

**MINUTES SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC HEARING  
AUGUST 9, 2017**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON DEWEY LAKE WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT**

The Public Hearing on Dewey Lake Weed Control Special Assessment District was called to order by Supervisor Bill Saunders at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 9, 2017. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Supervisor Saunders.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

Supervisor Saunders stated the purpose of the meeting is to hear public comments on the creation of a special assessment district, the plans for treating the special assessment district, and the estimated costs for weed control for riparian owners and others who have riparian rights on Dewey Lake in Silver Creek Township.

Clerk Runyon reported that proper notice of the hearing on this matter was published twice in the Dowagiac Daily News on July 25 and 28, 2017 and was mailed first-class mail to each property owner within the proposed assessment district as shown on the current tax rolls of the township on July 21, 2017. Affidavits of Publication are on file and made a part thereof.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mary Beth Ryan expressed her approval for the weed control district and how effective it has been.

Sue Ellmer questioned whether they were requesting and spending too much since they no longer have the weed harvester.

Billy Jean Staziak asked if there would be an increase from what is currently being assessed. She also questioned the treatment.

Clerk Runyon advised that there was a surplus from the weed district which will expire this year, and that will be returned as a credit on their winter tax bill. The first year assessment will be \$125.00 per parcel with a refund of \$208.97. They will owe nothing the first year and receive an additional \$83.97 credit on their tax bill. The 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> year the assessment is \$100.00 per parcel. She also advised that if the Dewey Lake Weed District is approved tonight, another public hearing will be held on September 12<sup>th</sup> to hear questions or objections on the assessment.

Doug Pearson, Chairman of the Dewey Lake Improvement Association commented that the lake has made great progress thanks largely to Jennifer at Restorative Lake Sciences and their expertise.

Jennifer L. Jermalowicz-Jones from Restorative Lake Science reported on the progress of the lake. She indicated that they will be trying to do some additional spot treating the first year.

Billy Jean Staziak asked if and how they get rid of the splatter dock problem in front of her home.

Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones explained the procedure they plan to use to treat.

Veronica Towne voiced her approval of the weed control district and treatment. She commented that because of having professionals like Jennifer, the lake is being treated properly and not over treated.

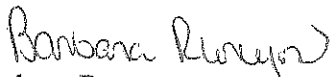
There was no other public comments.

### **DISCUSSION**

Clerk Runyon advised that no written objections were received.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Supervisor closed the public hearing at 6:46 p.m.



Barbara Runyon  
Silver Creek Township Clerk

Dated: August 10, 2017

To be approved on September 13, 2017