

**SYNOPSIS OF THE
MINUTES OF THE SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., with flag ceremony.

Roll call showed all members present.

The agenda for the business meeting was approved.

Public Comment: Sink Road, north of M-62 is being damaged by a contractor.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the regular meeting of November 9th and special meetings of November 16th and November 19th, 2011 were approved.

Bills & Claims totaling \$73,991.89 were approved.

Communications: Southwestern Michigan Planning Commission Notice of Kitchen Incubator Survey is available.

Police Report: Complaints handled: 114, Warnings issued: 28, Tickets issued: 8, Accidents policed: 10, Arrests: 1, Assist to other police agencies: 5, Assist motorists and pedestrians: 7.

Fire & Ambulance Reports: Indian Lake Volunteer Fire Department: 0 fire runs. Sister Lakes Volunteer Fire Department: 2 fire runs and 7 ambulance runs. Pride Care-S. ½ : 2 ambulance runs.

Township Attorney's Report: In the Phillips case, there is a post judgment relief hearing scheduled for December 19th. Polk Properties Tax Tribunal case is scheduled in 2012.

Building Inspector's Report: 4 permits issued for estimated cost of \$87,000. Complaints on Luth property in Wildwood. Owner has refused entry. Attorney was authorized to obtain a court order to allow entry. Owners have not completed demolition on Maple Island Road. Approved attorney send letter if no response by December 23rd.

Zoning & Blight Administrator's Report: The owner of vacant lot at Circle Drive and Karl St. was appealing order to clean up, but has affected some clean up. Notified owner on M-62 West of trash and garbage. Have had no response; send to attorney for action. Trees on Haley Road have been removed. Red tagged a deck constructing without permit. Owner paid fine and obtained permit. Issued 9 Zoning permits.

Planning/Zoning Commission Report: Meeting in November discussed land use standards and changed the meeting date to the 4th Wednesday of each month.

The Planning Commission asked to review applying the Special Land Use escrow amount to the Zoning Board of Appeals chapter. Discussion followed. Mr. Magyar entered his opinion. Concluded to leave it to the Planning Commission to discuss.

Electrical Inspector's Report: 8 inspections, 3 permits.

Plumbing Inspector's Report: 2.

Mechanical Inspector's Report: 3.

Liquor Inspector's Report: 5. 0 violations.

Treasurer's Report: General Fund \$201,387.00

Indian Lake Sewer Maintenance Fund \$ 73,164.56

County Commissioner's Report: His report is available over internet. He highlighted the approval of the Road Commission millage request, the County Motor Transport Safety Ordinance, Master Plan progress, and the Annual Progress report.

Dowagiac District Library Report: The audit was completed as clean. On December 23rd, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., the Stites will present a Christmas music program at the library. New book cabinets replacing failing. The Friends of the Library have had a successful book return drive.

Sewer Systems Operations: Indian Lake Sewer and Sister Lakes Area Sewer - Discussed the resignation and replacement of duties relative to repair and service by Dowagiac.

Parks & Recreation Committee: The DNR Grant for parking and walking trails has been approved.

Police Committee Meeting: Met Tuesday, November 22nd and next meeting will be in March.

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Unfinished Business:

Proposal to Extend Term of Special Assessment District for Weed Control in Indian Lake by Twenty Years – Currently extended to 2016, possibly extend additional 16 years. No petition required. Approved. Public hearing date will be set in April or May. Meeting for public comment on individual assessments will be set. All individuals in district will be notified.

New Business:

Proposal to Replace Assessor's Computer – A quotation from Tri-County Computer for 8GB operative and 500 GB capacity for \$799.99 was approved.

Consideration of Switching Internet Service Provider - Changing to telephone line high speed internet, saving \$228.19 annually, approved.

Estimate for Framing & Extending East Wall of Meeting Room – Advertising for bids was approved.

Approval to Contract for Extended Warranty Service on Optec Election Tabulators – Approved.

Appointments to Boards & Commissions: –

Approved to reappoint Bruce Nevins to the Zoning Board of Appeals for term until 2014.

The resignation of Roger Swisher from the Planning Commission was accepted and a letter of recognition to be sent.

Approved to appoint Tom Lehrer to the Planning Commission to December 31, 2013, replacing Mr. Swisher.

International Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals created, approved.

Appointments: Mike Malin to term to December 31, 2012, Scott Wade to term expiring December 31, 2013, Mike Glynn to term expiring December 31, 2014, alternates of Gary Wesolowski and Steve Sarabyn.

Other Business: Extension of permit to demolish Tidey home on Garrett Road until July 1, 2012, approved.

Public Comment: Mr. Scholz asked question on using the Fire and Ambulance Fund for expenses of Special Election relative to Indian Lake Weed Distribution extension. He was answered that both funds use is for the purpose designated. He asked three other questions on details of contract.

Questions on Pride Care Proposal. Changes in the contract were answered. Mr. Haley asked question on Pride Care financial information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved for Publication by:

Walter F. Lehmann, Clerk

Bill J. Saunders, Supervisor

A complete copy of the minutes is available upon request at the Silver Creek Township Hall.