

**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP
JANUARY 13, 2021**

This meeting was held via zoom.

Regular Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Saunders.

Flag Ceremony

Roll Call – Present: (5) Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Glynn, Trustee Braman

Public Comment – None

Approval of Agenda – Clerk Behnke requested to add R21-03 and budget workshop date to agenda. Motion by Supervisor Saunders to accept agenda with these additions, seconded by Trustee Glynn. Motion passed by voice vote.

Consent Agenda-

- 1-Approval of the Minutes from prior meeting
- 2-Communications – none
- 3-Health and Safety Services Reports – attached (*not received in time for original packet)
 - a-Police Report* Chief Grice
 - b-Indian Lake VFD
 - c-Sister Lakes VFD Chief Lozada
 - d-Ambulance Pride Care
- 4-Building/Zoning reports
Permits: Mechanical - Plumbing – Electrical – Building – Demo – ZC
- 5-Treasurer's Report- trial balances
- 6-Approval of monthly Bills and Claims

Approval of Consent Agenda – Motion by Treasurer Kuriata, seconded by Clerk Behnke.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Yes (5): Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Glynn, Trustee Braman, Treasurer Kuriata

No (0): None

Operational Reports

Parks & Recreation Committee – Trustee Glynn – no changes

Planning Commission Report – Trustee Braman, last meeting 12/16/20, short term vacation rentals still under discussion & Atty. Thall advised, next meeting is 1/27/21.

Public Safety Committee – Supervisor Saunders

Sewer - Indian Lake – Treasurer Kuriata – Dowagiac City and Wolverine are determining where to locate the generators; billing for Indian Lake Sewer was just sent out.

Sewer - Sister Lakes - Treasurer Kuriata – billing was just sent out. Bill Kays resigned as chairperson and Don Blackmond has now been appointed to be chairperson of SLAUA.

Zoning Appeals Board Report – Trustee Glynn – the organizational meeting was held and Thom Brown was elected as Chairperson, Wendy Fitzgerald as Secretary, Dave Grabemeyer as Vice-chair.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to adopt Resolution 21-02 “Double Frontage Lots”

Motion by Supervisor Saunders to adopt Resolution 21-02 “Double Frontage Lots”. Trustee Glynn seconded. Motion passed by roll call vote:

Yes (5): Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Glynn, Trustee Braman, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke
No (0): None

Motion to extend Winter Tax Bills deadline to March 2, 2021 with no interest

Motion by Treasurer Kuriata, seconded by Trustee Braman

Motion passed by roll call vote:

Yes (5): Trustee Glynn, Trustee Braman, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders
No (0): None

Motion to adopt Resolution 21-01, updated Poverty Exemption Guidelines, Asset Standards and Application, pursuant to MCL 211, 7u, for implementation by the Board of Review

Motion by Clerk Behnke, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata.

Motion passed by roll call vote:

Yes (5): Trustee Braman, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Glynn
No (0):

Motion to approve Resolution 21-03, approving protest in writing for Board of Review

Motion by Clerk Behnke, seconded by Supervisor Saunders.

Motion passed by roll call vote:

Yes (5): Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Glynn, Trustee Braman
No (0): None

Discussion - Clerk Behnke requested the board schedule the initial budget workshop soon and suggested a Wednesday in January. The board agreed and Clerk Behnke will prepare the budget information. The board would like to hold this meeting in person, but that may not be possible with COVID restrictions. In the past, this meeting has been held at the hall, runs about 2 hours and has always been open to the public (which is not required for a workshop). If this meeting is held via zoom, board members do not want to spend 2 hours on zoom. To give the clerk time to prepare the multiple budgets, meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Board members want to meet in person and not on zoom.

Motion to accept bids for parking lot lights

Supervisor Saunders noted he has 2 quotes for replacement of non-working lights in parking lot and it has been difficult to get even these 2 quotes. Bender electric quoted \$2,600 and Equity Partner, LLC quoted \$2,806.00. Although he did not add this issue at the beginning of the meeting, he would like the board to address this issue soon as it is a security issue.

Treasurer Kuriata motioned to accept bid from Bender electric for replacement of parking lot lights and for payment to come from the Public Improvement Fund. Seconded by Clerk Behnke.

Motion passed by roll call vote:

Yes (5): Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Glynn, Trustee Braman
No (0): None

Public Comment –none

Adjourned – Clerk Behnke motioned to adjourn, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata. Motion passed by voice vote. Adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

To be approved at 2/10/2021 meeting