

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP
June 12, 2019

Regular Meeting called to order 7:00 PM by Supervisor Saunders

Flag Ceremony

Roll Call – Present: Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Zuhl, Trustee Glynn.

Approval of Agenda –motion to approve by Treasurer Kuriata, supported by Clerk Behnke. Motion passed by voice vote.

Call for public comment – 8 present – no one commented.

Approval of the Minutes of the May 8, 2019 Regular Board Meeting and the May 22, 2019 SAW Grant meeting, and the June 5, 2019 Inn-D-Inn SAD minute. Motion to approve by Trustee Glynn, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata, motion carried by voice vote.

Approval of Bills and Claims – Motion by Clerk Behnke, seconded by Trustee Glynn. Roll call vote: Yes (5) Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Zuhl, Trustee Glynn, Treasurer Kuriata.

No (0)

Abstain (0) – motion carried

Reading of Communications - none

Health and Safety Services Reports

Police Report – 29 comp.; 5 assists; 35 prop. inspect.; 6 liquor insp/0 viol;

Blight – 2 new complaints-1 resolved; 22 new weed ordinance complaints-10 resolved

Fire Report

Indian Lakes –7 calls; 2-in Silver Creek Township; 2- Pokagon; 3- other

Sister Lakes-8 in Silver Creek Township; 5 in Keeler; 1 Bainbridge; 1 Pipestone

Ambulance Report- 19 total calls, avg response 6:41; Priority 1 – 3 calls; Priority 2 – 16

Building/Zoning Inspector's Report – building & demo permits

Permits: Mechanical 13; Plumbing 9; Electrical 10

Zoning Appeals Board Report – Trustee Glynn – no appeals to report

Planning Commission Report – Trustee Zuhl - Wedding Event Barn ordinance was sent to Cass County Planning Commission-next meeting is 6/26 at 7pm.

Treasurer's Report – General Fund Balance \$172,088.73; Indian Lake Sewer \$259,887.89.

Operational Reports

Indian Lake Sewer – SAW grant computer – Treasurer Kuriata is meeting with Mitch Billingham 6/13/19 and will have more information after their meeting.

Sister Lakes Area Sewer – Treasurer Kuriata will attend meeting on 6/13/19

Parks & Recreation – Trustee Glynn noted there has been no work done on the football field at Russom park.

Public Safety Committee – Chief Grice – no new report

OLD BUSINESS

Solar Energy Systems (Ord 19-01) - sent in for codification per last meeting and it has not come back yet.

LED lighting – bid requests were sent out – only one company submitted a bid – Bender Electric – discussion – many contractors are already busy and scheduled for this summer so we should try this again in the fall; Trustee Glynn suggested we can also just replace the lighting with LED as it burns out – the payback timeline will remain an important factor.

Motion to adopt a zoning change for commercial district by adding bulk fuel storage (propane) as follows: Text amendment(s) to the Township Zoning Ordinance, as contained within the Township’s code of Ordinances, to amend 155.083 C Commercial District (B) Permitted Uses; to add subsection (13) Bulk Fuel Storage (Propane).” Motion by Clerk Behnke, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata.

Roll call vote: Yes (5) Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Zuhl, Trustee Glynn, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke .

No (0)

Abstain (0) – motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

Road Commission – discussion led by Supervisor Saunders – he has received numerous calls and yes the county is going to mow but 2 of their mowers are not working; the corner of Topash and Townhall has been repaired; Trustee Glynn noted some of the road repairs have been out of sequence and is frustrating, he plans to contact our county commissioner to have a pot hole filled before they chip & seal. Trustee Glynn noted the edge of the road at Forrest Beach S curves needs to be filled with gravel.

Bonnie Hague – Parks/Rec board – request for funding to pay for the mailing of the survey with the tax bill. Motion to approve a fund balance transfer in the Parks/Rec account in an amount up to \$2000 to pay for their share of the survey and postage. Motion by Supervisor Saunders, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata.

Roll call vote: Yes (5) Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Zuhl, Trustee Glynn, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke .

