

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2019

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday August 13, 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; Deputy Clerk Laura Kleive; Town Operations and Facilities Manager Jody Reineccius.

Visitors Present: FAA, Andy Peele; MnDOT Aeronautics, Praveene Pidaparathi; MnDOT Aeronautics, Kathy Vesely; Gary Sherburne; Rich Sve; Duane Hill; Allen Anderson; Jerry Mitchell; Charles Lewer; and Tim Norman.

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

1. Constituent Concerns – Gary Sherburne is a resident on Solitude Trail. He is inquiring whether the Township would provide snowplowing on his private road for himself and the other properties. Chairman Hull explained that the Township is limited by statute as to where we can operate our equipment. Sherburne asked for recommendations for local snow removal companies and suggestions were given by constituents.
2. FAA Visit – Silver Bay Airport – Andy Peele and Kathy Vesely spoke to the needs for reopening the Silver Bay Airport. Foremost need is a public sponsor/municipal agent. If that is attained then the runway requires repaving, clear approaches verified, and a new license application must be submitted. Funding comes in the form of Federal and State grants that obligate the sponsor to operate and maintain the airport for specific time frames. Other funding sources that can be drawn from could include Airport Consultants, MnDOT Aeronautics and FAA Staff, other governmental agencies (Lake County, IRRRB), and aviation interest groups (AOPA, RAF, MCOA, EAA), and local funding by the public sponsor/municipal agent. Airport generated funding can consist of hanger rents, fuel flowage and haying etc. Most grant work is done by consultants and comes out of grant cost. Regular maintenance like snowplowing, grass cutting, fuel pump and building repair could be done by Township staff and the costs then applied to the MNO Grants or regular maintenance can be contracted with a FBO – Fixed Base Operator. The FAA feels that from a federal perspective that the Silver Bay Airport is viable. It has a driver and an active pilot community. The question was raised if this is a purchase that should be voted on by the residents of Silver Creek at the annual meeting. Hull questioned Voss and Moen if they are open to the idea of becoming the public sponsor for the Silver Bay Airport. They both said they would be willing to consider it. They would like to look at the airport. A special meeting will be held on Tuesday August 27th at 6:00p.m. at the Silver Bay Airport.

The meeting was recessed at 8:00 p.m. by Hull.

At 8:06 p.m. Annual Meeting was mistakenly reconvened and then recessed until posted date of August 20, 2019. No actions were taken.

3. Road and Safety – Town Operations and Facilities Manager Reineccius reported that mowing alongside the roads is in progress; gravel has been hauled on Grimmer, Cedar, Trillium, Loop; culverts replaced on Press Camp; Town Hall and Pavilion cleaning has been done in anticipation of the Ukulele Carnival this weekend; sewer calls were responded to and pond maintenance was carried out in Hoops absence. One bid in writing has been received for the Surveying of Alder Road. We are waiting on a second.
4. Wastewater Operator's Report – no operators report presented. Oliver easement and payment on the account are still in progress. Auditors report presented usual findings and responses. Managements letters to auditors need to be signed.
5. Stewart River – Voss reported that he is actively working at setting up a meeting to pursue funding for the project.
6. Land Use Applications – Mona Linden has submitted an application for an eve extension on her house.

7. CDSSD Land Use Transition – There will be a public hearing on Saturday August 17, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. in the Lake County Highway Department Building at 1513 Highway 2, Two Harbors for the purpose of hearing all reasons for and against the repeal of the CDSSD Land Use Ordinance and to transfer zoning and land use administration to Lake County.
8. Correspondence
 - Town Aid Notice
 - PILT – slight increase for 2019
 - MRWA Membership Renewal
 - Affidavits of Posting – signed
9. New Business –
 - Audit Results – letters were signed
 - Ukulele Festival - no information on the instantaneous water heaters yet, fire ring and wood will be brought over for the festival.
10. Pending Business –
 - Newsletter was presented for preview
 - Changes to Cemetery Rules and Regulations were presented. Changes will enable non-residents to purchase for deceased resident, veteran's exclusion for headstones, lot price change resolution, and a resolution to accept the donation of flags.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55p.m. upon motion by Moen, second Voss. Carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Town Board will be held on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Kleive, Deputy Clerk