

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
JULY 11, 2017

A Committee of the Whole meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 in the Board Meeting Room for the purpose of discussing all issues before the board. Present were Supervisors – Greg Hull, Mike Hoops, Denny Moen; Clerk – Wendy Langanki; Step-up Foreman - Larry Guentzel.

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

1. Roads - Guentzel stated the he has been mowing. This mower has a longer reach so he will be able to cut and brush more of the right of way. Guentzel also asked if he should order more chloride as the first load has all been applied. Hoops asked if all the roads have been done, and stated that usually 2 or 3 loads are applied each summer. More dust control will be ordered to finish areas normally sprayed. Hull presented information on road signs from Short Course Training. Hoops stated he had spoken with John Schlangen, Lake County Highway. Schlangen said that signs for Silver Creek are available and will be replaced as needed.
2. Sewer – Hoops reported that wiring for the irrigation pump has been upgraded. He has also ordered an additional pump for a spare. Hoops clarified that he was not resigning from all of his Operator duties – just those associated with the repair and maintenance of the collection system. He will continue, if needed, to monitor and maintain the treatment and irrigation portion of the system. He will also, if needed, provide knowledge, skills and abilities to provide mentoring and training for a successor through 3/31/2019.
3. Broadband – Moen stopped at Lake Connections and he was told that Silver Creek is on a high priority list for getting a connection.
4. East Castle Danger Road turnaround – Sam Parker submitted the new legal description and survey map. All information will be sent to Conrow for final transfer of property.
5. Newsletter/Communications – discussed reviving the newsletter and possibly starting a Face Book page to better communicate township issues with the public.
6. Chapel repairs – Williams is proposing a 9/1 startup date for the repairs. Discussed safety issues during the Uke Carnival should they proceed with plans to give ukulele lessons in the chapel. Williams will be contacted to discuss an earlier date to begin repairs.
7. Pavilion Roof Repairs – Miller Roofing plans to start the repairs soon and will need ½ down payment to order materials.
8. Signs – working with Silver Creek Signworks on same.
9. Cemetery Kiosk – Silver Creek Signworks will be contacted to find out when this work can be completed.
10. Linden flow meter – this meter has not been working for a couple months. Letter will be sent stating a functional meter is a requirement of the conditional use permit. If it is not repaired within 10 days of the letter, the CU permit will be rescinded.
11. Chair donation – First Baptist Church has chairs they are willing to donate to the Township. Arrangements were made to pick up the chairs on Thursday.
12. Storage container – a motion will need to be made at the Regular Meeting authorizing the transfer from Fund 601 to Fund 226 to reimburse the expense now that the container has been moved to the storage ponds for sewer use.
13. Personnel issues:
 - Town Operations & Facilities Manager/Road Crew – Hull stated he studied the hours worked in the last 1 ½ years. He proposed the idea of having one full time position and two part-time positions. Discussion ensued regarding hour rotation to minimize overtime, revamping the position descriptions, benefits, seniority, and using an employment service such as People Ready instead of having our own employees.
 - Clerk – discussed the idea of having two Deputy Clerks – Clerk to check with MAT regarding same. Also discussed the need to set a training wage for Oftedahl.
14. Stewart River Sewer – Hull gave an update on his meeting with Nolan. System options and a cooperative venture approach were discussed. A joint meeting with Lake County and the City of Two Harbors will be pursued.
15. Castle Danger Land Use Ordinance – Hoops has been reviewing the ordinance to identify areas that differ from the Lake County LU Ordinance. He stated that the major differences involve language regarding signage and interim use rentals.
16. Veness property – parcel has been assigned an ID # and EMV of \$11,200. Will contact Matt Miller to verify that all property information determining the value is correct.
17. Gooseberry Village model home property – letter has been sent rescinding the Cease & Desist, given the information received proving that the holding tank has been pumped and inspected.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Langanki, Clerk