

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 16, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 in the Board Meeting Room. Present were Supervisors: Greg Hull, Denny Moen and Chuck Voss; Clerk Alison Oftedahl; Treasurer Jamie Pellman; and Town Operations and Facilities Manager Jody Reineccius.

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

**CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:**

None.

**ROAD & SAFETY:**

Road Report – Town Operations and Facilities Manager Reineccius reported that 7,800 gallons of chloride have been applied to township roads and another 4,800 gallons are ready to go. The tanker truck needed a new pump for the chloride sprayer, so one was installed. Mowing is underway but is a concern due to issues with the equipment. It is estimated that it may take about 80 hours to complete the mowing. The skid steer uses a lot of fuel with the mower, seems to lack power, and doesn't go very fast. Lake County has agreed to loan Silver Creek their old big cab mower to enable roadside mowing to be completed in a timely fashion.

Road and Bridge Finances – The Treasurer's report showed the Road and Bridge Fund balance at \$49,474. It was noted that the balance today is higher than reported because the first half of levy funds received last week are not reflected in the report.

**SEWER OPERATIONS:**

A sewer repair callout to Grand Superior Lodge resulted in replacement of two pumps at the main lodge.

The Treasurer's report showed the Sewer Enterprise Fund balance at \$-2,277 and the Sewer Replacement Fund balance at \$-12,145. Approximately \$27,000 in receivables is expected in the next 30 days. The Clerk reported that the deficit in the Replacement fund has been reduced by almost \$20,000 year to date.

Motion by Voss, second Moen to accept the July 9, 2019 Wastewater Operator's Report as presented below. Passed unanimously.

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**Wastewater Operator's Report**

**Influent**

January	0.4744 million gallons
February	0.4947 million gallons
March	0.6833 million gallons
April	0.6961 million gallons
May	0.7797 million gallons
June	0.7864 million gallons (approximate)

Flows are up across all months, except for June compared to last year. A lot of it has to do with the business happening at the commercial accounts.

In addition the district received approximately 0.200 million gallons of trucked in wastewater during this same period.

**Effluent**

May – Discharged 3.000 million gallons of water

June – Discharged 3.1 million gallons of water.

July – to date 1.4 million gallons of water.

Finally we have had some good weather in which to discharge water and it is not raining more than we are pumping. But we have a long way to go. I would like to pump 19-20 million gallons this summer to bring levels down to where I would feel really good all winter. I haven't been there for a while.

**Current Operations**

We have some pumps in the shop waiting for a day when Jody and Paul can get to them. We did have a pump failure event at Grand Superior Lodge on July 1 that turned out to be something else but unable to really prove it. I am watching them however.

It is great not having to spend as much time sampling discharge as in the past and not applying alum makes me very happy.

Ben Oliver hookup is complete with the exception of capping shutoffs and connecting the trace wire once final grading is complete. Line through Gooseberry Falls State Park was opened. A good time was had by all.

We may have another connection coming up this fall, dependent on whether they start the house. I believe this one will be better, but one never knows with ledge rock.

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
- Check air relief valves throughout the system
- Cut out between pump chambers on duplex stations.
- Replace flow control valves

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Hoops, Wastewater Operator

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**STEWART RIVER:**

Voss reported that he has not had an opportunity to meet with Mike Hoops regarding next steps.

**LAND USE:**

Ramona Linden's submitted application for an eve extension which has not yet been approved. The approved application from Ted Vanderbeek for new garage was reviewed. His site inspection was completed by Lake County.

Land Use Administration Transition to Lake County – Lake County has agreed to allow the public hearing to be held at the new Highway Department building. The letter regarding the hearing and the resolution were reviewed a final time and Hull requested the location of the meeting be highlighted in bold in the letter. The Clerk was instructed to send the letter to all customers of the wastewater system.

