

SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES – Regular Monthly Meeting
July 10th, 2024 6:30 pm | Township Hall

- A.** Call to Order @ 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Braman
- B.** Pledge of Allegiance led by Trustee Glynn
- C.** Roll Call Attendance (all present)- Braman, Feirick, Glynn, Behnke, Honn
Other members present: Scott Saunders, Undersheriff Roach, Tom Langley, Bill Saunders, Joe Moore and several other members of the public.
- D.** Approval of Agenda- Honn/Behnke- voice count with unanimous support
- E.** Call for Public Comment was open at 6:32pm – 6:33pm – no comments presented
- F.** Motion to approve the Consent Agenda: (Motions 1 &2) motioned by Clerk Honn, supported by Trustee Glynn passed with a roll call vote as follows:
Yes- (5) Feirick, Glynn, Behnke, Honn, Braman
No- (0) none
 1. Approval of minutes from June 12th regular meeting with spelling corrections
 2. Approval of bills & claims totaling \$82,760.66
 - a. General Fund \$42,248.12
 - b. Magician Lake Fund \$6,307.75
 - c. Building Dept Fund \$11,118.43
 - d. Public Improvement Fund \$3,560.78
 - e. Indian Lake Sewer Fund totaling \$16,711.58
 - f. Public Safety Fund totaling \$2,814.00
- G.** Reports to the Board
 - a. Clerk’s Report: Q1 Financial Report received by board
 - b. Treasurer’s Report: Summer Taxes have been sent investment report provided
- H.** Public Safety Updates/Discussions
 - a. Police/Fire/Ambulance: Undersheriff Roach presented on developments within the Cass County Sheriff’s Office with staffing and training with targets for full staffing by the EOY. He discussed some of the activities that are paid for with the CDET and spoke about what the millage renewal on the ballot was for. Roach also opened the floor to a Q & A session

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with the public members; discussing grant opportunities and road deputies staffing. For more information, please reach out to their office.

- b. COA members Kelly Casey and Tom Buszek were present. Buszek presented on what services the COA offers the community. Speaking on the success of the past and requesting support from the public for the millage renewal on the upcoming ballot. For more information on what the Council on Aging offers, please reach out to them.
- c. Building, Zoning & Blight – Scott Saunders (Building Official) presented about the abandoned houses that were blighted and needing condemned, requesting that the Township Board approve the condemnation hearings and expenses related. He informed the Board that he plans to host a multi-jurisdictional hearing at the Keeler township building to be more cost effective. The Board added motion 7 to their list of motions to be considered.
- d. Short-Term Rental Ordinance: township/attorney – review & discuss – the board briefly discussed the ordinance proposed by the Planning Commission and most expressed that they needed more time to review before planning a public hearing and moving it forward.

I. Commissions & Board reports

- a. Parks & Recreation – Next meeting will be July 16th at 7pm at City Hall
- b. Planning Commission – meets on July 24th; still discussing Master Plan, Trustee Glynn encouraged all interested parties to fill out the County Master Plan survey
- c. Sewer Board – meets July 11th at SLAUA Building- Clerk Honn noted that at their last meeting they requested the Township to consider increasing ILS fee to match SLAUA fee which will be discussed further in Motion 3
- d. Board Of Review – meets July 16th at Township Hall at 10:15am
- e. Election Commission – Public Accuracy Test will be Thursday July 18th at 10am to test the election equipment for the August 6th State Primary; Honn encouraged the public to attend

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J. Motions:

3. Motion to approve Resolution 24-12 ILS Sewer Tap Fee increase from \$7,000 to \$7,920
Moved by Glynn, supported by Behnke, passed with a roll call vote as follows:
Yes- (5) Behnke, Honn, Braman, Feirick, Glynn
No- (0) none

4. Motion to approve R24-13 Assessor Fee Schedule adding a parcel combination fee of \$150
Moved by Feirick, supported by Honn, passed with a roll call vote as follows:
Yes- (5) Braman, Feirick, Glynn, Behnke, Honn
No- (0) none

5. Motion to approve form L-4029 with a total tax levy of 1.6319 mills
Moved by Braman, supported by Glynn, passed with a roll call vote as follows:
Yes- (5) Glynn, Behnke, Honn, Braman, Feirick
No- (0) none

6. Motion to appoint Bill Kayes as Special Assessor for 2024 tax season
Moved by Behnke, supported by Honn, passed with a roll call vote as follows:
Yes- (5) Honn, Braman, Feirick, Glynn, Behnke
No- (0) none

7. Motion to approve expenses related to the condemnation hearings
Moved by Honn, supported by Behnke, passed with a roll call vote as follows:
Yes- (5) Feirick, Glynn, Behnke, Honn, Braman
No- (0) none

K. Call for Public Comment was open at 7:13pm – comments concerning the volume of the speakers was again brought up by the public. Public comment closed at 7:15pm

L. Closed Session began at 7:16pm; Board returned at 7:42pm and added motion 8

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8. Motion to approve the accounting services of Maner Costerisan up to \$1,000
Moved by Honn, supported by Feirick, passed with a roll call vote as follows:
Yes- (5) Braman, Feirick, Glynn, Behnke, Honn
No- (0) none

M. Motion to Adjourn at 7:43pm was motioned by Feirick, supported by Honn and passed by voice count with unanimous support.

Next meeting will be August 14th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Jessica Honn, Clerk

Mick Braman, Supervisor