

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, February 20th, 2024, in the Board Meeting Room at 1924 Town Road for the purpose of discussing all issues before the Board.

Present were Supervisors: Chuck Voss, Greg Hull, and Scott Krech; Clerk Alison Oftedah; Deputy Treasurer Bobbi Salakka; Town Operations and Facilities Manager Jody Reineccius, and Deputy Clerk Katie Anderson.

Absent: Treasurer Jamie Pellman

Visitors Present: Betty Veness and Rich Truscott

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

CONSTITUENTS CONCERNS:

None.

VISITORS:

Veness and Truscott attended the meeting. Truscott is running for State Representative for District 3A.

ROAD & SAFETY:

Road Report – Reineccius said Larsen is continuing to brush the sides of town roads. Alger Grade was graded last week.

Load Rating for Town Road Bridge – The Town received a report from the Lake County Engineer about a load rating on Town Road bridge. Hull suggested contacting Nordic Engineering about the issue.

SEWER OPERATIONS:

Motion Hull, second Voss to accept the Wastewater Operator’s Report (included below) as amended. Carried unanimously.

Wastewater Operator’s Report 2024

Created 2/1/2024.

Influent	2022	2023	2024
January	420,400 gallons	409,300 gallons	339,797 gallons
February	456,700 gallons	448,500 gallons	
March	632,100 gallons	482,900 gallons	
April	867,500 gallons	694,000 gallons	
May	823,200 gallons	542,000 gallons	
June	865,700 gallons	706,400 gallons	
July	931,600 gallons	800,000 gallons	
August	887,000 gallons	780,247 gallons	
September	931,700 gallons	800,860 gallons	
October	625,100 gallons	567,797 gallons	
November	600,000 gallons	313,260 gallons *	
December	388,100 gallons	440,265 gallons	
Totals	8,429,100 gallons	6,985,529 gallons	

*This was measured with a different calibration method.

Total trucked in septage and greywater for the year of 2023 was: 663,395 gallons.

Effluent	2022	2023	2024
January	0 gallons	0 gallons	
February	0 gallons	0 gallons	
March	0 gallons	0 gallons	
April	0 gallons	0 gallons	
May	3,018,000 gallons	3,040,000 gallons	
June	2,986,000 gallons	2,687,000 gallons	
July	4,563,000 gallons	4,053,000 gallons	
August	2,218,000 gallons	1,960,000 gallons	
September	2,984,000 gallons	3,375,000 gallons	
October	1,147,000 gallons	3,667,500 gallons	

November	0 gallons	0 gallons	
December	0 gallons	0 gallons	
Totals	16,916,000 gallons	18,790,000 gallons	

Current Operations

Lift Station #1 - Lift Station #1 – Tim from SY/COM was here and reset alarms on station. Everything seems to be going smoothly.

Did several draw down tests at Lift Station #2 to calibrate pumps numbers were consistent with numbers in the past.

Rostvold and Gerard Installations – Last Friday met with Chuck at Rostvold to go over installation and going forward ways to streamline installations and what the township expects from customers for us to do installs.

Gerard Installs – House is going up, just need to drop in pump, set panel up when they say they are ready.

Had a callout twice last week to Frischmann’s across from Rustic Inn for an alarm. Reset panel levels for start, stop and alarm levels because of some hard use from company they had. All good so far. Call out to Jaegers at East Castle danger road. Frozen in station, easy fix most likely from no use as they have been gone for a while.

I will be attending the Annual Conference Meeting in St. Cloud March 5-7 for training and rub elbows with Vendors.

All reports submitted to MPCA.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jody Reineccius, Wastewater Operator

Lift Station 1 – Reineccius said it is working well.

Rostvold Tank – Reineccius said he still needs to cut down the tank.

Gerard Install – Reineccius reported that he needs to hook up the pump and panel.

Surveys for New Installs – Oftedahl said that the surveyors have not called back.

STEWART RIVER SEWER:

Voss shared an email News Release from Senator Tina Smith regarding a wastewater grant. Voss contacted Bolig Engineer Nathan Feist to apply for the funding.

REVIEW MINUTES:

Motion Voss, second Hull to accept as presented the 1/16 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion Voss, second Krech to accept as presented the 2/6 Budget and Levy Working Meeting minutes, Motion Hull, second Voss to accept as presented the 2/13 Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes. All motions carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Salakka as follows: TOSC checking: \$41,008.10 and TOSC savings: \$671,540.39 for a total of \$712,548.49. Outstanding checks totaled \$226.68 for a CTAS balance: \$712,321.81. Motion Voss, second Hull to accept the January Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion Hull, second Voss to authorize the requested transfer of \$81,000.00 from savings to checking. Both motions carried unanimously.

READING OF THE BILLS:

The current month’s bills were read: claims 10066 - 10098 totaling \$52,868.08 and payrolls through 2/23/2024. Motion Hull, second Voss, to authorize payment of the bills as presented except for Claim 10092. That claim will be voided, and a corrected one brought to the next meeting. Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board considered the following:

- 1 signed Town Hall Rental Use Agreement.
- 2024 Dues Statements from MAT. Motion Hull, second Voss to approve to pay MAT dues.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve Quorum to MAT Training in Duluth – Motion Hull, second Krech authorize Hull and Voss to attend the training and to reimburse all expenses necessarily and actually incurred.

Board of Audit – Hull, recessed the Regular Board Meeting and called to order the Board of Audit meeting at 7:25 pm.

2023 Cash Control reports from the Clerk and the Treasurer showed that their CTAS systems match each other. The Clerk’s Financial Record showing that CTAS matched the final bank statement of the year was passed around the room and signed by Board members. Motion Hull, Second Voss to accept the Clerk’s Financial Record as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Hull, Second Voss to adjourn the Board of Audit at 7:28 pm.

Hull then called the Regular Meeting back to order at 7:28 pm.

Proposed Budget/Levy – Motion Hull, second Voss to propose the following 2025 Budget and Levy figures to constituents at the Annual Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed 2025 Budget and Levy

<u>Budget:</u>	<u>2025 Proposed</u>
General	\$112,200
Road & Bridge	\$358,500
Road Enhancement	\$20,000
Buildings	\$39,100
Fire	\$45,000
Cemetery	\$10,500
General Debt Service	\$56,000
TOWN TOTAL	\$641,300

<u>Levy:</u>	
General	\$50,000
Road & Bridge	\$290,000
Road Enhancement	\$20,000
Building	\$25,000
Fire	\$30,000
Cemetery	\$11,000
General Debt Service	\$30,000
TOWN TOTAL LEVY	\$456,000

Other anticipated Income	<u>\$134,000</u>
TOWN TOTAL INCOME	\$590,000

PENDING BUSINESS:

Sewer Budget – After debating the residential and septage percentage, Hull proposed Voss and Oftedahll meet before the Rate Hearing to decide the residential percentage.

Newsletter – A rough draft was passed to the Board to view.

Annual Meeting Planning – There is a moderator selected, and the Board Supervisors will each give a speech about their area of responsibility.

There being no further business, motion Voss, second Krech to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday March 7th, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Anderson, Deputy Clerk