

**MINUTES SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2017**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON INDIAN LAKE, LITTLE CROOKED LAKE AND MAGICIAN
LAKE WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT**

The Public Hearing on Dewey Lake Weed Control Special Assessment District was called to order by Supervisor Bill Saunders at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 2017. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Trustee Zuhl.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

Supervisor Saunders stated the purpose of the meeting was to hear objections to the proposed Weed Control Assessments for Indian Lake, Little Crooked Lake and Magician Lake for 2017.

Clerk Runyon reported that the township assessor had prepared and filed in her office for public examination a special assessment roll covering all properties within Indian Lake Weed Control Special Assessment District, Little Crooked Lake Weed Control Special Assessment District and Magician Lake Weed Control Special Assessment District. The roll for Indian Lake Weed Control District is in the total amount of \$110,696.12 with a proposed special assessment of up to \$5.32 per foot. Little Crooked Lake Weed Control is in the total amount of \$2,712.06 with a proposed special assessment of up to \$47.58 per parcel. Magician Lake Weed Control District is in the total amount of \$17,200.00 with a proposed special assessment of up to \$40.00 per occupied parcel and \$20.00 per unoccupied parcel.

Supervisor Saunders called for public comment. There was no public comment.

Clerk Runyon moved, seconded by Supervisor Saunders, to adjourn the public hearing. Motion carried by voice vote.

The public hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Regular Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Saunders at 7:05 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney John Magyar

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Treasurer Kuriata moved, seconded by Trustee Glynn, to approve the October 11, 2017 Regular Meeting Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Clerk Runyon moved, seconded by Trustee Zuhl, to approve the September 13, 2017 Public Hearing Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

Treasurer Kuriata reported the bills and claims for October 11, 2017. Clerk Runyon moved, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata, to approve the following bills and claims in the total amount of \$110,163.01 as follows:

FROM THE GENERAL FUND	\$ 31,718.07
FROM THE INDIAN LAKE SEWER FUND	\$ 7,318.49
FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY FUND	\$ 40,646.90
FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 6,044.15
FROM THE PARKS & RECS FUND	\$ 92.50
FROM THE INDIAN LAKE WEED CONTROL FUND	\$ 9,200.78
FROM THE MAGICIAN LAKE WEED CONTROL FUND	\$ 1,750.00
FRO THE DEWEY LAKE WEED CONTROL FUND	\$ 13,392.12
 GRAND TOTAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:	 \$110,163.01

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATION

No communication reported.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Grice reported 44 complaints, 5 warnings, 3 tickets, 2 accident policed, 1 arrest handled, 1 arrest other agency, 7 arrest other police agency, 2 assist fire and ambulance departments.

HEALTH & SERVICE REPORTS

Indian Lake Fire Department September: 6 calls total, 3 in Silver Creek Township.

Sister Lakes Fire Department August: No report

Pride Care Ambulance Report August: 9 priority one calls with an average response time of 5:47 minutes; 14 priority two calls with an average response time of 9:21 minutes, 1 priority three call with an average response time of 5:23 minutes for a total of 24 calls with an average response time of 7:51 minutes.

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Magyar reported that he has filed a personal property tax lawsuit as requested by Treasurer Kuriata. He also reported that 21 days had elapsed on the Chase Bank Judgment and that he can now go forward on collection.

BUILDING/ZONING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Building/Zoning Inspector Todd Herter reported 11 building permits at a total projected cost of \$843,400.00, and seven zoning permits for the month of September.

He also reported that has met with a property owner living on Brush Lake Road who purchased vacant property and installed a 10 x 16 yard barn. The property owner is living in the yard barn with no septic, well, power, et cetera. Inspector Herter has met with him and told him it was in violation and the owner has done nothing since the meeting. Inspector Herter will be red tagging it for a zoning violation giving the property owner 30 days to comply.

BLIGHT AND LIQUOR INSPECTION REPORT

Officer Wray reported 6 open blight complaints beginning in September; 2 new blight complaints filed; 2 blight issues resolved. Total time spent on blight 8.5 hours. Six liquor inspections with no violations.

APPEALS BOARD REPORT

Jerry Donley reported the ZBA met on October 3rd and the request was denied. The next meeting will be on October 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Glynn questioned the October 25th date. Jerry noted that it should be October 18th at 7:00 p.m.

