

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK  
March 15, 2016

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, March 15, 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 7:02 p.m.

**CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:**

NONE

**REVIEW MINUTES:**

**02.16.2016 Regular Meeting**

Motion by Guentzel, second by Hull to accept the Regular meeting minutes of February 16, 2016 as presented. *Motion Carried*

**03.02.2016 CDSSD Meeting**

Motion by Hull, second by Guentzel to accept the CDSSD meeting minutes of March 2, 2016 as amended. *Motion Carried*

**03.08.2016 Vote Canvass**

Motion by Hull, second by Guentzel to accept the Vote Canvass minutes of March 8, 2016 as presented. *Motion Carried*

**02.09.2016 Budget & Levy Working**

Motion by Hoops to table these minutes until they are completed.

**02.29.2016 Budget & Levy Working**

Motion by Hoops to table these minutes until they are completed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Jamie Pellman re-presented the Treasurer's Report for January 2016:

TTOSC checking: \$59.59 and TTOSC savings: \$828,749.20 for a total of \$828,808.79.  
Outstanding Checks: \$460.46 .CTAS balance: \$828,348.33.

Motion by Hull, seconded by Hoops to accept the January Treasurer Report. *Motion Carried.*

Treasurer's Report for February 2016:

TTOSC checking: \$63,989.38 and TTOSC savings: \$746,762.55 for a total of \$810,751.93.  
Outstanding Checks: \$1,796.39 .CTAS balance: \$808,955.54.

Treasurer requests to transfer \$20,000 from savings to checking.

Motion by Hoops, second by Guentzel to transfer \$20,000 from savings to checking as per the Treasurer's request. *Motion carried.*

Motion by Hull, seconded by Guentzel to accept the February Treasurer Report. *Motion Carried.*

## **READING OF THE BILLS:**

Current month's bills were read; Claims 4832 - 4861, payrolls and electronic transactions thru 03/17/2016.

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 #0311201642 and 0226201642. Hoops abstained from voting on disbursement #0311201609

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Cooperative Light and Power – Letter explaining incorrect billing for Silver Creek Garage, resulting in a \$2,164.58 credit prior to March billing.
- Lake County Land Use Application
  - Rich Svir
  - SMJ International on behalf of T-Mobile
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- Princeton Township – Letter to bring awareness to the annexation issue that is affecting Minnesota Townships.
- 2016 Spring Short Courses
- Lake County Planning and Zoning
  - Superior Hiking Trail – Request to reroute hiking trail was approved on February 22, 2016

## **ROAD & SAFETY:**

Town Foreman Rick Grupe reported that Larry, Eric and Mike should be receiving an email about having set up a new email account for sewer locates.

Spoke with Dick Bohrer the other day about the cemetery and told him he would have the information to him in the next couple of weeks.

The portable toilet will cost about \$1,000. The person he talked to suggested that a new one be purchased instead of a used one. Grupe asks if it should be handicapped accessible. Town Board says there isn't a need for handicap accessibility because the town hall can still be used. Hull suggests that the money be taken out of Capital Improvements. Grupe stated that he will still continue to shop around for the best price.

Motion by Hull, seconded by Guentzel to authorize the Town Foreman to spend up to \$1,000 for a new portable toilet, including delivery. *Motion carried.*

Grupe reported that they are ready for the snow storm that is being predicted to hit tomorrow morning.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Cedar Road Property Update:**  
Hull reported that he got the Memorandum of Understanding signed by Jon Cron and is filed in the Clerk's office. The Quit Claim Deed has been worked up by Town Attorney Russ Conrow. Cron was going to go pick it up from Conrow and have it notarized.
- **Barnard Back pay:** Hoops reported that he has spoken with Town Attorney Russ Conrow and he is suing JB in conciliation court.
- **New Building:** Quotes are considerably higher than anticipated. Discussion on where costs could be cut. Discussion then moved onto the possibility of adding the new office space at the same time as this project to help cut costs. Some reasoning for this was having the ability to be

able to use the new office space now rather than later. Hoops will begin sketching some ideas for the new office space and bring it to another meeting for additional discussion.

- **Stewart River Update:** Hoops reported that Gary Cervanik turned him down on lobbying for us because he has too many projects at legislature. He did think that it was a good idea and he is going to send other names to contact. Representative Tony Albright signed up to Co-Sponsor the bill.
- **CDSSD Rate Hearing:** Meeting will be on April 5, 2016 at 7pm. Clerk is sending out notices. Hoops feels that currently the budget will continue to work for the coming year.
- **Floor in Town Hall:** Hoops talked about the possibility of chemical strip on the flooring. In due time it will be looked at and dealt with.
- **Mower:** No one has priced a new mower for the Township. Also prices of mowers have gone up, wages have gone up. North Harbor Services contract has remained the same. Motion by Hoops, seconded by Guentzel to have the Clerk contact North Harbor Services and advise them to do the mowing of cemetery and sewer ponds for 2016.
- **Conditional Use Amendment Hearing:** Hoops reported he met with Town Attorney Russ Conrow today. We are proceeding with the hearing because basically it is consistent with what we've done in the past. The Town of Silver Creek has already amended that CU permit twice. Discussion on whether or not Eugene Shank should be able to apply for the Conditional Use Amendment when he's not going to use it himself (Straw Purchase). Discussion about making a hearing decision on the evening of the 21<sup>st</sup> because Guentzel will not be able to attend the Conditional Use Amendment Hearing. At 9:27pm the Town Board places a phone call to Town Attorney Russ Conrow to find out more information regarding the hearing and property ownership vs. name on application. Conrow says that the Board would be okay to send a letter back to Eugene Shank stating that once the property is sold the new owner could come in and apply for the Conditional Use Amendment.

Motion by Hull, seconded by Guentzel to return the Conditional Use Amendment Hearing money back to potential buyer, Tim Philips. Clerk will send a letter to all parties involved stating that due to the fact that the applicant (current property owner) has no intention of actually using the Conditional Use Permit as amended. Should the property be sold then the new owner of the property can come in and request the Conditional Use Permit Amendment. *Motion carried unanimously.*

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- COLA = 0% - There will be no Cost of Living Wage adjustment.
- Lake County Fair: Motion by Hoops, seconded by Hull to donate \$500 to the Lake County Fair. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Adjourn:

Motion made by Hull, seconded by Guentzel to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristina Pirsig, Clerk