

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 14, 2017

The Annual Meeting of the Town of Silver Creek, in the County of Lake, and State of Minnesota, at the Silver Creek Town Hall on the 14th day of March 2017 was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by Town Clerk – Wendy Langanki.

Those present were:

Mike Hoops	Greg Hull	Larry Guentzel	LeRoger Lind
Rich Sve	Elizabeth Busa	Bill Stokinger	Shele Hull
Melanie Anderson	Nancy Mancini	Eric Warnecke	Ken Langanki
Jamie Pellman	Laura Kleive	John Bathke	Wendy Langanki
Mary Pat Grupe			

Motion was made for Rich Sve to preside as Moderator. Motion was made for Mary Pat Grupe to preside as Moderator. Sve declined nomination. Mary Pat Grupe was then chosen by unanimous yea vote to preside as Moderator at the meeting.

Motion made by Sve, seconded Bathke, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting were approved as presented upon motion by LeRoger Lind, second by John Bathke. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer report was approved as written upon motion by Bill Stokinger, second Elizabeth Busa. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by John Bathke, second by Bill Stokinger, to set the date, time and place of the next annual meeting for March 13, 2018 at 8:15 p.m. at the Town Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

Levy & Budget:

2018 Levy was presented by Mike Hoops. Motion by Greg Hull, second by Larry Guentzel to approve the 2018 Levy as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2018 Budget was then presented by Mike Hoops. Questions were raised regarding the Capital Projects Fund. The Capital Projects Fund was established for the Pavilion, garage additions, cold storage building, and the Cat Loader. Over \$400,000 was bonded for to pay for the project. Taconite production tax has been increasing in the last years and will be used to make payments on the loan along with monies levied. Question was raised as to why the budget is greater than the levy. Additional non-levied dollars come into the Township such as Taconite Production Tax, and monies from the sale of tax forfeiture lands. These funds make up the difference and enable to township to keep their levy lower. Hearing no further questions budget was approved upon unanimous yea vote.

A.	<u>Proposed 2018 Levy</u>	<u>(2018 Levy)</u>	<u>(2017 Levy)</u>
	General	\$45,000	\$78,150
	Road & Bridge	\$173,000	\$189,500
	Rd Enhancement	\$17,500	\$20,000
	Building	\$21,000	\$16,500
	Fire	\$17,500	\$17,100
	Cemetery	\$0	<u>\$1,100</u>
	Capital Funds Project	\$56,000	

SUB TOTAL	\$330,000	\$322,350
Sewer Taxes – CDSSD	\$5,714	\$5,714
Sewer Taxes – SRSSD	\$30,000	<u>\$30,000</u>
<< TOTAL LEVY >>	\$365,714	\$358,064\$
CDSSD Sewer assessments	\$131,500	\$131,500
CDSSD Sewer user fees	<u>\$113,237</u>	<u>\$113,236</u>
SEWER RECEIPTS	\$244,737	\$244,736
TOTAL LEVY + RECEIPTS	<u>\$610,451</u>	<u>\$602,800</u>
B. Proposed 2018 Budget	(2018 Budget)	(2017 Budget)
General	\$79,650	\$78,050
Road & Bridge	\$272,000	\$276,600
Rd Enhancement	\$20,000	\$20,000
Building	\$16,750	\$16,750
Fire	\$40,000	\$40,000
Cemetery	\$4,200	<u>\$4,200</u>
Capital Funds Project	<u>\$55,600</u>	
SUB TOTAL	\$488,200	\$435,600
CDSSD Sewer Debt	\$107,500	\$107,500
CDSSD Sewer OMR	\$103,750	\$103,750
SRSSD Sewer	<u>\$30,000</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>
TOTAL SEWER	<u>\$241,250</u>	<u>\$241,250</u>
<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>	<u>\$729,450</u>	<u>\$676,850</u>

REPORTS:

1. **Two Harbors Fire Department Mark Schlangen:** Schlangen presented the Fire Department's 2016 Year in Review Report. Report contained information on area covered, the number of calls responded to, the number of personnel hours spent on calls and training/practice, hours donated by THFD members for prevention education for students as well as providing extinguishers to local businesses, and time donated to community events. Future goals include replacing the wildland brush truck #24 with DNR excess equipment truck, and starting the exploratory process of replacing Engine 21.
2. **2016 Report of the Chair Larry Guentzel:** This has been a very busy and interesting year. In April we decided to make better use of the old township. The job started with cleaning everything that had collected over the years and put a fresh look to the inside. Mike, Greg and I donated our time to put ship lap on the walls, install a stage and dance floor. The plan was to rent it out for weddings, reunions and anything else where they needed more space.

