

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
JULY 9, 2019

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday July 9, 2019 in the Board Meeting Room for the purpose of discussing all issues before the Board.

Present: Supervisors Greg Hull, Denny Moen and Chuck Voss; Clerk Alison Oftedahl; Town Operations and Facilities Manager Jody Reineccius, and Sewer Operator Mike Hoops.

Visitors Present: Lake County Director of Environmental Services, Christine McCarthy; and Kirk Schultz, Manager of GSL Holding.

Chairman Hull called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Constituent Concerns – None.
2. Grand Superior Grill Liquor License Applications – Supervisors reviewed the application by GSL Holding, the new owners of Grand Superior Lodge. Manager Kirk Schultz explained that the On-Sale license application for Grand Superior Grill is the same license held by the restaurant under the previous owners. As a convenience to their guests, they are also seeking an Off-Sale license so that guests could bring a six pack or bottle of wine back to their room or townhouse. He stated that they do not plan to run a liquor store, nor do they plan to stock large quantities of product. He expressed their desire to be a good partner for the long haul. Hull discussed his misgivings about expanding the service of alcohol. The concentration of liquor licenses in the area was of concern. Moen stated that his experience led him to believe that liquor sales are critical to the margins of a restaurant and that he likely wouldn't oppose. Voss voiced no objections. A vote will be taken at the next regular meeting.
3. Road and Safety – Town Operations and Facilities Manager Reineccius reported that a large rock was extracted from Alger Grade; holes were filled with gravel on Clark and Alger in preparation for the detour of Highway 3 traffic; lots of grading has been done; Gooseberry Falls State Park campground was treated for dust; and most township roads have had chloride applied. Because of the detour, Lake County will be taking care of dust control on Alger Grade and Clark Road. Mowing along roadsides has begun.
4. Road and Bridge Finances –The Clerk stated that \$4,000 in FEMA funds were received in June, and half of the levy funds were received in early July. Due to the reconciliation with the Treasurer being incomplete as of the meeting date, the Clerk did not have an accurate current estimate of the balance in Road and Bridge.
5. Wastewater Operator's Report – Hoops presented his Operator's Report commenting that overall irrigation of treated water is going very well as a result of dry weather. He stated that pond levels need to be reduced significantly after several wet years. He noted that septage is now being accepted from another vendor: Larson Septic. Full text of the Operator's Report will be included in the minutes of the July 16th Regular Meeting.
6. General Sewer Operations – A sewer repair callout to Grand Superior Lodge, which was suspected to be a case in which power was inadvertently shut off by contractors working on AC compressors, was discussed. Thompson was able to pump two loads and confirm that the system came up on its own at the time the AC work was completed. Hoops added that he believed that the alarm at that location goes off frequently due to high use. The final invoice for the installation of the wastewater system at the Oliver residence, written up by the Clerk, was approved by Operator Hoops.
7. Sewer Fund Balances – The Sewer Enterprise fund is estimated to be up to about \$10,000 after the payment from Oliver is received.
8. Land Use Applications – Mona Linden has submitted an application for an eve extension on her house. Ted Vanderbeek is in the process of submitting an application for a new garage.
9. CDSSD Land Use Transition – Christine McCarthy attended the meeting to talk over the planned Hearing and Lake County's possible new zoning for the Castle Danger Subordinate Service District

should the repeal of Silver Creek's zoning go through. She brought a map of proposed new zoning in the district. The following items were discussed:

- The planned public hearing is the same weekend as the Ukulele Festival. The Clerk discovered that there are insufficient chairs to hold both events the same day. The group discussed holding the Hearing at one of Lake County's facilities and Christine McCarthy agreed to check into that option.
- In working with the mailing list for the Hearing, it was discovered that there are several conflicting maps of the Subordinate Service District. The list, generated from a map used by Lake County, turned out to be missing several sewer customers.
- In researching the original Resolutions from 1995 that set out the definition of the Subordinate Service District, the description appeared to include more land than the maps currently being used by Silver Creek and Lake County for zoning and much larger than the actual sewer service area. At issue is whether the sections listed in the Resolution of 1995 refer to those entire sections or portions only. There are no stated exceptions or exclusions. Maps were reviewed by the group. Finally, after a fair bit of discussion and questioning, Hull suggested that the repeal of the CDSSD Land Use Ordinance is not dependent upon the exact delineation of the district. It was suggested that clarifying the CDSSD boundary lines is a separate issue that can be addressed after the public Hearing. Once a new definition is agreed upon, a new resolution could be signed, and a new map could be recorded.
- McCarthy was asked to ensure that the map of the new Lake County zoning that will be presented at the Hearing includes all wastewater customers and particularly those near Our Savior's Church, who were missing from the current draft.
- Oftedahl was asked check with Lake County Assessors about the effect of zoning changes on assessed property valuation and property taxes so that an answer could be ready for the Hearing.

10. Town Hall Maintenance Items – The following items were discussed.

- Reineccius will repair screens at the Town Hall this week.
- Research on the feasibility of "on-demand" water heaters in the Town Hall kitchen and bathrooms is still underway.

11. Cemetery Issues – The following cemetery issues were discussed:

- Cemetery Bench Donation Cancelled – Ryan called back and her family unfortunately decided against donating a bench to the cemetery.
- Kiosk Sign – Reineccius reported that the sign was turned ninety degrees as requested by Supervisors to make it more intuitive. Silver Creek Signworks is reprinting the directory map as it was discovered that one of the roads was placed incorrectly relative to plot numbers.
- Colored Flags – Flags matching the colors of the of the directory quadrants were sewn by Thompson's mother as a donation and will be installed in the four corners of the cemetery.
- Veteran Exception – The possibility of an exception to the rule of one marker per stone for Veterans which was discussed in past meetings was tabled for the Regular meeting.
- Veteran's Stone Installation Charges – This issue was also tabled for the Regular Meeting.

12. Road Signs for Township Buildings – The new road signs have been installed and Hull reported he already received a compliment from a constituent.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. upon motion by Moen, second Voss. The next regular meeting of the Town Board will be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Oftedahl, Clerk