PLANNING/ZONING COMMISSION REPORT

Trustee Zuhl reported that the planning commission met on September 27th and discussed the Capital Improvement Plan and commissioners attending meetings via teleconferencing. The next meeting will be held on October 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

STANDING INSPECTORS REPORT

Electrical Inspector: 5 permits
Plumbing Inspector: 3 permits
Mechanical Inspector: 9 permits

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Kuriata reported \$321,661.18 as the General Fund balance and \$241,946.24 as the Indian Lake Sewer Fund balance.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Indian Lake and Sister Lakes Sewer: Treasurer Kuriata reported that at the September SLAUA board meeting, it was voted to change the sewer billings from quarterly to tri-annually beginning in January of 2018.

Parks and Recreation Committee: Trustee Glynn reported the next meeting is October 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Dowagiac.

Public Safety Committee: John Joossens reported the next meeting is scheduled October 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the township hall.

OLD BUSINESS

TELECONFERENCING

A lengthy and thorough discussion was held regarding teleconferencing/video conferencing attendance at board and commission meetings, and the following motion was made:

MOTION

Clerk Runyon moved, seconded by Supervisor Saunders, to not allow participation at township board/commission meetings via teleconferencing. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO SET INDIAN LAKE WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

Treasurer Kuriata moved, seconded by Trustee Zuhl, to set the 2017 Indian Lake Weed Control Special Assessment at \$5.32 per foot, for a total amount of \$110,696.12. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**MOTION TO SET LITTLE CROOKED LAKE WEED CONTROL
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT**

Trustee Glynn moved, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata, to set the 2017 Little Crooked Lake Weed Control Special Assessment at \$47.58 per parcel for a total amount of \$2,712.06. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**MOTION TO SET MAGICIAN LAKE WEED CONTROL
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT**

Trustee Zuhl moved, seconded by Clerk Runyon, to set the 2017 Magician Lake Weed Control Special Assessment at \$40.00 per occupied parcel and \$20.00 per unoccupied parcel for a total amount of \$17,220.00. Clerk Runyon asked Attorney Magyar whether she and Supervisor Saunders should vote since they live on Magician Lake. Attorney Magyar advised that they could. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION TO APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECTS SUMMARY UPDATE 2017-2021

Supervisor Saunders moved, seconded by Clerk Runyon, to approve the 2017-2021 Capital Project Summary List as presented by the Township Planning Commission. Discussion was held as to changes to the list.

MOTION TO RETURN TO PLANNING COMMISSION

Trustee Zuhl moved, seconded by Clerk Runyon, to return the Capital Improvement Plan back to the Planning Commission for further discussion. Motion carried.

MOTION FOR GENERAL FUND LINE-ITEM TRANSFER

Clerk Runyon moved, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata, to transfer \$3,389.00 from General Fund Contingencies Line Item with \$2,235.00 going into Codification Line Item and \$1,154.00 going into Clean-up Program. Clerk Runyon reported that \$2,235.00 going into the Codification Line Item was due to her failure to put the last installment due American Legal in the budget. Discussion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION TO APPROVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Treasurer Kuriata moved, seconded by Clerk Runyon, to approve the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement with Comcast at 5% of gross revenue, and allow Supervisor Saunders to sign. Discussion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION TO APPROVE INSURANCE RENEWAL

Clerk Runyon moved, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata, to approve Silver Creek Township's insurance renewal with Burnham and Flowers in the amount of \$13,536 and allow Supervisor Saunders to sign.

Discussion was held on options to add Casualty Limited Terrorism Coverage and Property Limited Terrorism Coverage and also to increase our deductible. It was decided not to add these coverages or increase our deductible. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tim Hull commented that the person operating the September Cleanup Days had been very disrespectful to both he and others. He also noted that people were upset with the 40% increase in their sewer bills and how the information was presented. He requested that an explanation be sent with the next sewer bill.

John Joossens asked that the sewer board budget accordingly to avoid a large increase at one time, rather to do it in increments. It's hard for people on fixed incomes. He commented that he has the same problem with moving the billing cycle from quarterly to tri-annually.

Treasurer Kuriata responded that sewer payments can still be made monthly.

David Mann introduced himself stating that he is running for 78th District Representative. He went on to report his experience and goals.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. by call of the Supervisor.

Prepared by: Barbara Runyon, Clerk

Dated: October 12, 2017

For Approved at November 8, 2017 Meeting