STATE OF WISCONSIN

Town of Silver Cliff

Regular Town Board Meeting

Monday, August 10th, at 7:00pm

N11929 County Rd I, Silver Cliff Town Hall, Marinette County WI

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order - Pledge of Allegiance at 7:09PM

2. Roll call- Present were Chair Dee Farley, Supervisors Scott Volkmann and Jim Fencl, Treasurer Carol Kitchmaster, Clerk Margaret Lewis and Deputy Clerk Chloe Luke. Meeting was properly noticed on Saturday August 8th at 9:00AM on the website. Then physically placed at the Town Hall and Red Pine BP at 1:30PM.

3. Public Comment-

(a.) Dee Farley stated she does not want public comment at the beginning of the meeting. Asked audience members about what they wanted. (cross talk in the audience) One member stated this was decided at the annual electors meeting so please stop bringing it up and just get on with the meeting. Other member responded at the beginning, while others responded with at the end.

Laura Fencl- Silver Cliff- stated this was voted on at the electors meeting to mimic other towns in our area. Having two public comment sections meant electors could speak to agenda items for the current meeting and share valuable information to the board that may effect their decision on a current agenda. Second at the end for future issues or suggestions for the next meeting.

(b.) Dee Farley stated that it would be allowed tonight but going forward we would be discussing it. (cross talk in the audience, one audience member asked Farley why she had to be difficult and go against electors wishes) Dee Farley responded that other people also don't like this.

4. Approval of Agenda-

(a.) Supervisor Scott Volkmann said it would be accepted with the exception of number 7.

(b.)Chair Farley stated that we would still be talking about it. That Ryan Bourassa from the county was here and was going to answer questions. Stated the board would not be voting on the Resolution.

(c.)Supervisor Jim Fencl stated ok so lets table this and remove #7

(d.) Chair Farley said the resolution would still be discussed. (cross talk in the audience) Farley stated there are people here that have questions. (cross talk for several minutes)

(e.) Clerk Margaret Lewis asked if they were striking number 7?

(f.) Chair Dee Farley stated no it would be left on.

(g.) Motion made to approve the agenda by Scott Volkmann and seconded by Jim Fencl.

5. Approve the following: Meeting Minutes from 06/09/2026 Regular and Board of Review Meeting and Meeting Minutes from the 7/14/2026 Working Meeting. Motion made to

approve by Scott Volkmann and seconded by Jim Fencl.

6. Approve all Checks, Vouchers, Receipts and Electronic Payments from 7/14/2026 to 8/10/26. Motion made to approve by Volkmann and seconded by Fencl.

7. Discussion and possible approval of: RESOLUTION ALLOTTING JURISDICTION OF "UPPER ROARING RAPIDS LANE", FROM THE TOWN OF SILVER CLIFF TO THE MARINETTE COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT FOR ENTRY INTO THE COUNTY FOREST ROAD SYSTEM.

(a.) Chair Farley stated new information about the resolution was received so we are not going to approve it tonight. Ryan Bourrassa is here and he will answer questions. (cross talk from the audience)

(b.) Ryan Bourassa clarified he will not be taking questions.

(c.)Chair Farley asked Ryan to come to the front to answer questions.

(d.) Clerk Lewis said she could answer questions and could speak to the change as she had communicated with everyone prior to the meeting as Ryan did not wish to answer questions.

(e.) Chair Farley then motioned again to Ryan to come to the front. (cross talk between Clerk and Ryan)

(f.) Ryan Bourassa stated a group of land owners had hired a lawyer and filed a notice of claim against the Town of Silver Cliff over this matter. This issue has to do with the county plat map. The issue isn't specific to this resolution but does have ties to the county. So for

that reason as a representative of the county I will not be taking questions. The Towns attorney and the land owners attorney will have discussions.

(g.) Chair Farley said this matter is very time critical so should we go ahead and vote?

(h.) Ryan clarified that the county is aware of the claim. That in the future once negotiations happen or the claim is settled it essentially puts pause to the resolution. At a future time he would be willing to come back and speak. (cross talk in the audience for several minutes) Supervisor Fencl asked Chair Farley if she was going to get this meeting moving or not?