No (0)

Abstain (0) – motion carried

Motion for Recognition of Silver Creek Township Police for National Police Week – Special Tribute presented to Silver Creek Township Police Department and signed by State Representative Brad Paquette, State Senator Kim LaSata and Congressman Fred Upton. The Silver Creek Township expressed their appreciation and gratitude for the work of the Silver Creek Township Police Department. Motion and tribute read by Clerk Behnke.

Motion to approve a fund balance transfer in the Public Improvement account to cover to the two floor repairs, in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00. Motion by Treasurer Kuriata, seconded by Trustee Glynn.

Roll call vote: Yes (4) Trustee Zuhl, Trustee Glynn, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke .
No (0)
Abstain (1) – Supervisor Saunders
motion carried

Motion to approve the 2019 Tax Rate Request for Silver Creek Township at: 0.6907 mills allocated for operating expense and 0.9921 mills for Police/Fire; and to authorize the Clerk and the Supervisor to sign the L-4029. Motion by Trustee Glynn, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata.

Roll call vote: Yes (5) Trustee Glynn, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Zuhl,
No (0)
Abstain (0) – motion carried

Motion to approve and have the Supervisor sign the 2019 Fireworks Permit for Magician Lake; fireworks to take place on July 5, 2019 between dusk and 10pm or the rain date of 8/31/19. Motion by Trustee Zuhl, seconded by Supervisor Saunders. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion to approve and sign the bid for Sink Road Culvert replacement and issue check immediately for \$24,272.75, to be submitted with the signed contract, and the balance to be paid upon completion. Discussion – there is currently an 18-24” pipe under the road and it is collapsing. If we don’t pay to have this replaced, they will close the road. Supervisor Saunders explained the DEQ is requiring a large elliptical tube because this drains from Indian Lake into a stream/river, thus the replacement must meet DEQ standards. The county did send the work out for bids to make this repair and they share in the cost of replacement. It was noted there are several drains in this county that are not on record and we will need to plan on culvert replacement in future years. This payment will come from the culver fund.

Motion by Supervisor Saunders, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata.

Roll call vote: Yes (5) Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Zuhl, Trustee Glynn,
No (0)
Abstain (0) – motion carried

Motion to revisit Tim Green’s request for reduction or removal from the Inn-D-Inn SAD assessment roll. Motion by Treasurer Kuriata, seconded by Clerk Behnke. Discussion. Mr. Green’s back yard is along Inn-D-Inn Drive, his home and driveway are on Hunt Drive and he did submit a letter requesting a reduction or removal from the SAD assessment roll.

Motion amended as follows: Motion to amend Resolution 19-16 to reflect a reduced amount of \$522.06 to be charged on parcel 14-130-031-084 (Tim Green), to amend the tax roll to reflect this charge. Amended motion by Treasurer Kuriata, seconded by Clerk Behnke.

Roll call vote: Yes (4) Clerk Behnke, Trustee Zuhl, Trustee Glynn, Treasurer Kuriata,
No (1) Supervisor Saunders
Abstain (0)
Motion carried – Assessor Kays will update the roll and notify Mr. Green of this update and his options.

Other Business – Trustee Zuhl asked if there was a back up for Mechanical Inspector Dobberteen and Treasurer Kuriata noted there is and back up works for Dobberteen. It was noted there have been delays due to the heavy rain.

Trustee Zuhl – the planning commission will revisit a rental ordinance but they need to know the area of concern, such as: safety, property maintenance, disturbing the peace, etc. He is concerned there are already laws/ordinances in place to address these issues and he would like to have documentation for the number and type of complaints. Discussion. The concern is with short term rentals with absentee owners, who see it as primarily a financial investment, without concern for their impact on their neighbors and community. It was noted the building/zoning administrator is interested in having a short term rental ordinance and this would not apply to agriculture.

Public Comment – one person requested the address of Tim Green and it was repeated.

Meeting adjourned 8:10pm

Prepared by: Clerk Lorri Behnke 6/13/19

To be approved 7/10/19