In May we had the retirement of Rick Grupe as Town Forman. Rick had been employed by the township for 30 years. Eric Warnecke took over as Town Forman. Rick will be missed for everything he had done.

In August the Town Pavilion hosted the Two Harbors Ukulele Group with the International Festival. There were more than 100 musicians and about 250 spectators.

In September we started our building project. We put two additions on the existing shop. One of the additions was a sewer shop which would house the sewer pumps, repair shop, and sewer truck. The other addition was to the front of the shop. This would be a new office for the Clerk and Board. The other part would be a new town meeting room. A new handicap bathroom is also being installed. The old town hall will still be used for rental purposes. We were hoping to have the office and meeting rooms done by the March meeting, but Mike and I didn't get all the inside done. We will have an open house when complete for all constituents to view.

In October we rented out the pavilion for storage. We filled all available space with several campers, cars, and boats.

In January our Clerk Krysty Pirsig resigned from her position. Wendy Langanki was appointed Clerk to fill out the Clerk term.

As for myself, I would like to say that I have enjoyed being Chair of Silver Creek and hope to continue to serve the Town people.

3. **2016 Report of the Road Foreman Eric Warnecke -**

During this past year the road crew worked on the following:

- Gravel hauled: 3300 yards on the Alger Grade; 300 yards on the Loop Road; and 200 yards on the Clark Road
- 12,000 gallons of Chloride was applied to the roads
- Under contract our road crew assisted Alden Township and Gooseberry Falls State Park by applying Calcium Chloride to their roads
- Road Grading was done as needed – some roads need more grading and gravel than others
- Hauled 600 yards of pit run gravel and built the pad for the new pole building/cold storage building
- Built pads and worked as needed for both additions on the old garage, pump shop, office, and pavilion
- Replaced 2 culverts on the West Castle Danger Road
- 163H Grader – some major repairs were needed on the transmission and front end
- 444 John Deere Loader was replaced because of very costly transmission repairs. A Cat 930 Loader was purchased.
- Clark Road - ditched and hauled mud to help with frost

4. **County Commissioner Rich Sve reported on the following:**

- Land sales in the county – Lake County is going through the process of choosing 15 parcels that could potentially be put up for auction and placed onto the tax rolls. Once chosen, the parcels will be submitted to the Commissioner of the DNR for final approval.
- USFS withdraw of lands regarding mineral leases and exploration – Lake County passed a motion with the intent of making sure the process is properly followed. They are neither for, nor against the proposal.
- Gun Club Road – project to begin as soon as road bans go off
- “S-curve” property – the Lake County Highway Engineer is working on abandonment of a second well on the property. The Township will obtain the property for future use.
- Town Bridge Funding – the Township will be receiving over \$31,000 next month to reimburse expenses incurred during the East Castle Danger Road culvert project.
- Gooseberry Village – the property is in foreclosure. There is a Castle Danger sewer assessment on the property. Lake County is discussing how to move forward regarding the parcels, with consideration being given to capturing money for the unpaid assessment.
- Hwy #3 box culvert – project scheduled for 2017 or 2018
- Highway Garage Fire – discussed loss of equipment and inventory. Structural engineers are looking at the building to determine strength. They are also discussing shared use with MN DOT.
- Broadband – the project has had many struggles and hardships. There is a new company managing the project. Funding is still an issue. The County hopes to do some bonding to finish the project. Approval is needed from the RUS.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Lake County Agricultural Society – Letter received requesting support for the 2017 Lake County Fair. They have many returning attractions as well as new entertainment and other activities. Emphasis will be on Agricultural Education. Motion by Bill Stokinger, second Shele Hull to donate \$500 to the Lake County Agricultural Society in support of the 2017 Lake County Fair. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Newsletter – request was made for the newsletter to be re-implemented.
3. The uncanvassed results of the election were read – Supervisor - Dennis Moen 19 votes, Rick Grupe 1, Mork 1; Treasurer – Jamie Pellman 21 votes.

There being no further business, meeting recessed at 9:30 p.m. upon motion by Sve, second Bathke. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting will reconvene Tuesday August 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Langanki, Clerk