8. Discussion and possible action of a Budget Resolution for the moving of Road Funds to cover multiple budget items that have run over in 2nd Quarter 2026.

(a.) Chair Farley asked to be reminded why this was on the agenda?

(b.) Clerk Lewis stated this issue was brought up at the last working meeting and she had emailed them each individually. This is just like early March when you passed that budget resolution when Lisa was clerk. Time had run out to address the items during the last working meeting. She and the Deputy Clerk had put together a budget resolution and asked where to move funds. Supervisor Volkmann made the suggestion to take from road funds as there wasn't any road work happening this season. Clerk Lewis stressed that we were not exceeding budget just carefully moving funds in the amount of $5,970. Those budgets were judicial, financial administration and utility costs at the community center.

(c.) Supervisor Fencl asked if this would be enough to get us through the remainder of the year? Clerk Lewis responded no it would not. Given utility costs and remaining balance another budget resolution would have to be passed once heating season was underway.

(d.) Chair Farley asked so is this something we need to approve or do you just go ahead and do it?

(e.) Supervisor Fencl said no we have to pass the resolution. The one right here that Chloe and Margaret wrote for this evening.

(f.) Supervisor Volkmann asked if everyone had read the resolution and asked for clarification on the budget lines.

(g.) Clerk Lewis explained the judicial overage was from no one reaching out to the near north municipal court last fall and that payments to Judge Stichmann had gone up and were not budgeted for. The financial administration was over because the board had extended Riana Ventura's contract to help with the 2025 Reconciliation. Riana's contract is done now. Clerk Lewis said her and deputy are doing well in the roles and any further help from Riana would be small projects on an hourly basis for IT problems. That Riana would be

helping the treasurer with some computer related issues but those would come from the treasurers expenses. The final budget that needed to be topped off was the Community Center. Utility expenses were only budgeted at $1500 and that the two previous years the utilities were over $5600.

(h.) Supervisor Fencl asked if the Spectrum being disconnected would help? Clerk Lewis clarified she had put the service on hold for $10 a month versus $95 a month for active service so yes that would help.

(j.) Supervisor Volkmann made motion to adopt Budget Resolution number 4. Seconded by Supervisor Fencl.

9. Discussion and possible action on Sunday's Recycling schedule; Due to lack of employees.

(a.) Volkmann made mention of a possible employee. Fencl stated he and Laura would be volunteering on Sunday. (cross talk of days needed amongst the board)

(b.) Discussion was had between the board and Roberta Knier a recycling employee who was off because of an injury and subsequent shoulder surgery. Fencl suggested Roberta get paperwork for coming back to work officially from the clerk or have a letter from her doctor and asked if she would be back by labor day? (cross talk with Roberta and board for several minutes)

10. Discussion and possible action Regarding Easement request from Spectrum for Night Hawk Lane.

(a.) Discussion was had amongst the board members about the easement request. That the request had been sent to Chair Farley and had been over looked since April. The work was to begin in September and approval would need to happen so work could begin as scheduled.

(b.) Chair Farley said she had printed off the easement but that it needed to be notarized.

(c.) Treasurer Kitchmaster said she could take the copy but that her notary items were at her home.

(d.) Supervisor Fencl said he was concerned about pedestals being placed and that they may interfere with snow plowing but after talking to them this was no longer an issue and he didn't have problem with it.

(e.) Chair Farley asked Sue Victoreen if the planning commission was ok with this. Sue responded that yes they had looked and there was a clause about advanced notice that

was concerning. However, the agreement would mean giving 60 days notice to terminate the easement or to move the lines. That they felt this was fine regardless.

(f.) Motion made by Supervisor Fencl to approve the Spectrum Easement for Night Hawk Lane. Seconded by Supervisor Volkmann.

(g.) Volkmann took responsibility and apologized to a Dorothy in the audience for dropping the ball after the April meeting on the easement request. I should have followed up on this sooner.

11.Discussion and possible action on getting winter supplies for the roads; Salt, Sand and Plow Blades.

(a.) Dee Farley asked road crew foreman Jeff Debauche if he knew anything about this? Jeff responded that yes he and Supervisor Fencl had been working on this. Jeff stated he thinks they are all set.

