

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MARCH 7, 2024

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Thursday March 7, 2024, in the Board Meeting Room at 1924 Town Road, for the purpose of discussing all issues before the Board.

Present: Supervisors Greg Hull, Chuck Voss, and Scott Krech; Clerk Alison Oftedahl; Town Operations and Facilities Manager Jody Reineccius and (by phone) Deputy Clerk Katie Anderson.

Absent: None

Visitors Present: None

Chairman Hull called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Constituent Concerns

Hull reported a constituent had stopped by his house to discuss the planned development by Maji ya Chai Land Sanctuary on Clark Road. The Notice of Public Hearing and the Conditional Use Application were circulated in the meeting. Oftedahl and Hull planned to attend a gathering with the owners to learn more about the project, but it was noted that Lake County is the zoning authority for this project.

Voss reported discussion with Kim Scribner regarding the Stewart River Project and whether it would reach his house on Highway 3. Voss said the property was near Loop Road and that he informed Scribner that the new system as planned would not serve that far up Highway 3.

Road and Safety

Road Report – Reineccius reported that road restrictions will begin Monday. He reported on the skid steer status as it has had issues with fuel line, belly pan, and sensors. Some issues have been fixed in-house, but McCoy might be needed for the sensor issue.

Town Road Bridge Load Rating – It was agreed to wait a couple of months to have the load rating done for free by LHB Corp as part of a statewide MnDOT project.

Pavilion – Reineccius reported that owner Dwight Lind came to check his camper after it was found with the door open while in storage. Lind did not see anything missing. Reineccius also said that a sheriff's report was made on the incident.

General Sewer Operations

Operator's Report – The written report was not yet available, but Reineccius reported on the St. Cloud Conference. He spoke to a number of vendors and has several ideas for dealing with the sludge problem. He also got pricing for tanks and grinder stations for a possible septage dumping station. The group discussed how to get electrical service to the dumping station. No decisions were made and he is still researching these ideas.

Surveys – Oftedahl reached Rick Tofte who has agreed to do the surveys for the sewer easements once he is back from vacation in approximately two weeks.

Rostvold Tank– Reineccius and Voss agreed that clean up needs to be done to the tank that Reineccius cut down. It needs to be made level and the seams need to be sealed.

Gerard Install – Reineccius said that the pump is on order and the electrician will need to come connect the panel.

Frischmann's Alarm – Thompson spent some time there this week and installed a new sensor that later had to be removed. He also corrected a couple things he found that were not quite right. So far there have been no more false alarms.

Stewart River Wastewater Project

No change.

Correspondence

The following items were passed around for consideration:

- Email from Jon Siiter at lhbcorp.com regarding load rating for the Town Road Bridge.
- Letters to all CDSSD commercial sewer accounts with new rates and usage last year written by Deputy Clerk Anderson. The Board approved the letters after later discussion on the new rates.

- February MAT Newsletter and short course information.
- Email from US DOT Federal Highway Administration regarding local aid LTTAP.
- Email regarding forest fire hazard from Kevin Johnson of the DNR.
- Park State Bank letter requiring advance notice of large deposits to ensure that the full account balance is insured. Oftedahl said that she inquired whether this was routine or due to failure to call ahead and was informed that this letter is just routine annual communication.
- 2 Hearing Notices from Lake County were reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

Rate Hearing Preparation – Materials were reviewed, and the Board agreed to propose the rates developed by Voss and Oftedahl. It was agreed that Voss would lead the Rate Hearing. The Deputy Clerk was directed to go ahead with sending letters to notify the users of the rate changes.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PENDING BUSINESS

Annual Meeting Preparation – Materials were reviewed. A change in Moderator was discussed. And an agenda showing who does what was considered.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. upon motion Voss, second Krech. Carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Town Board will be held on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Oftedahl, Clerk