

**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING (7:00 pm)
SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP
JUNE 9, 2021**

Regular Meeting called to order – 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – Present: Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Braman, Trustee Glynn.

Public comment David Benton commented on the timing of the agenda being posted on the website.

Approval of Agenda – Trustee Glynn motioned to approve the agenda. Clerk Behnke seconded.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

1-Approval of the Minutes from prior meeting.

2-Communications – letters from community (30 to support hidden acres; 1 letter from sister lakes cable regarding broad band service coming to our area).

3-Health and Safety Services Reports

a-Police Report Chief Grice – see attached

b-Indian Lake VFD Chief Hartman – 9 calls

c-Sister Lakes VFD Chief Lozada – 15 calls

d-Ambulance Pride Care- 40 calls total; 5-P1;15-P2; avg. resp: 8:08.

4-Building/Zoning reports -

Permits: Building – 11; Demo -2; ZC -5; Mechanical – 13; Plumbing – 4; Electrical - 12;
Sewer - 1

5-Treasurer's Report- trial balances – GF \$490,803.24; IN Lake Sewer \$453,600.30.

6-Approval of monthly Bills and Claims

<p>Motion to approve consent agenda. Roll call vote: Yes (5) Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Braman, Trustee Glynn, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke No (0) Motion passed</p>	<p><i>Kuriata Saunders</i></p>
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Operational Reports

Parks & Recreation Committee – Trustee Glynn – Meets the 2nd Tuesday next month. Dowagiac City has appointed Erica Pye to the vacant seat on the Russom Park committee.

Planning Commission Report – Trustee Braman –Meeting was held May 26th. STR-Tabled indefinitely due to house bill 4722 and 446. Reviewed Masterman Zoning issue that was sent back to PC. Sent back to township board for approval. Approved Site Plan Modification for wedding barn on M-152.

Public Safety Committee – Has not met

Sewer - Indian Lake - Treasurer Kuriata - City of Dowagiac working on finding easements to get generators installed.

Sewer – Sister Lakes - Treasurer Kuriata – Meeting tomorrow at 1:30pm.

Zoning Appeals Board Report – Trustee Glynn – Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS

<p>Motion to approve the Zoning Administrator Salary of \$12,000.00</p> <p>Roll call vote: Yes (5) Trustee Braman, Trustee Glynn, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders No (0)</p> <p>Motion passed</p>	<p><i>Saunders Behnke</i></p>
<p>Motion to purchase fire file cabinet up to \$1,900.00, which includes delivery and set up, for the Building Department.</p> <p>Roll call vote: Yes (5): Trustee Glynn, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Braman No (0)</p> <p>Motion passed</p>	<p><i>Behnke Kuriata</i></p>
<p>Motion for the Township Board to meet in a closed session under Section 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act to consider the purchase or lease of real property.</p> <p>Roll call vote: Yes (5): Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Braman, Trustee Glynn No (0)</p> <p>Motion passed.</p>	<p><i>Kuriata Saunders</i></p>

Closed session: 7:17 pm – 7:35 pm.

Return to public meeting from closed session – 7:35pm

<p>Motion to authorize the Treasurer to monitor and make an offer on tax reverted properties that were identified in closed session.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: (5) Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Braman, Trustee Glynn, Treasurer Kuriata</p> <p>Motion passed.</p>	<p><i>Behnke Saunders</i></p>
<p>Motion to approve the L-4029 millage request as follows: .6784 for the allocated operating millage; .9882 for the vote police/fire millage. The supervisor will sign the L-4029 and the clerk will send it to Cass County Equalization and Clerk.</p> <p>Roll call vote: Yes (5): Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Braman, Trustee Glynn, Treasurer Kuriata</p> <p>Motion passed</p>	<p><i>Glynn Kuriata</i></p>

<p>Motion to approve the Masterman rezoning application.</p> <p>Roll call vote: Yes (5): Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Braman, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke No: (1): Trustee Glynn</p> <p>Motion passed.</p>	<p><i>Braman Saunders</i></p>
<p>Motion to approve the fireworks application for Indian Lake</p> <p>Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.</p>	<p><i>Saunders Behnke</i></p>
<p>Motion to approve fireworks application for Magician Lake</p> <p>Motion passed by unanimous voice vote Trustee Braman abstained.</p>	<p><i>Behnke Kuriata</i></p>
<p>Motion to not consider a Little Crooked Weed Special Assessment District this year.</p> <p>Roll call vote: Yes (5): Trustee Braman, Trustee Glynn, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders No (0)</p> <p>Motion passed</p>	<p><i>Kuriata Glynn</i></p>
<p>Motion to approve resolution to order creation of lake board at the regular meeting of the Silver Creek Township Board held June 9, 2021, adopting the resolution in accordance with the 1994 PA451 for Indian Lake.</p> <p>Roll call vote: Yes (5): Trustee Glynn, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Braman No (0): None</p> <p>Motion passed.</p>	<p><i>Glynn Behnke</i></p>

Discussion:

Chief Grice stated the old squad car was sold for \$6,800. When we receive this check it will be put into the patrol car fund.

Continued Business:

Clean up Days for September 2021 are on hold – Supervisor Saunders explained he has been trying to get in touch with Mr. Roberts and if he won’t then try to find someone else to work it. Treasurer Kuriata stated she saw Mr. Roberts and he said he’d be happy to do it, but he hasn’t contacted Supervisor Saunders yet.

Opening Township Building – discussion – July 1st is target date to unlock the front door. We have always served residents who come to the township but we won’t have the locked door, etc.

Public Comment

David Benton from Indian Lake commented during the lake board discussion that he was on Indian Lake committee when the SAD originally started and he has been very displeased with things have progressed. He reported management problems between different entities and it was hard for them to

identify who was in charge (MDEQ, drain commissioner). He would like to see the focus include all the inlets, not just one inlet. Right now, lakes are suffering from a drought and they have an outlet, but they don't have an official lake level, so can't have a dam to make adjustments. He stated for him, having a lake board makes total sense. He said it's time to stop throwing money at the problem and they need to work with the other organizations. He is passionate about Indian Lake and it's been his life's dream to live there.

Tom Wilson of Sister Lakes Cable explained the plan to bring fiber optic broadband to the Haley Subdivision as their first test case since they have extra fiber in the area already.

County Commissioner Mike Grice stated the County Planning Commission has a broadband committee and referred Tom Wilson to coordinate with that committee. It was noted our township may be eligible for federal funding for expanding broadband, so we should coordinate with Tom and the county.

Chief Mike Grice stated the Sheriff's Department changed their report writing system in May and after some research he wants to use Core Technology for the Township police department.

During the lake board discussion, Commissioner Grice noted he has been on a lake board for 5 years in his role as county commissioner for Stone Lake in Cassopolis. He stated it works very well and the drain commission is on it and also attends. He was impressed with how the community endorsed the lake board. The lake board has made a huge improvement in that lake, for fishing and other recreation. He stated they now have some expertise if we want to talk to them in making it work successfully.

<p>Motion to approve the Core Contract in the packet.</p> <p>Roll call vote: Yes (5): Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Braman, Trustee Glynn No (0): None</p> <p>Motion passed.</p>	<p><i>Saunders Kuriata</i></p>
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Motion to Adjourn

Kuriata/Behnke

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
 Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Typed: 6/10/21

To be approved: 7/14/21