

**MINUTES SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON MAY 9, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bill Saunders at 7:05 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2018. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Roxanne Seeber, Attorney Robert E. Thall, Attorney Seth Koches.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Glynn moved, seconded by Trustee Zuhl, to approve the May 9, 2018 Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Kent Clark introduced himself as the newly appointed member of the Cass County Road Commission. He will be acting as a liaison to the township.

Todd Herter commented that he hit a sink hole on School Street and Indian Lake Road that needs to be repaired.

Commissioner Clark responded that he would notify the road commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Treasurer Kuriata moved, seconded by Trustee Glynn, to approve the Minutes of the April 11, 2018 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW TOWNSHIP ATTORNEYS

Introduction of new township attorneys Roxanne Seeber, Robert Thall and Seth Koches.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

Treasurer Kuriata reported the bills and claims for May 9, 2018. Clerk Runyon moved, seconded by Trustee Zuhl, to approve the following bills and claims in the total amount of \$83,625.38 as follows:

FROM THE GENERAL FUND	\$ 36,130.44
FROM THE INDIAN LAKE SEWER FUND	\$ 13,604.99
FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY FUND	\$ 3,908.63
FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 6,992.76
FROM THE INDIAN LAKE WEED CONTROL FUND	\$ 19,342.51
FROM PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 3,646.05
GRAND TOTAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:	\$ 83,625.38

Trustee Glynn questioned Indian Lake Weed Control District's \$17,492.00 payment to Attorney Clark Hill. Clerk Runyon responded that she had e-mailed Jerry Donley and Tim Hull to advise them that they were going over on their attorney budget and asked where they would like it transferred from. They responded to transfer from the Harvester Parking account. Clerk Runyon reported that to date they have spent approximately \$38,000.00 on attorney fees. Discussion was held.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

READING OF COMMUNICATION

None.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Grice reported: 31 complaints, 4 warnings, 1 tickets issued, 0 accident policed, 1 arrest handled, 0 assist other agency, 7 assist other police agencies, 0 in Township , 5 in City of Dowagiac, 2 County assists, 0 out of county assist, 3 assist fire and ambulance departments, 1 assist motorist & pedestrians and 43 property inspections. There were 0 blight contacts and six liquor inspections with no violations.

HEALTH & SERVICE REPORTS

Indian Lake Fire Department: April - 4 calls, 2 in Silver Creek Township, 1 in Pokagon Township and 1 other.

Sister Lakes Fire Department: April 6 9 calls, 5 in Silver Creek Township.

BUILDING/ZONING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Inspector Herter reported two building permits at a total projected cost of \$335,479.00, and seven zoning permits for the month of April.

BLIGHT AND LIQUOR REPORT

Six liquor inspections. No blight.

APPEALS BOARD REPORT

No report.

PLANNING/ZONING COMMISSION REPORT

Trustee Zuhl reported at their last meeting on April 25, 2018 they discussed a solar energy ordinance. The next meeting is scheduled May 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

STANDING INSPECTORS REPORT

No report given.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Kuriata reported a \$545,591.60 General Fund balance and \$269,781.20 as the Indian Lake Sewer Fund balance.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Indian Lake and Sister Lakes Sewer: Sewer bills will be going out for May thru August.
Parks and Recreation Committee: Trustee Glynn reported that no meeting was held last month. He also said that he learned that we may have to begin having our playground equipment inspected.
Public Safety Committee: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION R18-11
APPROVING ELI STRONG FOUNDATION CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE

Trustee Zuhl moved, seconded by Clerk Runyon, to approve Resolution R18-11 as follows:

Silver Creek Township
Cass County, Michigan
Resolution R18-11

WHEREAS, EliStrong Foundation of Dowagiac, Michigan, a 501(c)(3) organization, through its representative, Linda Alexander, has requested approval from Silver Creek Township for a Charitable Gaming License to sell raffle tickets on August 25, 2018 at their annual golf outing held at Indian Lake Golf Course;

WHEREAS, the Michigan Lottery Charitable Gaming Division requires township approval prior to issuing said license;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Silver Creek Township Board approve the request from EliStrong Foundation for a charitable gaming license for their August 25, 2018 golf outing at Indian Lake Golf Course, Clubhouse, Silver Creek Township, Cass County, Michigan.

Trustee Glynn questioned whether this was a one-day permit for August 25, 2018 only or if they would have to renew each year and whether Township Board approval is required. Attorney Seeber indicated it would be a one-day permit and that the State requires a resolution from the township. Clerk Runyon explained the Foundation. Discussion.

Resolution R18-11 carried by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION TO APPROVE DUST CONTROL

Trustee Glynn moved, seconded by Trustee Zuhl, to authorize Dust Control 42% Liquid Calcium Chloride-1 application on Marke Road with the Cass County Road Commission.

Discussion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION TO APPROVE MAINTENANCE OF INDIAN LAKE MANHOLE COVERS

Treasurer Kuriata moved, seconded by Clerk Runyon, to approve maintenance of 10 manhole covers around Indian Lake with Compton Land Improvement in an amount not to exceed \$8,000 to be paid out of the Indian Lake Sewer Contingency Fund.

Discussion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION FOR LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Clerk Runyon moved, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata, to approve Indian Lake Weed Control line item transfers as follows: \$3,000.00 from 241-702 Harvester Parking and place it into 241-707 Clark Hill Legal Fees.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

DISCUSSION ON AEP CUSTOMER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Supervisor Saunders provided information on a customer incentive program that AEP is offering to replace existing lights bulbs with LED bulbs. He reported the cost at \$2,279.00 for the replacement bulbs and the township would get a refund of \$1,100.12. AEP estimates a one-year savings of approximately \$755.00. Installation is not included in this expense.

Discussion was held. Supervisor Saunders and Trustee Glynn will look into this further and report back.

OTHER BUSINESS

Treasurer Kuriata advised that she was transferring \$200,000 out of the General Fund checking account and placing it in a 22 month 2.5% CD with Chemical Bank. Discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Prepared by: Clerk Barbara Runyon

Dated: 5-10-18

