

**MINUTES SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON JUNE 14, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bill Saunders at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14, 2017. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Trustee Zuhl.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney John Magyar.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Glynn moved, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata, to approve the June 14, 2017 Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Terry Ausra gave the Cass County report: There will be a free passenger tire disposal on August 5, 2017 from 9 to noon at the Old Courthouse in Cassopolis. He went on to report that the commissioners have been working on what to do with the Historical Courthouse, sell it or renovate it, and asked for input from the attendees. Clerk Runyon recommended selling it.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Treasurer Kuriata moved, seconded by Trustee Zuhl, to approve the May 10, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

Treasurer Kuriata reported the bills and claims for June 2017. Clerk Runyon moved, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata, to approve the following bills and claims in the total amount of \$95,861.37 as follows:

FROM THE GENERAL FUND	\$ 34,832.68
FROM THE INDIAN LAKE SEWER FUND	\$ 36,903.84
FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY FUND	\$ 5,231.58
FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 5,661.26
FROM THE PARKS & RECS FUND	\$ 370.00
FROM THE INDIAN LAKE WEED CONTROL FUND	\$ 5,766.64
FROM THE MAGICIAN LAKE WEED CONTROL FUND	\$ 7,095.37

GRAND TOTAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:

\$ 95,861.37

Trustee Glynn questioned why so many bills were being paid early and if we should visit that as a board. Clerk Runyon responded that bills are being paid early to avoid a late penalty and we had the authority under the General Appropriations Resolution that was passed with our budget. Treasurer Kuriata noted that the June board meeting is being held later in the month and would have more bills paid early.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote with no member being absent.

READING OF COMMUNICATION

No communication reported.

POLICE REPORT

42 complaints, 5 warnings, 2 tickets, 1 accident policed, 0 arrests, 1 arrest - assist other police agencies, 12 assist other police agencies, 4 assist fire and ambulance departments, 2 assist motorist & pedestrians, 10 property inspections.

Six liquor inspections with no violations.

HEALTH & SERVICE REPORTS

Indian Lake Fire Department: Four calls in the month of May.

Sister Lakes Fire Department: Ten calls in the month of May with 8 in Silver Creek Township. Total response time of 8.4 minutes.

Pride Care Ambulance Report: Twenty-six calls in May with an average response time of 7:23 minutes - 11 priority one calls with an average response time of 5:55 minutes; 14 priority two calls with average response time of 8:20; and 1 priority three calls with an average response time of 10:19 minutes.

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Magyar reported on two pending court cases. He has filed a motion for judgment in the JP Morgan Chase case which is scheduled for September. He also reported on the Indian Lake Golf Course Tax Tribunal case.

BUILDING/ZONING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Building/Zoning Inspector Herter gave the building/zoning report: Eleven building permits at a total projected cost of \$210,500.00, and three zoning permits for the month of May.

BLIGHT AND LIQUOR INSPECTION REPORT

Officer Wray reported 6 open blight complaints in May; 6 new blight complaints filed in May; 6 blight residents notified; 4 blight issues resolved. Total time spent on blight 12.5 hours.

APPEALS BOARD REPORT

No report.

PLANNING/ZONING COMMISSION REPORT

Trustee Zuhl reported the Planning Commission met on May 24, 2017 and granted a special use permit for a food truck park on M-152. Their next meeting will be on July 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

STANDING INSPECTORS REPORT

Electrical Inspector: 7 permits
Plumbing Inspector: 3 permits
Mechanical Inspector: 6 permits

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Kuriata reported \$438,786.86 as the General Fund balance and \$215,986.22 as the Indian Lake Sewer fund balance.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Indian Lake and Sister Lakes Sewer: Treasurer Kurita reported that postcards will be going out notifying customers of their sewer rate increase.

Parks and Recreation Committee: Trustee Glynn reported that the next Russom Parks Board meeting will be held on July 18th. He also questioned whether there was an interest in resuming the Silver Creek Township Parks Board. He and Supervisor Saunders will meet to discuss this matter.

Public Safety Committee: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE ON INDIAN LAKE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT

Clerk Runyon reported that she and Trustee Glynn had met with representatives of the Indian Lake Improvement Association Board regarding amending the current Indian Lake Special Assessment District for Aquatic Weed Control Agreement with Silver Creek Township. It

was a successful meeting and a First Amendment to Agreement has been provided to all board members and counsel for review and discussion. She also noted that Indian Lake Improvement Association will meet on June 17th and will also review and discuss the amendment.

