

**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP
March 11, 2020**

Regular Meeting called to order 7:00 PM by Supervisor Saunders; Flag Ceremony
Roll Call – Present: Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Zuhl,
Trustee Glynn
Absent: none

Call for public comment – no one commented

Approval of Agenda – Approval of the Minutes of the public hearing and regular board meeting held on February 12, 2020 and the minutes from the Public Hearing and Special board meeting held on February 19, 2020. Motion by Trustee Glynn, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata. Motion carried by voice vote.

Approval of payment of Bills/Claims–Motion by Trustee Glynn, seconded by Treasurer Kuriata.
Roll call vote: Yes (5) Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Zuhl, Trustee Glynn,
Treasurer Kuriata.
No (0)
Abstain (0) – motion carried

Reading of Communications – none.

Health and Safety Services Reports

Police Report–new officer Ryan Shields;

4 complaints; 2 tickets, 1 arrest; 19 property inspections; 4 liquor insp – 0 viol.

Fire Report

Indian Lake –6 calls in Silver Creek Township; 0 in Pokagon.

Sister Lakes- 4 in Silver Creek; 3 in Bainbridge; avg. response time 8:28

Ambulance Report-Pride Care: 7-P1 calls (8:21); 8-P2 calls (11:58); 15 calls total with average response time of 10:17

Building/Zoning Inspector's Report

Permits: Mechanical; Plumbing; Electrical-8; Building-7; Demo-1;

Estimated construction costs of \$323,300

Zoning Appeals Board Report – Trustee Glynn –nothing new

Planning Commission Report – Trustee Zuhl -last meeting 2/26/20 special use (Nevins); - next meeting is 3/25/20 at 7pm.

Treasurer's Report – General Fund Balance \$343,125.33; Indian Lake Sewer \$313,297.39.

Operational Reports

Indian Lake Sewer–SAW grant done

Sister Lakes Area Sewer–board will meet one more time before 3/30/20

Parks & Recreation –Trustee Glynn- next meeting in April; Supervisor Saunders reported we received the quote for mowing Russom park and it is the same as last year and we split it 50/50 with the City of Dowagiac.

Public Safety Committee – nothing new

CONTINUED BUSINESS

28622 Wilson Drive – Adm. Herter – property owners wants to clean out the garage and have it re-evaluated to see if can be saved – last contact was 2 weeks ago. A neighbor may want to buy the property and clean it out.

54533 Beechwood Drive – Adm. Herter – nothing new

ORV - Supervisor Saunders advised the general feeling at the meetings was against having a county wide ORV.

NEW BUSINESS

	Motion/second
Motion to accept the quote from MTL and have the supervisor sign. Roll call vote: Yes (5) Supervisor Saunders, Trustee Zuhl, Trustee Glynn, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke No (0); Motion carried	<i>Saunders/Behnke</i>
Motion to approve line items transfers to the PS budget to accommodate the new payment schedule to the fire departments and increased insurance costs to PD \$1,684.00 from 208-861(vehicle maint.) to 207-910 (insurance) \$157,437.52 (\$78,718.76 each fd.) – represents millage in full to each dept for 2020. They can still receive 1/3 of any leftover funds from PD at end of year. Roll call vote: Yes (5) Trustee Zuhl, Trustee Glynn, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Saunders No (0); Motion carried	<i>Behnke/Kuriata</i>
Motion to accept, list and post, a list of holidays for Silver Creek Township. Motion carried by voice vote.	<i>Kuriata/Saunders</i>
Motion to discuss, accept and approve a change in the residential trash collection program known as “Clean up Days”. Discussion only – no motion	<i>Glynn</i>
Motion to remove our mailbox because we use PO Boxes for security purposes. Motion carried by voice vote.	<i>Zuhl/Kuriata</i>

Other Business –review if we need a more secure box for payments.

Public Comment – none

Adjourned 7:40 pm

Prepared by: Clerk Lorri Behnke 3/12/20

To be approved: 4/8/20