(b.) Supervisor Fencl said that double the amount of sand was procured for this year. Asked Jeff if the contact had salt numbers? Jeff stated that was still uncertain. Supervisor Fencl apologized that the ball had been dropped but he was handling it with Jeff. That double the amount of salt would also be purchased. We were able to get our sand this year for half the price of what we paid last year from another competitor. (cross talk with audience and member asked Chair Farley who is suppose to order the salt and sand? Chair Farley responded that Jeff was supposed to do that. Another audience member asked if she was in charge of roads why she hadn't done this?) Fencl said its ok he and Jeff were on it.

12. Presentation by Clerk Margaret Lewis: Part 1 of a Feasibility Study for the former St. Mary's Church located at W13393 County Rd C Silver Cliff WI 54104

(a.) Clerk Lewis presented information relating to a commercial inspection done on both the Town Hall and former church. A design and blue print that was adopted from the Town of Newbolds new community center that was roughly the same square footage as the former church with the exception of the kitchen area. A study of 149 other townships that were between 400-600 people and what their use was for Town meeting spaces, rentals and construction types. A comprehensive list of data from the US Census in relation to population, age and income levels for Silver Cliff, Marinette County and nationally. Comparison of square footage, construction styles, usage, rentals and restoration efforts from the other 149 other towns in the survey.

(b.) The clerk took questions from the audience in relation to the plan being carried out in stages. That the usable square footage of the Town Hall also included the basement. That the square footage measurement was performed by a third party. That the meeting space at

the church would be reduced by the audition of office space but that the meeting area would still be very large and the stage could be reused. Town Hall office repairs that were included as quoted from previous plans going back to June to get a workable space for the current clerk and new deputy clerk. Clerk declined to speculate on what the cost would be to add office space at the fire station as it was not in her plans or study. Only the current Town Hall and former church. Urged that perhaps quotes could be sought for that. As more than half of municipalities Silver Cliffs size have combined Fire station Municipal buildings in a pole shed style construction format.

(c.) Audience member asked why the foundation was damaged? Clerk responded that it was due to an accident with equipment. Audience member asked why the foundation has not been fixed? Clerk asked the board to clarify as it was before her time. Supervisor Fencl stated that the damage happened while snow plowing. Audience member asked the board why the insurance had not paid for the damage and why it had not been fixed?

(d.) Chair Farley stated that she was told by former insurance agent that they would pay but that it would affect them renewing the insurance so the town should pay out of their own pocket. So that is what she decided to do. Audience member stated this should have been fixed right away and what were they waiting for if the building was compromised? Chair Farley stated there was a lack of funds.

(e.) Clerk Lewis asked if there were anymore questions? Supervisor Fencl asked why there had not been any considerations to using the fire station for town meetings? Fencl said the meeting space was plenty big for a standard town meeting and a truck or two could be moved if needed for election time. (audience member asked about the placard in the town hall about meeting space) Talk was had between the board members about the standing room of the space. (cross talk in the audience for several minutes)

(f.) Clerk Lewis responded that she was not part of the committee that planned the new EMS building and that time period was years before she became formally involved with the town.

13. Chairman's Report- Chair Farley called Laona State bank about getting another loan for a truck. The loan would be about 5% interest but that could go up or down and there are no grants available for a truck. Jeff should go ahead and order a truck.

(a.) Supervisor Fencl clarified the cost of the truck would be more than the down payment amount that we had saved due to the additional things needed to make the truck usable for the township. The cost of a truck could increase by $100k-$140k once the additional attachments and modifications were made to the frame and drive train of the truck.

(b.) Supervisor Volkmann stated the new truck was inevitable. Should figure out what to do about it.

(c.) Deputy clerk Luke made mention that the town currently has a loan for over $243,000. That perhaps a used truck could be looked at so that the town doesn't have to take out another loan. (cross talk in the audience. Audience member asked what the loan was for?)

(d.) Deputy clerk Luke stated the original loan was for the construction of the new town shop and the purchase of the church.

(e.) Chair Farley stated she believed that amount was just for the shop. As did Supervisor Volkmann.

(f.) Deputy clerk Luke said that the additional $181K was added to the loan to purchase the church in January of 2024.

(g.) Chair Farley stated she was unaware of that and thought the church had been paid for.