Discussion with no problems or objections noted. Clerk Runyon will place it on the July Agenda if approved by the Indian Lake Board.

UPDATE ON STANDBY GENERATOR

Clerk Runyon gave an update on the Standby Generator, indicating a Request for Proposal has been prepared, published, placed on our website and invitations to bid have gone out. Bids will be accepted until August 2, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. and opened on that day. It will be awarded at our August 9th board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION RE. TAX REVERTED PROPERTIES

Trustee Zuhl moved, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata, to decline to purchase the 2017 Tax Reverted Properties within Silver Creek Township. Discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF 2017 TAX RATE REQUEST

Trustee Glynn moved, seconded by Clerk Runyon, to approve the 2017 Tax Rate Request for Silver Creek Township at:

0.6907 mills allocated for operating expense
0.9921 mill for Police/Fire

and to authorize the Clerk and the supervisor to sign the L-4029

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION R17-16 ADOPTING NEW PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNANCE

Clerk Runyon moved, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata, to approve the following resolution:

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Silver Creek Township

Principles of Governance

To maintain the highest standards and traditions of Michigan townships, we embrace these principles to guide our stewardship, deliberations and constituent services as we commit to safeguard our community's health, safety and general welfare.

We pledge to:

- Insist on the highest standards of ethical conduct by all who act on behalf of this township
- Bring credit, honor and dignity to our public offices through collegial board deliberations, and diligent, appropriate responses to constituent concerns
- Actively pursue education and knowledge, and embrace best practices
- Treat all persons with dignity, respect and impartiality, without prejudice or discrimination
- Practice openness and transparency in our decisions and actions
- Cooperate in all reasonable ways with other governmental entities and consider the impact our decisions may have outside our township's borders
- Communicate to the public township issues, challenges and successes, and welcome the active involvement of stakeholders to further the township's well-being
- Strive for compliance with all state and federal statutory requirements
- Refuse to participate in any decisions or activities for personal gain, at the expense of the best interests of the township
- Further the understanding of the obligations and responsibilities of American citizenship, democratic government and freedom

These principles we pledge to our township, our state, and our country.

Bill Saunders
Bill Saunders, Supervisor

Barbara Runyon
Barbara Runyon, Clerk

Maureen Kuriata
Maureen Kuriata, Treasurer

Michael Glynn
Michael Glynn, Trustee

William Zuhl
William Zuhl, Trustee

June 14, 2017
Date



Discussion was held. Resolution R17-16 carried by unanimous roll call vote with no member being absent.

RESOLUTION R17-17

Trustee Glynn moved, seconded by Trustee Zuhl, to approve Resolution R17-17 as follows:

**RECOGNITION OF LIFE SAVING PERFORMANCE
INDIAN LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
SISTER LAKES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
PRIDE CARE AMBULANCE**

At a regular board meeting of the Township of Silver Creek held this 14th day of June, 2017, at the Silver Creek Township Hall, Silver Creek Township, Cass County, Michigan, be it resolved that:

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2017 the Indian Lake Volunteer Fire Department, Sister Lakes Volunteer Fire Department and Pride Care Ambulance responded to a car accident on School Street, Silver Creek Township, Cass County, Michigan;

WHEREAS, they displayed outstanding performance in saving a human life, displaying initiative, capability and superior attention to their duties;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Silver Creek Township Board thanks and recognizes the following individuals for their superior performance during the February 26, 2017 car accident and for saving a human life.

**Indian Lake Fire Department
Department**

Nick Baker
James Bolt
Bernard Herold
Robert Smith
Bryan Huggins

Sister Lakes Fire

Bob Jones
Justin Jones

Pride Care
Justin Shedd
Robert Curry
Barb Wait

Resolution R17-17 carried by unanimous roll call vote with no members being absent.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

Supervisor Saunders presented Certificates of Recognition to the above-mentioned Indian Lake and Sister Lakes Volunteer Fireman and Pride Care employees recognizing them for their outstanding performance in the saving of a human life at the February 26, 2017 accident.

Chief Huggins of the Indian Lake Fire Department thanked all the agencies that responded on February 26, 2017 recognizing that it was a community effort of many.

OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Zuhl questioned the status of the performance and response time of the mechanical inspector, and Supervisor Saunders reported that it has improved.

Trustee Zuhl questioned whether the speed signs are being utilized. Supervisor Saunders stated that the old one is being worked on and should be done soon. Chief Grice said that the new one is out already.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m. by call of the Supervisor.

Dated: June 15, 2017

To be approved at the July 12, 2017 Board Meeting

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