

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING (7:00 pm)**  
**SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP**  
**DECEMBER 8, 2021**

**Regular Meeting** called to order by Supervisor Braman

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Trustee Saunders

**Roll Call:** Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Braman, Trustee Saunders, Trustee Glynn

Absent: None

**Public comment**

**Approval of Agenda – *Behnke/Kuriata***

Motion passed by roll call vote:

Yes (5): Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Braman, Trustee Saunders, Trustee Glynn, Treasurer Kuriata

No (0): None

Motion to approve Consent Agenda (Monthly reports and bills/claims)

1-Approval of the Minutes from prior meetings.

2-Communications

3-Health and Safety Services Reports – attached

a-Police Report            15 complaints, 3 tickets, 1 accident, 83 hours/278 miles

b-Indian Lake VFD        7 calls

c-Sister Lakes VFD       3 calls

d-Ambulance              Pride Care – 22 calls

4-Building/Zoning reports - attached

Permits: - Mechanical –Plumbing – 2 Electrical – 13 Building – 2 Demo – 7 ZC- 0 Spec Inv

5-Treasurer's Report- trial balance – General Fund \$532,446.37, Indian Lake Sewer \$457,251.05

6-Approval of monthly Bills and Claims

Motion to approve consent agenda

***Kuriata/Behnke***

Roll Call vote:

Yes (5): Supervisor Braman, Trustee Saunders, Trustee Glynn, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke

No (0): None

**OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

Lake Board–Supervisor Braman-Next meeting December 15, 2021 at 5:30pm, at Indian Lake  
Volunteer Fire Department

Parks & Recreation Committee – Trustee Glynn – Nothing to report

Planning Commission Report – Supervisor Braman – Elected officers for 2022: Nick Barnes will be Chair, Mike Glynn liaison from the Township Board, Chair Terry Harris resigned.

Public Safety Committee – Chief Grice – Still trying to hire officers.

Sewer - Indian Lake & Sister Lakes- Treasurer Kuriata - Received invoice for half a month for Miss Dig. By outsourcing, Indian Lake saved \$300 and Sister Lakes saved \$1,000. SLAUA is considering building a new office/storage building on the corner of M-152 and Garrett Rd, where the lift station is and they are gathering preliminary information.

Zoning Appeals Board Report – Trustee Saunders – Met December 7<sup>th</sup> to consider a variance for the square footage allowed. Decision was until the Planning Commission meets, as they want them to look at square footages and how it is figured for lot sizes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion to move monthly Silver Creek Township board meetings to 6:30 pm. Motion passed by roll call vote: Yes (3): Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Braman No (2): Trustee Saunders, Trustee Glynn	<i>Kuriata/Behnke</i>
Motion to approve Silver Creek Township board meeting dates for 2022. (move November meeting to November 16 due to election) Motion passed by voice vote. Aye – 5, Nay - 0	<i>Braman/Glynn</i>
Motion to appoint Tim Feirick to a 3-year term on the Planning Commission, to expire 12/31/2024. Motion passed by voice vote. Aye – 5, Nay - 0	<i>Behnke/Kuriata</i>
Motion to appoint Nick Barnes to a 3-year term on the Planning Commission, to expire 12/31/2024. Motion passed by voice vote. Aye – 5, Nay - 0	<i>Kuriata/Behnke</i>
Motion to appoint Jean Rowe to a 3-year term as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals, to expire 12/31/2024. Motion passed by voice vote. Aye – 5, Nay - 0	<i>Glynn/Behnke</i>
Motion to appoint Joe Moore to a 2-year term on the Russom Park Board, to expire 12/31/2023. Motion passed by voice vote. Aye – 5, Nay - 0	<i>Saunders/Kuriata</i>
Motion to appoint Jim Humphreys to a 2-year term on the Russom Park Board, to expire 12/31/2023.	<i>Braman/Glynn</i>

Motion passed by voice vote. Aye – 5, Nay - 0	
Motion to appoint Mike Glynn to a 2-year term on the Russom Park Board, to expire 12/31/2023. Motion passed by voice vote. Aye – 5, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1 (Trustee Glynn)	<i>Behnke/Kuriata</i>
Motion to appoint Al Kaiser to a 3-year term on the Construction Board of Appeals, to expire 12/31/2023. Motion passed by voice vote. Aye – 5, Nay - 0	<i>Kuriata/Glynn</i>
Motion to renew the special permit for 2022 for a mobile home in Agricultural-Residential District, for Margaret Zuhl, parcel # 14-130-016-009-00. Motion passed by voice vote. Aye – 5, Nay - 0	<i>Glynn/Kuriata</i>
Motion to appoint Veronnica Kenreich to the open position on the Planning Commission. Motion passed by voice vote. Aye – 5, Nay - 0	<i>Saunders/Glynn</i>
Motion to approve hiring a Building Department clerical position.	<i>Tabled</i>
Motion to approve purchase of a Lenovo laptop for the Building Department. Motion passed by voice vote. Aye – 5, Nay - 0	<i>Behnke/Kuriata</i>
Motion to recognize Terry Harris, Resolution 21-23. Motion passed by voice vote. Aye – 5, Nay - 0	<i>Kuriata/Behnke</i>

## **DISCUSSION**

Per diem payment for attendance of GLB meetings – Tabled until January meeting.

Posting for Building Official position and building clerk position & process – Clerk Behnke – need to post for the Building Official position, not for a clerk position quite yet. Discussion of an interviewing board.

Discuss options for ARPA funds – Treasurer Kuriata – Needs to speak with Assessor Bill Kays and Cass County Equalization. Discussion on roads. Trustee Glynn stated there may be some ARPA money available for our culverts.

Seek bids to pave parking lot – Trustee Glynn referred to the Capital Improvement Program list.

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

Payment of last bills submitted by ILIA for payment to Barr (Motion to pay) - \$4,632 and \$10,792.  
Lengthy discussion.

Treasurer Kuriata motioned to pay \$15,424.00 to Barr Engineering for payment of the last bills submitted by ILIA.

Clerk Behnke seconded.

Motion passed by roll call vote:

Yes (5): Trustee Glynn, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Braman, Trustee Saunders

No (0): None

Vollmer/Weslowski rezoning – Needs to go to the Planning Commission. Trustee Glynn explained that the Conditional Zoning for House Works was approved by the Planning Commission in 2006, but since it is not being used anymore for that conditional use, it converts back to its original zoning.

### **Public Comment**

**Adjourned** Kuriata/Saunders 8:28 pm

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