(h.) Deputy Clerk Luke shared with an additional $300k in additional monies added to the loan that would push it over a half million dollars that the town would be in debt.

(i.) Clerk Lewis asked the treasurer how much was currently in the equipment fund at Laona State Bank? Treasurer Kitchmaster said she thought it was around $35k-$40k. Clerk Lewis asked the board if this would be enough money for the down payment to physically get the truck on order? (cross talk with the audience and the board)

(j.) Clerk Lewis asked the board if they knew we were paying $8k in interest per year on the current loan. Treasurer Kitchmaster corrected Lewis and stated the interest was closer to $7k annually. Kitchmaster said that Laona State Bank would probably separate the loans and not combine them, but that she would look into this.

(l.) Supervisor Fencl asked Jeff Debauche the road crew foreman how he felt about the truck and other vehicles? Jeff responded that every time the International goes out they breathe a sign of relief when it comes back (laughter and cross talk in the audience.) Fencl asked if it was the frame or the engine? Jeff responded that the International wasn't to terrible yet but that truck and several others were just year by year at this point due to their age and frame conditions. That many frame patches have happened and so far for this year everything is holding up from hauling. Fencl asked Jeff if he felt the truck would hold up through this winter? Jeff stated that it would but that if ordering a new one it will take about a year to get it.

(m.) Chair Farley stated we had to look at the options, get our ducks in a row and get ready to order a new truck.

(n.) Ed Burdick of Silver Cliff -asked if all options were being looked at then why wasn't there any discussion of buying a used truck? What about Wisconsin Surplus auctions? What about the federal government auctions? What about contacting Marinette County? (cross talk in the audience) Jeff Debauche stated used trucks were no good as that is why other places are getting rid of theirs so we would not be getting anything good. (cross talk in the audience for several minutes) Deputy Clerk Luke made mention she had done some research on used trucks through the government surplus sites and found some suitable options. Supervisor Fencl stated the trucks she had found were decent trucks but that the quad axels were hard to plow with and the single axles were a little light for their needs but it was something that should be looked into further.

(o.) Chair Farley stated that more talks would happen at the next meeting and perhaps more plans could be made during the next working meeting. That we really need to get our ducks in a row to order a new truck.

(p.) Audience member suggested that a fund raiser could happen to help with buying a truck. Board members made mention the town can't raise money for itself but that the non profit groups or individuals could help raise money through fund raising.

14. Supervisor 1 Report- Supervisor Fencl talked with Ryan Bourassa today about some spring issues that have happened on Brandy Wine Lane. Certain areas where the water has no where to go. So the county is going to allow us to cut in some ditches to get the water a place to go in the spring flood season. Ryan is going to write us up something formal for the county easement. There are 2-3 full time residents up there and I just want to make sure they can safely get in and out during spring breakup. Speaking of easements as a town we should look at charging a little something for easement use. Spectrum came through here and used all the easements and by charging a little something we would have a little more oversight over where they are and what they are doing. Spectrum has not done the best job in cleaning up after themselves during the installs. (cross talk between Volkmann and an audience member that claimed any additional charges would be passed onto the customer) Fencl clarified he was not interested in making the charge a lot. But if the town charged some small price then at least the town would have some idea where they were working. There have been so many complaints the last two years and not knowing on the towns end has left property owners frustrated when things were not put back the way they should have been. We as a town haven't been kept up to date on all the areas they were working. Only when complaints came in and then trying to get a representative on the phone that knows where a crew is working has not been easy. I think this is something to look into.

15. Supervisor 2 Report- Volkmann stated he looked into the Wisconsin Retirement System. The brochure is 25 pages long. The take away and summary is that the WRS decides what the contribution rate is. They determine it annually. This coming January the rate will be 7.25%. That is for the employer and employee each. So 14.5% is going into that account. So the amount must be met. The board has to make a resolution of inclusion. We would have to do that by the 15th of November for participating starting January 1st. Participation is irrevocable. Once you are in you are in. The clerk or another municipal entity has monthly duties. There is an agent that gets assigned to the contributor or employer and there maybe online trainings that have to be done in an ongoing basis. We already have our employees so its really up to them if this is something they want to get into or not. Clerk Lewis made mention to Volkmann that through Empower retirement there is a contributor representative, there are trainings and ongoing support also. The training and use of the online platform were not being utilized so the change over to WRS would not be hard from the clerk standpoint. She was in favor of WRS as she has personal experience and feels it would be a great addition to retain and employ future workers in the town. As being enrolled in this pension based system does other places in our county. Volkmann agreed that this was a solid plan.