**REVIEW MINUTES:**

Motion by Voss, second Moen to accept as presented the June 18 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion by Moen, second Voss to also accept as presented the July 9 Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes. Carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Pellman as follows: TOSC checking: \$51,727.18 and TOSC savings: \$429,695.30 for a total of \$481,422.48. Outstanding Checks totaled \$347.12 for a CTAS balance: \$481,075.36. Motion by Moen, second Voss to authorize the requested transfer of \$147,000 from savings to checking. Passed unanimously. Motion by Hull, second Voss to accept the June Treasurer's Report as presented. Carried unanimously.

**READING OF THE BILLS:**

The current month's bills were read: claims 8351-8379 totaling \$134,920 and payrolls through 7/19/2019. The total was high this month due to the \$104,358 loan payment to Minnesota Public Facilities Authority. Motion by Hull, second Moen, to authorize payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Board reviewed the following:

- Letter from Lake County regarding a Silver Creek tax forfeit parcel that will go to auction. Supervisors reviewed documentation and examined the map. Parcel is a landlocked 20 acres east of Highway 3.
- Land use applications approved by Lake County for properties in Silver Creek and notifications of Land Use Hearings were reviewed.
- Affidavit of Posting was signed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

SRR Holding LLC' Liquor License Applications for Grand Superior Grill – The application for the 'On-Sale with Sunday Sales' Liquor license was voted after motion Voss, second Moen to do so. Approved by (2-1) vote as follows: Voss – Yea; Moen – Yea; Hull – Nay. Hull stated his opposition was based upon concern with the over expansion of liquor sales in a concentrated area. The application for an Off-Sale Liquor license was

voted upon after motion Voss, second Moen. Approved by (2-1) vote as follows: Voss – Yea; Moen – Yea; Hull – Nay. Hull's objection to this license was based on the fact that a liquor store already operates right across the road, negating the need for off sale at the lodge.

Town Hall Water Heaters – Jason Hanson from Do-Right Plumbing inspected the Town Hall regarding the feasibility of on-demand water heaters. Reineccius stated that it would be fairly simple to have small units installed in the restrooms that would provide a limited amount of hot water for hand washing. He explained that because space heaters are used in the restrooms in the winter, the devices would not need to be drained after use. Reineccius said the kitchen would be more challenging. The kitchen unit might have only a limited amount of hot water which could be insufficient for cleaning. And draining out the unit after each use in winter would be necessary. At a minimum the sink in the kitchen could be changed so that the water from the frost-free hydrant goes through the sink faucet and therefore solves the problem of water splashing the user.

Ukulele Festival – A fire ring is needed for the event. Hull briefly recessed the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Hull called the meeting back to order at 8:48 p.m. to report that Ben Hull will work on locating a damaged skidder ring for donation as a fire ring.

Newsletter – The Clerk requested story ideas from the group. The next newsletter will need to be produced in August. The Ukulele Festival was suggested for a feature story.

#### **PENDING BUSINESS:**

Cemetery Kiosk Sign – Silver Creek Signworks delivered a corrected version of the cemetery map and applied it to the kiosk sign. Reineccius presented colored flags for the corners of the cemetery that correspond with the colors of the directory quadrants. Cemetery finances were briefly discussed as the fund is currently in a negative balance due to costs of mowing, the kiosk sign and the new flagpole lights.

Veteran's Stone Installation Charges – The Board did not move to set any installation fee for Veteran's Stone installations.

Cemetery Rule Exception Request – The Board discussed a cemetery rule exception that would allow a second marker if one of the markers is a Veteran's stone. All members expressed support for this exception. The Cemetery Regulations will need to be revised by the Clerk and then brought in for a vote.

New Township Road Signs – The new road signs have been installed.

Town Hall Screen Repair – Reineccius reported that the ripped window screens have been replaced. He discussed plans to clean out the back room of the Town Hall which has old voting booths, miscellaneous supplies from the 4H club and other old items. He noted that cleaning that back room is necessary in order to ensure the restrooms stay wheelchair accessible.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Moen, second Voss, to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday August 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alison Oftedahl, Clerk