

MINUTES
SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2016

The special meeting of the Silver Creek Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Bill Saunders. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was dispensed with.

PRESENT: Supervisor Bill Saunders, Clerk Barb Runyon, Treasurer Maureen Kuriata, Trustee Mike Glynn and Trustee Joel Moore

ABSENT: None.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Treasurer Kuriata moved, seconded by Clerk Runyon, to approve the special meeting agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one from the public present.

RESOLUTION R16-11 RE. PURCHASE OF TAX REVERTED PROPERTIES

A lengthy discussion was held on the possible purchase of tax reverted property parcel number 14-130-027-020-00 located at 54764 California Road, Dowagiac, Michigan. Discussion was held as to it being used as a park, purchasing additional adjacent property for a canoe landing and cleaning up of a blighted property.

Supervisor Saunders moved, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata, to adopt the following resolution:

SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP, CASS COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION R16-11

PURCHASE OF TAX REVERTED PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Cass County Treasurer has acquired properties in Silver Creek Township via the tax reversion process;

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has the first right to purchase said properties, with Silver Creek Township having the second right to purchase said properties, at the Minimum Bid price;

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has not expressed an interest in purchasing any of the said properties;

WHEREAS, Silver Creek Township is interested in purchasing Parcel Number 14-130-027-020-00, 54764 California Road, Dowagiac, Michigan for the Minimum Bid Price of \$4,189.52;

WHEREAS, Silver Creek Township is interested in purchasing Parcel Number 14-130-027-020-00 with the intent to be used for public purpose in the future;

WHEREAS, Silver Creek Township is not interested in purchasing any other properties offered by the Cass County Treasurer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Silver Creek Township purchase Parcel Number 14-130-027-020-00, 54764 California Road, Dowagiac, Michigan for the Minimum Bid Price of \$4,189.52;

FURTHER, that said property is purchased for future public purpose.

FURTHER, that Silver Creek Township will not purchase any other tax reverted properties offered by the Cass County Treasurer in Silver Creek Township.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Supervisor Bill Saunders, seconded by Treasurer Maureen Kuriata.

Upon roll call, the following was voted:

Yes (5): Treasurer Kuriata, Trustee Glynn, Trustee Moore, Supervisor Saunders and Clerk Runyon

No (0): None.

Absent (0): None.

Supervisor Saunders declared the resolution adopted.

DISCUSSION ON ASH TREE PAVILION

Trustee Joel Moore provided the Board with information from Tom Zabadal, MSU Extension regarding the preservation of the large Red Ash Tree which was cut down on Townhall Road. Discussion was held regarding building a pavilion on Silver Creek Township Hall property to display the Red Ash Tree which was the largest reported Red Ash Tree in the United States. A

lengthy discussion was held. Trustee Moore noted that the work would be performed by volunteers. It was determined that Craig Runyon from Niles Exterminating will check for any infestation of powder post beetles; Trustee Moore will get a quote on the cost of the project; and Trustee Glynn will make further inquiries with MSU Extension.

MOTION TO SCHEDULE FALL TRASH DAYS

Treasurer Kuriata moved, seconded by Clerk Runyon, to schedule Fall Trash Days on September 2, 3, 4 and 5, 2016. Motion carried by voice vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Glynn remarked that he had sent an e-mail regarding determination of ordinary high watermark which had been discussed with Lakeshore Environmental during the zoning ordinance revision.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment. No public present.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Saunders declared the meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Barbara Runyon, Clerk

DATE: June 23, 2016 to be approved at the July 13, 2016 Board Meeting