(a.) Chair Farley said she wanted to back track. That she had forgotten during her report to ask about setting a date for another working meeting. (cross talk for several minutes with Volkmann and Fencl)

(b.) Clerk Lewis asked that the board members fill out the questionnaire and schedule sheets she had sent out weeks prior. Based off those then she would arrange the meetings as had previously been discussed. Doing this here now would just take more time and had not been a successful way of scheduling. Please fill out the sheets. (cross talk between Volkmann, Treasurer and Chair Farley.) Clerk Lewis asked again that if everyone even just emails a list of days they are available she can create a schedule from that. That she and the deputy will try and work around their schedules. (Cross talk between Fencl, Volkmann and Farley about dentist appointments, doctors appointments, morning times or afternoon times.) Clerk asked again please just send along a list of days and times that work for you and I will coordinate thank you.

16. Treasurers Report- Carol Kitchmaster read through the list of each account and its balances from bank statements along with the fire department accounts from the bank statements and gave a final total of all the accounts combined. Clarified the equipment funds for the town and fire department CD's were each at $37, 975.94.

(a.) Supervisor Fencl asked if the town had received the money for the LRIP Program yet? Treasurer Kitchmaster said no. Chair Farley stated we would be getting about $29k for the

LRIP. Supervisor Fencl also asked about the general transportation funds. Treasurer Kitchmaster said yes she believed there would be about $58k coming from that also. Kitchmaster also brought up an issue with the contractor that handles aluminum cans. She feels the town could be getting a lot more by bringing those in themselves instead of paying this contractor to do it. (cross talk in the audience and board about the amount charged, who used to bring the cans in and why the town road crew stopped doing it. That the contractor was suppose to charge 10 cents per pound but was actually charging about 40 cents per pound.) Treasurer also gave a report for the fire department accounts and what was on the bank statements for their accounts.

17. Constable/ Planning Commission Report- Chair Farley called on another planning commission member to give report as Sabin was absent. Sue Victoreen spoke to a recent subdivision the commission was working on and the easement they had looked over.

18. Cemetery Report- None

19. Road Foreman Report- Jeff Debauche- Working on brush cutting. Worked with Fencl on ordering Sand. Supervisor Fencl asked Jeff Debauche to clarify the ordering of tires for one or both trucks. Suggested Jeff call Pomps to have them come measure. Jeff stated their website was not very good. Supervisor Fencl said to just have them come out as it would be no charge. After 6 years the tires become too old and would not be able to be recapped so lets try and get new ones ordered. Jeff agreed.

20. Fire Dept Report- Fire Chief Al Walesh said it had been quiet. We had no fires this last month. 2 rescue assist calls. Chair Farley stated there had been a lot of comments about the trout pond and the baby houses that were at the fireman's picnic.

21. County Board Supervisor Report- Chris Norton- asked if anyone had gotten on the used equipment list for Marinette County? This is an issue he has brought up to the board by him on at least 7 different occasions that he can think of. That the county sells at cost or trade in value its used trucks to municipalities. Contact Eric Burmeister the highway commissioner and get on the list.

(a.) Chair Farley stated so it this something that we would get as a replacement?

(b.) Supervisor Norton told Farley to contact Burmeister. These are used trucks the county has available as they replace their fleet. The trucks are in good condition and because of our need we may be put as higher priority on the list as these vehicles become available. You can put in what you are looking for. Moving on last month the highway commission gave a report on the 334 miles of county highway. 115 miles of those were rated at 3 or 4. So 33% of our roads are bad. We don't have funding for it. There was talk of borrowing money for it. We are one of 3 counties that are solvent at this time. When there is talk of borrowing

