

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 19, 2018

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 in the Board Meeting Room. Present were Supervisors: Greg Hull, Mike Hoops, and Denny Moen; Clerk Alison Oftedahl; Treasurer Jamie Pellman; Town Operations and Facilities Manager Conrad Swanson, Equipment Operator Allen Anderson; and Chuck Voss.

Chairman Hull called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS: None

ROAD & SAFETY:

- Rain and Flooding – Town Operations and Facilities Manager Conrad Swanson reported good progress on repairing the damage from last weekend's heavy rains. Rainfall totaled approximately 5-6 inches. The worst damage was to Red Maple Road where water overwhelmed the culverts and topped the road in 3 places. It was noted that culverts were likely blocked by wood splinters left from the tree grinding done by CLP last winter. 10 yards of material was needed on Red Maple and additional culvert and ditching work is yet to be done. The Town Road bridge over the Encampment River had material wash away behind the planks leaving holes in the road surface that went through to the river. 5 yards of pit run and 5 yards of gravel were used to repair the holes. There was also an area on Town Road where waters topped the road due to culvert blockage. West Castle Danger required 30 yards of gravel for various washouts. Loop Road had 5 washout locations and required 170 yards of class 1. Clark Road experienced 4 washouts, and will require more than 200 yards of material. Alger Grade experienced 2 washouts. Ken Langanki was called in out of his retirement to help with road repairs based upon emergency approval by Chairman Hull.
- FEMA Estimate – Lake County Emergency Management requested a preliminary estimate of damage costs within 24 hours of the rainfall. A very rough estimate was submitted.
- Marble Lake Road Project – Swanson reported on the plan to raise Marble Lake Road by one foot in the area where it is sinking. Materials will be provided by Carter's Pit as it is close to the work site. This project will not be able to begin until after the damage from the weekend storm has been repaired.
- Gravel Crushing – Forest Concrete has not indicated when the crushed gravel will be ready for Silver Creek.
- Anderson Credit Card – Motion by Hull, second Moen to approve a township credit card for Allen Anderson for use in purchasing vehicle fuel and supply items. Passed unanimously. Anderson has read and signed the Town of Silver Creek Credit Card Use Agreement.
- Anderson Life Insurance – Motion by Hoops, second Moen to approve Harbor Insurance as the provider for the \$30,000 Life Insurance agreed to in Anderson's Memorandum of Understanding. Passed unanimously.
- Gooseberry Falls State Park Dust Control – Communication was received that Gooseberry Park is ready for spraying. Swanson indicated that this will need to wait until after the post-flood road repairs are completed.
- Alden Township Dust Control – A request was received from Alden Township to have Silver Creek apply dust control to their roads. This project will also need to wait until after the post-flood road repairs.

SEWER OPERATIONS:

- Hoops Vacation – Sewer Operator Hoops will be gone from Saturday June 23rd until Sunday July 1st. Swanson will need to respond to sewer alarms and calls from sewer customers. The issue of poor cell phone reception was discussed and it was suggested that Swanson and Anderson purchase cell phone reception boosters for their homes.
- Septage Dumping Resolution and Agreement – Motion by Moen, second Hull to adopt Resolution 2018-5 as presented below to formally allow for the dumping of septage into the CDSSD stabilization ponds. Roll call vote as follows: Hoops: yea; Moen: yea; Hull: yea. And, motion by Hoops, second Moen to approve the CDSSD Septage and Domestic Wastewater Dumping Application & Agreement. Carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 2018 - 5
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SEPTAGE
TO BE TREATED BY CASTLE DANGER
WASTEWATER SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Town of Silver Creek, Lake County, Minnesota supports the proper treatment of all wastewater; and

WHEREAS, the Castle Danger Wastewater stabilization ponds run by the Town of Silver Creek have excess available capacity; and

WHEREAS, there is a need on the part of independent contractors who pump out private sewer holding tanks for residents of Silver Creek and nearby areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The Town of Silver Creek will allow the septage and/or gray water collected by Independent Contractors to be pumped into Castle Danger stabilization ponds for treatment and will charge per thousand gallons at the rate set annually at the Rate Hearing for said activity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this benefit will be made equally available to various companies in the area provided they are MPCA licensed and are willing to complete the *CDSSD Septage and Domestic Wastewater Dumping Application & Agreement* and adhere to its conditions.

Adopted the ____ day of __, 2018.

Greg Hull
ATTEST:

Mike Hoops

Alison Oftedahl

Denny Moen

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- Wastewater Operator's Report – Motion by Hoops, second Moen to accept the Wastewater Operator's Report as presented below.

WASTEWATER OPERATOR'S REPORT – JUNE 12, 2018

Influent

May – Received 0.6543 million gallons of influent
Flow for the month of May was down compared to last year. Weather is everything at this time of year.
In addition the district received 0.045 million gallons of trucked in wastewater during this same period.

Effluent

May-discharged 2.592 million gallons of water. This was down slightly from last year, but we started a week later due to ice conditions. Discharge in June through this date is 1.320 million gallons. Discharge last year, through this date was 1.164 million gallons. So about the same amount discharged.

What is very different is the amount of water on hand. All ponds are the same acreage, so adding total feet in ponds together gives one a very good idea of water on hand. Last year, this date, there were 72.25 acre feet of water in the ponds. This year, this date, there are 60 acre feet of water in the ponds. Remember that 1 acre foot is equal to 326,000 gallons.

