

**MINUTES SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON MAY 13, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bill Saunders at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2015. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Supervisor Saunders.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney John Magyar.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Moore moved, seconded by Trustee Glynn, to approve the May 13, 2015 Silver Creek Township Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Clerk Runyon introduced Lindsay Krohne, who is working as Deputy Clerk and Building Department Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Glynn moved, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata, to approve the April 8, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

Treasurer Kuriata reported the bills and claims for May 13, 2015. Clerk Runyon moved, seconded by Supervisor Saunders, to approve the following bills and claims in the total amount of \$67,213.56 as follows:

FROM THE GENERAL FUND	\$35,442.14
FROM THE INDIAN LAKE SEWER FUND	\$ 7,540.07
FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY FUND	\$ 3,308.86
FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 4,240.26
FROM THE INDIAN LAKE WEED CONTROL FUND	\$ 13,252.17
FROM THE PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 3,430.06

GRAND TOTAL OF DISBURSEMENTS: \$67,213.56

The Supervisor directed the Clerk to take roll, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

READING OF COMMUNICATION

Clerk Runyon read a letter from Ron Bellaire, Electrical Inspector, regarding the construction code library.

POLICE REPORT

15 complaints; 3 warnings, 3 tickets, 1 out of county, 1 assist motorist & pedestrians, 15 property inspections.

HEALTH & SERVICE REPORTS

Indian Lake Fire Department: 5 calls total, 2 in Silver Creek Township, 1 in Pokagon Township, 1 in other areas and 1 on tribal property.

Sister Lakes Fire Department: No report given.

Pride Care Ambulance Report: April 6 18 calls with an average response time of 6:10 minutes.

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Magyar reported that service was obtained on the Indian Lake Sewer lawsuit. He received a response from AYSO regarding the proposed contract. They would like the indemnification and hold harmless clause included for both AYSO and Silver Creek Township. Attorney Magyar recommends that it be taken out for both parties. No objections were noted by board members.

BUILDING/ZONING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Building/Zoning Inspector Todd Herter reported 12 building permits with a projected cost of \$722,911.00, and 8 zoning applications; 2 for new homes, 2 for rebuilding a garage/barn, 2 for additions, 1 for a 3 season room, and 1 for a fence for a total of \$7,035.00.

BLIGHT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Clerk Runyon reported 4 complaints in April; 3 blight complaints notified and 1 blight in partial compliance.

LIQUOR INSPECTION REPORT

BJ Hague reported 6 liquor inspections. He also questioned his position as Liquor Control Inspector being replaced by the police department and requested a copy of the law. Supervisor Saunders stated he would get it to him.

APPEALS BOARD REPORT

No report.

PLANNING/ZONING COMMISSION REPORT

Walter Lehmann provided the planning commission report, reporting that a public hearing will be held May 27, 2015 regarding amending 6.04C front yard setback change to 150ø from 300ø. The Capital Improvement Ad Hoc committee will present a prioritized capital improvement plan to the planning commission. The Cass County Planning Commission approved the proposed amended zoning ordinance which will now go to the township board for their review and decision.

STANDING INSPECTORS REPORT

Electrical Inspector: 3 inspections
Plumbing Inspector: 1 inspection
Mechanical Inspector: 4 inspections

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Kuriata reported fund balances as follows:

General Fund	\$430,688.00
Indian Lake Sewer Maintenance Fund	\$177,999.91

She also provided the CD Fund Detail Report.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Indian Lake Sewer and Sister Lake Sewer: Treasurer Kuriata reported that the Agostino lawsuit is ongoing. A-1 is complete and working.

Parks and Recreation Committee: Trustee Moore reported that the fence around the retention pond at Russom Park will be starting in the next few days and should take a week to finish. The next Russom Park meeting will be held July 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall. Clerk Runyon reported that the State has approved the Silver Creek Township 5-year Parks and Recreation Plan and thanked Walter Lehmann for his work in preparing it.

Public Safety Committee: Trustee Moore reported the next meeting will be held on July 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION R15-10
Silver Creek Township
County of Cass
State of Michigan

RESOLUTION APPROVING RUSSOM PARK INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Board member Trustee Joel Moore offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution; seconded by Board member Trustee Mike Glynn.

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the public interest to provide park areas for the benefit of the citizens of various municipalities that are parties hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Silver Creek Township and the City of Dowagiac have collectively determined that the most efficient and cost-effective method of providing said park areas is to work cooperatively to acquire and manage recreational lands; and

WHEREAS, Silver Creek Township and the City of Dowagiac wish to establish an entity comprised of representatives of each of the local units charged with the responsibility for making decisions concerning how these recreational lands will be managed, maintained and developed; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Code, codified at MCLø 123-51-123.54 specifically provides that a local government unit or combination of local governmental units may operate a recreational board to furnish any of those services for the use and benefit of its residence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution R15-10 is hereby adopted approving Russom Park Interlocal Agreement, as attached, between the City of Dowagiac and Silver Creek Township.

Discussion was held. The supervisor directed the clerk to take roll. Resolution R15-10 passed by unanimous roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Saunders moved, seconded by Trustee Moore, to set a Public Hearing on Proposed Zoning Amendments and Boating Ordinance Amendments on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Silver Creek Township Hall.

Discussion was held. Motion carried by voice vote.

MOTION TO APPROVE INDIAN LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT

Clerk Runyon moved, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata, to approve the Township of Silver Creek and Indian Lake Volunteer Fire Department Contract and to authorize Supervisor Saunders and Clerk Runyon to sign on behalf of the township.

Discussion was held. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION TO PAY FOR INSPECTIONS & MATERIAL TESTING

Treasurer Kuriata moved, seconded by Supervisor Saunders, to pay up to \$3,500 for inspections and material testing for road contract with Michigan Pavers and Materials.

Discussion was held. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION TO RE. TABLES TO FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Trustee Glynn moved, and Supervisor Saunders seconded, the motion to donate 8 township tables which are no longer being used equally to the Sister Lakes Volunteer Fire Department and the Indian Lake Volunteer Fire Department.

Discussion was held. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bonnie Hague questioned whether we still have a Parks & Recreation committee. Also questioned what the lawsuit was on regarding Indian Lake Sewer damage.

OTHER BUSINESS

Supervisor Saunders presented the Graham Woodhouse Award plaque the township received for their role in the Cass County Master Plan and thanked the Silver Creek Planning Commission for their assistance. He indicated that the Silver Creek Township Planning Commission had also received a plaque. Clerk Runyon announced the Dr. T.K. Lawless Park "Earth and Stars Celebration" being held on May 16, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. by the call of the Supervisor.

Lindsay Krohn
Silver Creek Township Deputy Clerk

Dated: May 14, 2015
To be approved at the June 10, 2015 Regular Meeting