

**MINUTES SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON MAY 11, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bill Saunders at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2016. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Treasurer Kuriata.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Bill Saunders, Treasurer Maureen Kuriata, Clerk Barbara Runyon, Trustee Joel Moore and Trustee Mike Glynn.

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Mark Herman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Moore moved, seconded by Treasurer Glynn, to approve the May 11, 2016 Silver Creek Township Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cass County Circuit Court Judge candidate Scott Teter introduced himself and spoke about his experience and candidacy for Circuit Judge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Moore moved, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata, to approve the April 13, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

Treasurer Kuriata reported the bills and claims for May 11, 2016. Trustee Glynn moved, seconded by Supervisor Saunders, to approve the following bills and claims in the total amount of \$52,798.38 as follows:

FROM THE GENERAL FUND	\$ 23,058.39
FROM THE INDIAN LAKE SEWER FUND	\$ 8,422.04
FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY FUND	\$ 2,855.69
FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 6,175.88
FROM THE INDIAN LAKE WEED CONTROL FUND	\$ 12,286.38
 GRAND TOTAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:	 \$ 52,798.38

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

READING OF COMMUNICATION

No communication reported.

POLICE REPORT

12 complaints; 5 warnings, 1 ticket, 1 accident policed, and 2 assisted motorists and pedestrians.

HEALTH & SERVICE REPORTS

Indian Lake Fire Department: 5 calls with 3 in Silver Creek Township. Chief Huggins reported on the department's activity.

Sister Lakes Fire Department: No report.

Pride Care Ambulance Report: April - 10 calls with an average response time of 7:39 minutes. There was one extended response time due to distance, and there was an extended response time due to incorrect routing. The crew has been counseled in an effort to avoid this in the future.

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Mark Herman reported on the JP Morgan lawsuit, indicating Ken Wray had given him the paperwork he would need to follow up on this case.

Discussion followed.

BUILDING/ZONING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Building/Zoning Inspector Todd Herter reported 7 building permits with a projected cost of \$89,900.00, and 1 zoning permit.

He also requested permission to speak with Stephenson Land Surveyors as to how to determine ordinary high watermark(s) for front yard setbacks. A lengthy discussion followed.

Motion Re. Stephenson Land Surveyors

Trustee Glynn moved, seconded by Supervisor Saunders, to have Building/Zoning Inspector Todd Herter meet with Stephenson Land Surveyors and get a price on how to determine ordinary high watermarks and make recommendations on what other options we may have. Motion carried by voice vote.

BLIGHT AND LIQUOR INSPECTION REPORT

Blight Inspector Ken Wray reported 5 blight complaints filed; 5 blight checks; 5 blight complaints notified; 2 blight in non-compliance status; 1 blight in partial compliance; 2 blight complaints now in compliance. He also reported 5 liquor inspections with no violations.

APPEALS BOARD REPORT

Nothing to report.

PLANNING/ZONING COMMISSION REPORT

Bill Zuhl reported that the planning commission met on April 27th and discussed Section 3.23 Private Road ordinance and also discussed how to determine front yard setbacks. A public hearing will be held on May 25th at 7:00 p.m. on amending Section 3.23 Private Road/Street Ordinance.

STANDING INSPECTORS REPORT

Electrical Inspector: 8 permits
Plumbing Inspector: 5 permits
Mechanical Inspector: 4 permits

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Kuriata reported fund balances as follows:

General Fund	\$477,411.27
Indian Lake Sewer Maintenance Fund	\$243,283.65

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Indian Lake Sewer: Nothing to report.

Sister Lakes Sewer: Treasurer Kuriata reported that smoke tests are continuing, and that the sewer extension from CR690 is now complete.

Parks and Recreation Committee: Trustee Moore reported that the next Russom Park Meeting is July 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Dowagiac City Hall. He also reported that he will be working on getting the Ash Tree cleaned up and pavilion.

Public Safety Committee: Trustee Moore reported the next Public Safety meeting will be July 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the township.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Saunders reported that former Township Clerk Walter Lehmann is slowly recovering from surgery and has experienced some complications. Please keep Mr. Lehmann in your prayers.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by the call of the Supervisor.

Barbara Runyon
Silver Creek Township Clerk

Dated: May 12, 2016
To be approved at the June 8, 2016 Regular Meeting