

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING – TOWNSHIP BOARD
SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP
MARCH 24, 2020**

1:00 PM - Meeting called to order at 1pm by Supervisor Saunders.

Roll Call - Present: Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Zuhl,
Trustee Glynn
Absent: none

Approval of Agenda – items added to the agenda due to COVID-19 (which is the basis for the motion to amend Resolution 20-04) –

- Discussion and/or decision on township hours given COVID-19
- Discussion of police coverage and employee interaction given COVID-19
- Payment of employees during this situation

Although generally nothing is added to an agenda for a special meeting, this is an unusual situation with COVID-19 and these issues would be added to a regular board meeting but our next meeting is not until April 8, 2020 and it is prudent to address these issues before then for the health, safety and welfare of our residents and employees.

Motion to approve agenda with these additional items by Trustee Zuhl, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata. Motion passed by voice vote.

Public comment – no one from the public attended.

| Motions | by/seconded |
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| Motion to delegate authority to interview and hire a recording secretary for the PC and ZBA to the township clerk | <i>Behnke/Kuriata</i> |
| Roll call vote: Yes (5) Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Zuhl, Trustee Glynn, Treasurer Kuriata No (0); Motion carried | |
| Motion to amend Resolution 20-04 - | <i>Behnke/Kuriata</i> |
| - Letter from MLIA President Mick Braman – supporting the waiver of petitions due to COVID-19 | |
| Motion discussed but no further action | |
| Motion - Due to the difficulties created by COVID-19, the board has opted to act on its own motion and without petitions to finance aquatic weed control on Magician Lake within the Township; to charge the costs to the benefitted property owners as a special assessment and to tentatively name the district “Magician Lake Aquatic Weed Control Assessment District”. | <i>Behnke/Kuriata</i> |
| Roll call vote: Yes (4) Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Zuhl, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke No (1) Trustee Glynn Motion carried | |

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| <p>Motion – Due to the difficulties created by COVID-19, the Silver Creek Township Board, acting on its own motion, direct that the Magician Lake Improvement Association obtain plans for the aquatic weed control on Magician Lake for the next 5 years; to obtain the cost estimate of same. These are to be turned to the Clerk by June 1, 2020.</p> | <p><i>Behnke/Zuhl</i></p> |
| <p>Roll call vote: Yes (4) Trustee Zuhl, Treasurer Kuriata, Supervisor Saunders, Clerk Behnke No (1) Trustee Glynn Motion carried</p> | |
| <p>Motion for Resolution 20-11</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP CASS COUNTY, MICHIGAN RESOLUTION 20-11 PROPOSED CONTINUATION/RENEWAL OF MAGICIAN LAKE AQUATIC WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT</p> <p>At a special meeting of the Silver Creek Township Board held on March 24, 2020, and due to the difficulties created by COVID-19, the board has opted to act on its own motion and proceed without petitions; the Board adopts this resolution in accordance with MCL 41.721, et seq.</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Silver Creek Township Board does hereby tentatively declare its intent to establish a special assessment district for the purposes of funding aquatic weed control for Magician Lake within the Township and charging the costs for implementation and administrative costs to the benefitted parcels in accordance with Public Act 188 of 1954, as amended, (MCL 41.721, et seq.). The proposed district is described as:</p> <p>“All of those parcels in Silver Creek Township, Cass County Michigan with frontage on Magician Lake”.</p> <p>The proposed district is tentatively named "Magician Lake Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment District".</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Magician Lake Improvement Association is directed to obtain the plans and cost estimates for the proposed aquatic weed control measures for the next 5 years; and</p> | <p><i>Glynn/Kuriata</i></p> |

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| <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plans and cost estimates shall be filed with the Silver Creek Township Clerk for public examination by June 1, 2020; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a hearing on any protests or objections to the proposed aquatic weed control measures; the cost estimates therefor and/or to the Special Assessment District proposed to be established for the assessment of the cost of such improvements at a meeting of the Township Board at the Silver Creek Township Hall, 32764 Dixon Street, Dowagiac, MI 49047 within the Township on June 10, 2020; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk be instructed to give proper notice of such hearing by mailing and publication in accordance with law and statute provided; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are rescinded.</p> | |
| <p>Roll call vote: Yes (5) Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Zuhl, Trustee Glynn, Trustee Zuhl. No (0); Motion carried</p> | |
| <p>Motion to close the township building to the physical access by the public unless they have been given an appointment, due to COVID-19. Motion carried by voice vote</p> | <p><i>Behnke/Glynn</i></p> |
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Public comment – Elected officials are still responsible for their statutory duties and there is no break on due dates/time frames. All Employees are to practice social distancing when/if they come in to work at Silver Creek Township. Payment of employees will continue as scheduled. Police coverage will continue as always. Clerk Behnke will work on obtaining the technology to allow the next board meeting to be held via web conference.

Meeting adjourned 2:37 pm

Prepared by: Clerk Lorri Behnke 3/25/20

To be approved at the next township board meeting on 4/08/20