

**SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
32764 Dixon Street, Dowagiac MI 49047**

February 14, 2024 6:30 pm

Regular Meeting called to order by Supervisor Braman at 6:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Glynn

Roll Call- All Present (5): Supervisor Braman, Trustee Glynn, Trustee Feirick, Treasurer Behnke, Clerk Honn

Chief Hartman (ILVFD), Chief Lozada (SLFD), Undersheriff Roach (CCSO), Scott Saunders (Building Official) and other members of the public were present.

Public comment – comment was heard; closed at 6:33pm

Approval of Agenda with amendments was carried

Motioned by Clerk Honn and Trustee Glynn seconded. Amendments included correction to amount listed for Bills & Claims to include payroll by Clerk Honn, Supervisor Braman removed the SLAUA contract from list of motions. Motion passed by voice count.

Ayes-(5) Supervisor Braman, Clerk Honn, Treasurer Behnke, Trustee Feirick, Trustee Glynn
Nayes- (0)

Motion to Approve Minutes and Bills/Claims as part of a Consent Agenda - carried

1-Approval of minutes from Jan 10, 2024 & Jan 17, 2024

2-Approval of monthly Bills and Claims in the amount of \$124,583.47

Yes-(5) Supervisor Braman, Clerk Honn, Treasurer Behnke, Trustee Feirick, Trustee Glynn

No- (0)

Informational & Operational Reports to the Board:

- Ambulance- Supervisor Braman reported that SMCAS offered an extension of coverage
- Indian Lake VFD- Chief Hartman reported calls for January
- Sister Lakes VFD- Chief Lozada- no new information to report
- Police- Undersheriff Roach reported on year-end numbers and recruiting efforts.
In April a County-wide Dive training will happen at Indian Lake
- Planning Commission- Trustee Glynn reported that there is a Public Hearing at their next meeting on Feb 28 at 7pm
- Zoning Appeals Board- Trustee Feirick reported that they held their organizational meeting on Feb 13 and the officers were elected.

Discussion/updates:

- Ambulance Update- Supervisor Braman reported that SMCAS has offered an extension in the contract to provide coverage, however the actual costs to the township were still undetermined.
- Email Services- Clerk Honn provided quotes for email services and converting to the .GOV domain to consider and discuss at the next budget meeting.
- Silver Creek Township Policies- Clerk Honn expressed the need for the Board to review and write policies for the Township as other townships include them in their General Appropriations Act as a Policy Manual. Some are recommended and some just need updated.
- Budget Workshop Meeting- will be held on February 21st at 1pm
- Audit Services- 1 quote was received from Siegfried Crandall PC; discussed obtaining more quotes including one from the State of Michigan. The need for a consulting accountant was discussed and recommended by Clerk Honn to help answer questions and assist in annual report preparation.

MOTIONS:

1. Motion Carried by voice count to appoint Debbie Steimle to the Board of Review with a term expiring 12/31/24 Ayes-(5) Supervisor Braman, Clerk Honn, Treasurer Behnke, Trustee Feirick, Trustee Glynn Nayes- (0)	<i>Braman/ Behnke</i>
2. Motion Carried by roll call vote to approve the quote from Skorupa Electric for Indian Lake Sewer maintenance work on the lift stations in the amount of \$11,460 Yes-(5) Trustee Feirick, Trustee Glynn, Treasurer Behnke, Supervisor Braman, Clerk Honn No- (0)	<i>Behnke/ Honn</i>
3. Motion Carried by voice count to approve Audrey Salesberry as a consulting accountant for the township Ayes-(5) Treasurer Behnke, Clerk Honn, Supervisor Braman, Trustee Feirick, Trustee Glynn Nayes- (0)	<i>Glynn/ Behnke</i>
4. Motion Carried by roll call vote to approve the updated Silver Creek Township Building Fee Schedule Yes-(5) Trustee Feirick, Trustee Glynn, Treasurer Behnke, Clerk Honn, Supervisor Braman No- (0)	<i>Feirick/ Honn</i>

Public Comment – opened at 7:01 & closed at 7:02

Motion to Adjourn at 7:02pm was carried by voice count

Feirick/Honn

Supervisor Mick Braman

Clerk Jess Honn