money. I myself am a fan of referendums as they let the tax payers decide if borrowing money is something they want to do and for how long to do it. McCaslin Lake district meeting I attended. They are still working on getting their dredging permits. Essentially they filled in a low spot with the dredge material from previous years and now the DNR is saying that counts as wetland and they have to find another spot to put the dredge material essentially. Their weed chopping is taken care of. Lake assessment with be $788 for next year. The District Attorney so far for this year has 211 felony cases. They are very short in the DA's office staff wise and are looking for a fulltime administrative assistant. If you know anyone who is looking for that type of work. They had the state review the case load and the DA's office should actually have another attorney on staff for the amount of cases they have. Sheriffs department is down 4 positions. Having difficulty filling the lieutenant positions. More people have left that position and gone back to road patrol because they make more money. Lieutenant position is also a non-union position. There was a lot of discussion around the flock cameras. Which have been in use and approved for more than two years. There are 5 of them. 1 on 141, 2 in the city of Marinette, Pembine, 64 and highway 8. I put some hand outs out on the table. This is what a flock camera report looks like. It's the license plate and color. The data is all owned by Marinette County and is recorded and controlled by the County for 30 days. Unless the information was sought for evidence then it is destroyed after 30 days. I talked to the Sheriff about the 4th amendment and he himself is a proponent to protect citizens 4th amendment. The problems have come into play with abuse by certain individuals. Those individuals will be prosecuted for misuse. The sheriff himself put out an article that is very informative. Supervisor Volkmann stated that everyone should read it in the Eagle Herald. Supervisor Norton stated he is a believer in the constitution and feels personal cell phones carry 10 times the tracking ability that a flock camera does. (cross talk from the audience. Member accused Supervisor Norton of not understanding the difference between voluntary and involuntary surveillance. Another member of the audience told the woman to be quiet. Cross talk continued with female audience member and others.) Supervisor Norton asked Chair Farley to get meeting in control. That he was not going to argue he was just stating facts of what he had learned from County board meetings as the districts Supervisor. Urged residents with concerns please reach out to Sheriff Miller as he is very accessible. The jail there is 116 inmates. 93 of them are pre-sentenced. There is a shortage of public defenders. Reminded electors that when things come up on that legal level there is no justice without a speedy trial and that is not happening.

(c.) Chair Farley stated that she had one more thing that she forgot to mention. Fencl or Volkmann can you call Eric Burmeister to find out about the amounts for our ARIP or LRIP program amounts? I am sure he would be happy to talk about them. Supervisor Fencl

stated that Farley had not applied for the ARIP. That the other amount was already set. Chair Farley said that they were ready to adjourn then if no one wanted to ask questions about it.

22. Clerks Report- Deputy Clerk Chloe Luke interrupted Chair Farley and informed her she had skipped the clerks report which was to be # 17. Deputy clerk Luke informed the audience that it had been a slower month on invoices so less bills to pay. There were two small late fees due to a change over from paper billing to electronic billing. The August 11th Primary pre-election tasks were complete. All the absentee ballots had now been issued and reminded citizens to stop in and vote in person the following day for the Primary. The pre and public testing had gone well and she was excited to get introduced to all the poll workers and learn more about the election process. We had two Open Records requested that expired this month. One was for the text messages, call logs and emails of the 3 board members from April of 2025 to present. We received the records from Jim Fencl. Did not receive the records from Chair Farley or Supervisor Volkmann. (audience member Vicki Farrell asked if the town paid for the cell phones?) Clerk Lewis replied no. However, the board uses their personal cell phones for town business and this makes the records of the cell phone a requestable item according to state law surrounding Open Records or Freedom of Information.

(a.) Supervisor Volkmann stated that he had sent Clerk Lewis his cell phone records. The clerk asked who he had sent them too? Volkmann responded to Lewis. Clerk Lewis said I received two cell phone bills from you for April and May of 2026 that had call logs. However, the request is for that data from April 2025 to present. The request was made in mid June. It doesn't include your text messages and emails. Chair Farley stated she had sent the clerk some emails. Clerk Lewis said this was not an argument. She had sent out the request numerous times. Supervisor Fencl had complied and she had reviewed his records for anything personal and was able to send them out unredacted. That the requestee had reached out again and the clerk gave the requestee contact information for the District Attorneys office. That it was up to the requestee to file a formal complaint with the DA's office. That she and Deputy Luke had done their due diligence to provide the records that were available to them.