Current Operations

All dripper lines were walked and flagged. Repairs were made as necessary. Presently there are two flow control valves in failure. Replacement requires shutting down the system, digging out the valves and replacing them. We are operating them manually at this time. I do not want to put the system in jeopardy at this time, in the event here is a bigger problem. Repairs will be made during a water transfer period.

Filamentous algae problem has been resolved through the use of Earthtec, an algaecide.

Normal routine maintenance is being completed. We have not had a pump replacement since March, so we have a stock of replacement pumps on hand.

We made it through a very busy Memorial Day Weekend without pumping Gooseberry Falls State Park. We lost our window to do replacement of the discharge valves this spring so are focusing on this fall. I have, however, tried something different on that tank. I was not involved in the install, but I believe the position for the alarm to have been

chosen arbitrarily. I have raised the alarm and in the future will spend time monitoring this station rather than calling for a pumpout.

Weed spraying at the pond site has started both in the rip rap as well as other areas of the site.

All monthly reports and sampling were done and submitted to MPCA in a timely fashion.

Pending Maintenance Items

Continue straightening and repairing fencing at the ponds

Replace flow control valves

Work with engineers on improving filtration system and valving/piping for control valves

Gooseberry Falls State Park (GFSP) flow issues

Televise collection lines as needed.

Clean/test air relief valves

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Hoops, Wastewater Operator

- Stewart River Sewer Project – Hoops has been working to schedule a meeting regarding a potential joint venture between Silver Creek, Lake County and Two Harbors. Because Two Harbors is talking about building a new sewer treatment plant, the idea would be to have the new plant designed to handle wastewater from the Stewart River area. Some difficulties have been experienced in trying to get all parties to the table.

Hull recessed the meeting at 7:43 pm in order to place a call to Two Harbors Mayor Swanson regarding the potential meeting.

Hull reconvened the meeting at 7:47 and reported that he was unable to reach Chris Swanson.

LAND USE:

- The Clerk reported that Land Use Permits were issued to Tom and Brenda Ringold for a remodel/expansion, and to John and Lori Owens for a deck. In addition an estimate and application for installation/hookup to the sewer was sent to Ron Hammes at his request. Discussion ensued after Hoops reported that Hammes would like to independently purchase his own materials for Silver Creek's use in installing the sewer. Based upon issues of quality control, sizing, and adequacy, motion by Hull, second Moen to not allow any homeowner to provide the materials to Silver Creek for sewer connection – Silver Creek will purchase and supply the required materials. Motion carried unanimously.
- CDSSD Ordinance – Supervisors continued discussion of the planned Open House with affected residents on July 5th to get opinions on potentially vacating and rescinding the Castle Danger Land Use Ordinance and moving the planning, zoning and administration responsibilities to Lake County. Hoops noted that Knife River currently has this type of arrangement and that Commissioner Sve is in support of the idea. The Board reviewed a letter and meeting notice drafted by the Clerk for the Open House. The Clerk was directed to proceed with posting the notice and sending invitations with edits as noted.

REVIEW MINUTES:

Motion by Hull, second Moen to accept as presented the minutes from the 5/15 Regular Meeting; and 6/12 Committee of the Whole.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

TOSC checking: \$52,688.08 and TOSC savings: \$476,653.32 for a total of \$529,341.40. Outstanding Checks totaled \$936.93. CTAS balance: \$528,404.47. Motion by Moen, second Hoops to accept the May Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion by Hoops, second Moen to authorize the transfer request of \$45,000. Both motions carried unanimously

READING OF THE BILLS:

The current month's bills were read: Claims 5668-5696 totaling \$25,256.93; and payrolls through 6/19/2018. Hoops abstained on disbursements:0525201809, 0608201809, and 0622201809. Motion by Moen, second Hoops, to authorize payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- MATIT Insurance Statement – It was noted that the new Eterra Raptor Mowing and Brush Cutting attachment for the skid steer needs to be added to the list of insured vehicles and equipment. The Clerk was tasked with contacting MATIT to add it.
- Email received from Lake County – grant funds were awarded for their recycling project including purchase of recycling trailers.
- Derek Frederickson and DOT meeting – Supervisors felt that no fee should be charged to DOT for use of the Board Meeting Room given that the meeting is of interest to the public.

TAX FORFEIT GOOSEBERRY VILLAGE PROPERTY:

- Nothing has been heard from the potential investors.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Town Hall Fence Project – Hoops to work with Swanson on the clean up around the completed fence.
- Employee Wage Garnishment – The prior employee has been located at his new employment. The Board was unsure whether legal documentation served in Sherburne County can be used in a different county, however all agreed that it would be desirable to collect the funds owed to the Township. The Clerk was directed to proceed with sending garnishment documents to the new employer.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Land behind Fire Pond – There is no status change on this project.
- Cemetery Mowing Contracts – Per discussion at the COW, the contract for mowing with North Harbor Services, LLC was executed.

PENDING ISSUES:

- Cemetery Kiosk – Moen reported meeting with Jerry Cavallin to answer some questions raised by the Cemetery Book. Another meeting will be necessary to complete the map.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Moen, second Hoops, to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday July 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Oftedahl, Clerk