

**SYNOPSIS OF THE
MINUTES OF THE SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2012**

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

Roll call showed all board members present.

The agenda was approved.

Public Comment: An Indian Lake citizen asked a question on the proposed extension of the period of the Weed Control District.

Approval of Minutes – Minutes of the regular meeting of December 14, 2011 were approved
Bills and claims totaling \$51,399.11 were approved.

Police Report: Complaints: 91, Warnings: 19, Tickets: 9, Accidents: 6, Assist to other police agencies: 2, Assist motorists and pedestrians: 8.

Fire & Ambulance Reports: Indian Lake Volunteer Fire Department: 4. Sister Lakes Volunteer Fire Department: 2. Pride Care Ambulance: 8 in entire township. The Indian Lake Volunteer Fire Department Annual Report is available at the Township Hall.

Township Attorney's Report: There are three cases at the Tax Tribunal.

- The Polk Properties will have a status conference.
- The Phillips case is pending electrical corrections completed. An engineers report indicated it was structurally sound.

Building Inspector's Report: 4 permits, estimated cost of \$129,000.

The Luth case, inspection allowed, appeared to be new construction. The assessor has been notified. A complaint on deteriorated garage, meeting scheduled.

Zoning & Blight Administrator's Report:

- 1 Compliance report.
- 1 Red tag – Illegal placement of a shed. Owner has agreed to move in spring.
- 2 Cases sent to township attorney.
- Questions on Property Maintenance Code given to township attorney for review.

Planning /Zoning Commission Report: First meeting will be January 25th which is the annual organizational meeting.

Board discussed amendment to Zoning Ordinance for accessory buildings in Waterfront District and creating a Capital Improvement Plan. Approved to send memo to Planning Commission.

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

Plumbing & Mechanical Inspector's Report: No report because of emergency absence.

Liquor Inspector's Report: 5 inspections. 0 violations.

Treasurer's Report: General Fund \$227,772.22

Indian Lake Sewer Maintenance Fund \$ 70,477.45

County Commissioner's Report: Report highlighted: Meeting with the Economic Development Commission, budget adjustments to departments, salary raises, Southwest Michigan First presentation, and appointments. He was re-elected vice chair of commissioners.

The Cass County Medical Care Facility obtained highest grade possible in annual review.

Sewer Systems Operations –

Indian Lake Sewer – The operating loss and the high percentage of delinquency discussed. An increased rate was approved. \$3.00 per month to \$25.00 per month - \$75.00 per quarter beginning second quarter of 2012. The delinquency penalty rate will be reviewed.

Sister Lakes Area Sewer – No matters to discuss.

Parks & Recreation Committee: A meeting of the Russom Field Operating Committee is scheduled for Monday, January 16th.

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Unfinished Business:

- A. Third Quarter Fiscal Year Budget performance, differentials were reviewed. A list of adjustments were approved.
- B. Opening of bids for improving the east wall of the meeting room. Advertised three times. One bid was received. Discussed to re-bid or open bid. Decided to open bid. Approved to award bid to Epic Builders, with options, for \$5,519.00.

New Business:

- A. Amendment to Ordinance No. 97-1, the Boat Regulation Ordinance addressing bubblers. The problem is the risk of people falling through thin ice. Two appeared to inject testimony support of prohibition of bubblers. Approved.
- B. Resolution for approval of land division for Barnes, approved.
- C. Renewal of Special Use Permits for Dependents Mobile Home on Ag/Res property. Five ongoing applications. Approved.
- D. Agreement to collect summer taxes for Dowagiac Union School District at \$2.50 per parcel, approved.

Other Business: The Budget Hearings will be scheduled in February.

Public Comment: Mrs. Vorreyer asked if all lakes included in bubbler prohibition, answer: yes.

Mr. Schultz asked Pride Care be asked to explain a call on December 20th. Directed to put in writing.

The board will then ask for explanation and for Pride Care to attend February meeting if deemed necessary.

Adjournment at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved for Publication

Walter F. Lehmann, Clerk

Bill J. Saunders, Supervisor

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