(b.) Chair Farley stated she could not get her cell phone records. Supervisor Fencl asked why not? Don't you have cellcom? So do I and I didn't have a problem even being on Laura's mothers account. Chair Farley again stated that she could not get her cell phone records.

(c.) Clerk Lewis reiterated that she had helped Fencl with his email records and would help the other board members also. That as the administrator on the account she can help them

obtain the records as she did with Fencl and that thumb drives had been purchased for each board member to put their records on.

(d.) Deputy Clerk Chloe Luke continued with the report and informed the audience about the upcoming Recall Election. That the election was fast moving. She was working with the County Clerk and the elections commission. That Clerk Lewis had to step aside in matters of the Recall due to a conflict of interest and that she as the deputy clerk would be handling all election related duties and thanked people for their patience. Testing of the equipment with happen on August 12th for that. Notices have been posted at the Town Hall, gas station, the website and the Community center. Essentially all the notices had to go out at once so my apologies if it seems like there are a lot. It just got condensed into a short period due to state laws regarding the recall election process. Deputy Clerk Luke made mention to some misinformation that had been given out about the election being on the 17th. She assured the audience it was on the 18th and if anyone had questions to please contact her directly. (audience members asked about voting absentee in person or requesting a ballot to be mailed.) Clerk Lewis answered that absentee by mail requested needed to be made no later than Thursday August 13th. In person absentee voting would be finished on Sunday August 16th so please call Chloe to arrange an appointment so she isn't working all weekend. Deputy Clerk Luke offered to work with anyone who wanted to vote.

23. Motion to adjourn- Motion made by Supervisor Fencl and seconded by Supervisor Volkmann.

24. Public Comment-

Female audience member asked how the vendor responsible for the cans could be held accountable? Did this vendor have a contract with the town? If so the contract should be cancelled. Who is overseeing these things so the town isn't loosing money. (Supervisor Fencl stated this process was in place before the current board took over and there is a reluctance to make changes in how things are done. Stated when he worked for the road crew that the aluminum cans were hauled in by the road crew but at some point in the last few years that had stopped being done.) (cross talk between audience, Fencl and road crew employee Jeff Debauche.) Supervisor Fencl agreed that this was an issue to be looked into and thanked the audience, Sue and Carol for bringing it to the boards attention.

Female audience member asked if other people who had signed recall papers knew if there was a cost involved? That they should have just waited another 6 months or that the recall signers should be the ones paying for this. The audience member wanted to know what the cost was going to be? Where would the funding come from for this? (cross talk in the audience for several minutes) One audience member called on the clerk to clarify?

Clerk Margaret Lewis- stated the recall election had been called legally. That in Silver Cliff it is a 2 year term of office and a recall cannot be called by an elector until after the official has been in office for one year. Stated the recall was filed with her office on April 28th and the petitioner had 60 days to turn in the required signatures which they did within 60 days. Then a 10 days waiting period had to happen if the official being recalled wanted to challenge. That the required number of signatures had been obtained. That she had certified the documents as did the County Clerk Bobbie Borkowski. That a recall election is a right of the voters and not something perpetrated by chance. The budget for elections for 2026 was $7,000 and that was slightly over what was needed for the 3 elections that had been scheduled. The costs associated with the recall would not be known until after the recall election as the bills do not come in until the following month. Those payments would include the newspaper postings, the election workers hourly rates, the ballots and the cartridges for the voting machine. Lewis estimated the cost to be about $2,500-$3,000. That if more than one candidate ran then potentially another election would have to happen in September thereby doubling that cost.

Joan Sisler- Silver Cliff- Asked Chloe Luke the deputy what her set hours were going to be in the lead up to the recall?

Chloe Luke- Replied that she would be available by appointment. To please call her to arrange. That she also planned to be around the town hall Friday during regular business hours if anyone wanted to stop in and her contact info was on the website also if people couldn't make it on Friday.

Male audience member asked if he could vote now? Clerk Lewis asked the audience to please arrange a time with Chloe. As soon as the Town Hall cleared out this evening they and the election workers will be preparing for the Aug 11th Primary in the morning.

Submitted by Clerk Margaret Lewis