

**SYNOPSIS OF THE
MINUTES OF THE SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bill Saunders at 7:00 p.m. All the board members were present.

The agenda for the business meeting was approved after additions.

At call for public comment: None.

The minutes from the regular meeting of January 12, 2011 were approved.

Bills & Claims totaling \$79,645.88 were approved.

The clerk read notice from Cass County for the Intergovernmental Forum. Participation was approved.

Police Report: Complaints handled: 61, Warnings issued: 19, Tickets issued: 8, Accidents policed 3, Arrest assist to other agencies: 2, Assist to other police agencies: 5, Assist motorists and pedestrians: 11. Fire & Ambulance Reports: Indian Lake VFD: 4 fire runs. Sister Lakes VFD: 1 fire run and 13 ambulance runs, Pride Care DWG: 1 ambulance run in December and 6 ambulance runs in January.

Attorney Magyar reported he distributed a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance amending the standard for review of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion to send to Planning Commission, approved. A draft of Control of Medical Marijuana section to the Zoning Ordinance, approved to send to the Planning Commission.

Building Inspector's Report: 3 permits issued for an estimated construction value of \$56,160.00.

Zoning Administrator's Report: No permits issued.

Appeals Board Report: A variance was denied at hearing on February 2nd.

Planning /Zoning Commission Report: Officers for 2011: Mike Glynn – Chairperson;

Roger Swisher – Vice-Chairperson; Dave Grabemeyer – Secretary.

The Planning Commission adopted their bylaws and discussed agricultural tourism.

Electrical Inspector's Report: 4 inspections; 4 permits.

Plumbing Inspector's Report: 4 inspections.

Mechanical Inspector's Report: 7 inspections.

Liquor Inspector's Report: 5 inspections. No violations.

Treasurer's Report: Unallocated fund balances: General Fund \$256,350.16
Indian Lake Sewer Maintenance Fund \$ 67,427.27

The December Report of Investments is in each member's book.

County Commissioner's Report: Highlights of his written report - He is on the committee for economic development and Cass County Medical Facility Committee. On his tour of the facility, he was impressed with the operation, the financial reports have improved. The Appointments Committee appointed new people to the Parks Board. The commissioners will interview candidates for County Administrator on Saturday, February 12th.

Dowagiac District Library Report: Library at the Lakes has been suspended until April. A newsletter on library events was passed out. A new position is posted for Customer Service Representative.

Community Awareness Report: The county website now is linked to crime reports.com where you can access records of crimes committed in area as entered.

Operational Committee Reports:

Sewer Systems Operations –

Indian Lake Sewer – No alarms.

Sister Lakes Area Sewer – The Wildwood extension has six people connected. Several have inquired for future connection.

Parks & Recreation Committee – Next meeting with Dowagiac is at their City Hall on February 26th.

Application for grants will be reviewed. The Parks & Recreation Committee will conduct a Public Hearing on the Master Plan for Russom Park on Feb.28th at 7:00 p.m.

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Unfinished Business:

Report & Recommendation from Committee Reviewing Proposals for Ambulance Service in North ½ of the Township - They reviewed the two contracts of alternatives for a millage or for service without subsidy. The committee recommended a survey be sent out, approved.

Lot Split in Misty Pines Subdivision - After questions from neighbors, approved.

New Business:

Proposal to Retain Shafer & Layher as Auditors for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 – Approved.

Budget for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 – A worksheet was provided in each member's book.

A workshop meeting, approved on Saturday, February 26th at 12:00 noon.

Opening of Bids for Demolition of Condemned House on School St. – Seven bids received.

After review, it was approved to award the contract to Bob Szymonski for \$2000.00.

Proposed Ordinance Enforcement – Blight Ordinance - Tabled.

Sponsorship of Scholarship for a Resident Graduate of Dowagiac Union High School at Southwestern Michigan College - Approved.

Other Business:

As Supervisor Saunders and Zoning Administrator Goodman will be participating in the FEMA Conference on March 9th, approved to move the meeting to March 16th.

The supervisor was directed by consensus to research upgrade of the sound system.

Public Comment: Chief Lozada of Sister Lakes Volunteer Fire Dept. announced they had called in personnel to be on station during the blizzard on February 1st and 2nd. A second paramedic crew was there by volunteer also.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. into closed session.

The board reconvened the open meeting at 8:40 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved for Publication by:

Walter F. Lehmann, Clerk

Bill Saunders, Supervisor

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