

**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP
DECEMBER 9, 2020**

Regular Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Saunders.

Flag Ceremony

Roll Call – Present: (5) Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Glynn, Trustee Braman

Public Comment – None

Approval of Agenda – With two additions: Approval of upcoming 2021 monthly meeting calendar for Silver Creek Township Board, and discussion of Wilson property at 30871 M-152.

Motion by Clerk Behnke to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Trustee Glynn. Motion passed by roll call vote.

Yes (5): Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Glynn, Trustee Braman, Treasurer Kuriata

No (0): None

Absent (0): None

Consent Agenda-

1-Approval of the Minutes from the following meetings: November 11, 2020

2-Communications – None

3-Health and Safety Services Reports – attached

a-Police Report* Chief Grice

b-Indian Lake VFD

c-Sister Lakes VFD Chief Lozada

d-Ambulance* Pride Care

4-Building/Zoning reports

Permits: Mechanical - Plumbing – Electrical – Building – Demo – ZC

5-Treasurer's Report- trial balances

6-Approval of monthly Bills and Claims

Approval of Consent Agenda – Motion by Trustee Glynn, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Yes (5): Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Glynn, Trustee Braman, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke

No (0): None

Absent (0): None

Operational Reports

Parks & Recreation Committee – Trustee Glynn – No meeting to update

Planning Commission Report – Trustee Braman – Meeting next week, they are working with the attorney on the issue of short-term rentals.

Public Safety Committee – Supervisor Saunders – No meeting to update

Sewer - Indian Lake – Treasurer Kuriata – No report.

Sewer - Sister Lakes - Treasurer Kuriata – Meeting December 10th at 1:30 p.m.

Zoning Appeals Board Report – Trustee Glynn – December 8th variance request was denied.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to reappoint Terry Harris to a 3-year term on the Planning Commission, to expire 12/31/2023.

Motion by Treasurer Kuriata seconded by Clerk Behnke. Motion passed by roll call vote:
Yes (5): Trustee Glynn, Trustee Braman, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders
No (0): None
Absent (0): None

Motion to reappoint Mike Glynn to a 4-year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals, expiring 12/31/2024.

Motion by Clerk Behnke, seconded by Supervisor Saunders.
Motion passed by roll call vote:
Yes (4): Trustee Braman, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders
No (0): None
Abstain: (1): Trustee Glynn
Absent (0): None

Motion to reappoint Bernard Herold Jr. to a 2-year term on the Board of Review, to expire 12/31/2022.

Motion by Supervisor Saunders, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata.
Motion passed by roll call vote:
Yes (5): Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Glynn, Trustee Braman
No (0): None
Absent (0): None

Motion to reappoint Patty Bartley to a 2-year term on the Board of Review, to expire 12/31/2022.

Motion by Trustee Braman, seconded by Clerk Behnke.
Motion passed by roll call vote:
Yes (5): Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Glynn, Trustee Braman, Treasurer Kuriata.
No (0): None
Absent (0): None

Motion to reappoint Wendy Fitzgerald to a 2-year term on the Board of Review as an alternate, to expire 12/31/2022.

Motion by Trustee Glynn, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata.
Motion passed by roll call vote:
Yes (5): Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Glynn, Trustee Braman, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke
No (0): None
Absent (0): None

Motion to appoint Mick Braman to a 4-year term on the Planning Commission, to expire 12/31/2024.

Motion by Treasurer Kuriata, seconded by Supervisor Saunders.
Motion passed by roll call vote:
Yes (4): Trustee Glynn, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders

No (0): None
Abstain (1): Mick Braman
Absent (0): None

Motion to appoint Nick Barnes to a 3-year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals, to expire 12/31/2023.

Motion by Clerk Behnke, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata.

Motion passed by roll call vote:

Yes (5): Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Glynn, Trustee Braman

No (0): None

Absent (0): None

Motion to reappoint Larry Hewitt to a 2-year term on the Board of Review, to expire 12/31/2022.

Motion by Supervisor Saunders, seconded by Clerk Behnke

Motion passed by roll call vote:

Yes (5): Trustee Braman, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Glynn

No (0): None

Absent (0): None

Motion to approve Resolution 20-27 moving the Board of Review meeting for December to December 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion by Trustee Braman, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata.

Motion passed by roll call vote:

Yes (5): Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Glynn, Trustee Braman

No (0): None

Absent (0): None

Motion to approve Resolution 20-26: Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Sections 155.06 and 155.03 adding definitions for fence, adjacent grade, heigh and protective measures fence, and amending the fence ordinance.

Motion by Trustee Glynn, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata.

Motion passed by roll call vote:

Yes (5): Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Glynn, Trustee Braman, Treasurer Kuriata

No (0): None

Absent (0): None

Motion to renew the special permit for 2021 for a mobile home in Agricultural-Residential District, for Margaret Zuhl, Parcel 14-130-016-009-00.

Motion by Treasurer Kuriata, seconded by Supervisor Saunders.

Motion passed by roll call vote:

Yes (5): Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Glynn, Trustee Braman, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke

No (0): None

Absent (0): None

Motion to appoint John Joossens to a 3-year term on the Planning Commission, to expire 12/31/2023.

Motion by Supervisor Saunders, seconded by Trustee Braman.

Motion passed by roll call vote:

Yes (5): Trustee Glynn, Trustee Braman, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders

No (0): None

Absent (0): None

OTHER BUSINESS

Chief Huggins – No longer with Indian Lake Fire Department

Wilson property at 30871 M-152 condemned – Court gave permission to demolish after 12/13/2020. If demolished now, the township could be out the money if sold on tax sale. We do need to secure a notice of municipal condition to be recorded with any judgement on the property. We will continue to review the progress on this property at the next meeting.

Motion to approve 2021 Township Board Meeting Dates

Motion by Clerk Behnke, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata.

Motion passed by roll call vote:

Yes (5): Trustee Braman, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Glynn

No (0): None

Absent (0): None

Public Comment

Todd Herter, Building/Zoning Administrator: Questioned if corner lot amendment was passed at the Cass County Planning Commission; we will check and if possible, it will be on the January agenda for board approval.

Supervisor Saunders: Dave Grabemeyer declined to be reappointed to the Planning Commission but will remain on the Zoning Board of Appeals, due to wanting to spend more time with family.

Bruce Nevins did not want to be reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Supervisor Saunders stated both had done an excellent job for the Township and thanked both of them for their work. Trustee Glynn noted he has worked with both of them and they both have made incredible contribution, very insightful and they will be missed.

Adjourned

Motion by Trustee Glynn, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata.

Motion passed by roll call vote:

Yes (5): Trustee Braman, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Glynn

No (0): None

Absent (0): None

Adjourned – 7:46 p.m.

To be approved at 1/13/2021 meeting