's bills were read; Claims 4759 - 4801, payrolls and electronic transactions thru 12/21/2015.

Motion by Hull, second by Guentzel, authorizing payment of the bills and electronic funds as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Guentzel abstained from voting on disbursement #0115201642. Hoops abstained from voting on disbursement #1224201509.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Lake County Planning Commission
 - Superior Hiking Trail Association
- Lake County Planning & Zoning
 - Paul Fish

- Silver Creek Land Use Permit
 - Charles Linden
- Lake County Highway Department
 - Minnesota's Highway User Tax Distribution Fund
- Christmas Card from Coop Light and Power

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Cedar Road Property Update:**
Hull reported that Town Attorney Russ Conrow drafted a memorandum of understanding. Hull then met with John Cron and Sarah. They had some problems with it because it wasn't a contract. They are requesting access from the Cedar Road. Hull hasn't heard back from them now for a few weeks and will keep the Board posted with any updates.

ROAD & SAFETY:

Town Foreman Rick Grupe reported that while he was at Zeigler he noticed they had a mower with a boom for rent. The cost is \$2,500/ week (40 hours) or \$7,500/ month. The Board is interested in booking it for July.

Eric Warnecke would like to buy the single axle truck that we have. Looked at the Surplus Property Policy.

Motion by Hull, second by Guentzel, to authorize Town Foreman Rick Grupe to negotiate a fair deal on the truck. *Motion carried.*

Grupe asked about the possibility of ordering more pumps. Grupe requested the purchase of 3 more pumps. The Board requests that nothing be done until there is only one pump left. Hull stated that if you use a pump, buy one pump until at least the budget meeting.

Hull reported that Gooseberry Village is in Tax Forfeiture. Ed Joesting has one year to reclaim the property by paying the property taxes. When the County sells the land our assessments would come off, the land would be sold for the value and then once the sale is closed then our assessments would go back on. Hull and Eide spoke in length about some ideas about some different ways to deal with the property that would be beneficial for both the County and the Township.

Grupe brought up the topic of his retirement. The Board stated that Grupe should put together a package/requirements for his consulting fees.

The Board advised Grupe to let Warnecke know that he can call Guentzel and Langanki for any work that he needs help with.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Ukulele Club Request:** Hull reported that he had another meeting with Dale Moe and Al Anderson. They had between 120-150 people at the last festival. They are anticipating between 200-250 people in the coming year. They want to place a large tent between the town hall and chapel. They would like to have a couple of food vendors. They would like to make this a big event. The cost of the tent alone is going to be \$3,000. They are working on funding for this event because they have in the past paid for the expenses out of pocket. Hull is asking if there is a way that the Township could sponsor, co-sponsor, or donate. It is believed that they meet the criteria for the donation policy.

Board requested that the Clerk contact MAT and find out what we can do beyond a cash donation for them.

- Portable Toilet: Guentzel requests that the Board purchase a portable toilet to be used for the ice rink and then be used in the summer on the road jobs. Board requested that Grupe look into the cost of one.
- Update on Meeting in St. Paul – Hoops reported on his meeting down in St. Paul. Representative Ecklund was unable to attend but Senator Bakk was there.

Adjourn:

Motion made by Hull, seconded by Guentzel to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Pirsig, Clerk