

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

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

Roll call showed four members present, one member absent.

The agenda was approved.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes of the regular meeting of October 12, 2011 were approved.

Bills and claims totaling \$114,143.74 were approved.

Police Report: Complaints: 105, Warnings: 33, Tickets: 20, Accidents: 8, Arrests: 7, Arrest assists: 1, Assist to others: 7, Assist motorists and pedestrians: 8.

Fire and Ambulance Reports: Indian Lake Volunteer Fire Department: 2 fire runs.

Sister Lakes Volunteer Fire Department: 4 fire runs and 7 ambulance runs. Pride Care Dwg: 3 ambulance runs.

Township Attorney's Report: Gerrando's condo has submitted deed restrictions. The Zoning Administrator is reviewing and will advise.

Tax Tribunal case – Agreed to an arbitrator; each side will share cost.

Relief from judgment is appealed for in the Phillips case. There is a hearing on November 21st. The board agreed to proceed.

Building Inspector's Report: 10 permits - Estimated construction value of \$292,300.

Zoning & Blight Administrator's Report: 6 permits issued, 2 variance hearings, 2 flood plain issues and 1 violation.

Appeals Board Report: 4 variances approved with modifications.

Planning /Zoning Commission Report: A special land use was approved for a "private hunting facility". We are required to develop a capital improvement plan. The Planning Commission would like board direction.

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

Plumbing Inspector's Report: 1.

Mechanical Inspector's Report: 3.

Liquor Inspector's Report: 5. 0 violations.

Treasurer's Report: Unallocated funds: General Fund	\$174,787.35
Indian Lake Sewer Maintenance Fund	\$ 68,843.11

County Commissioner Reported: The report is available by e-mail; give him your e-mail to receive.

County Commissioner proceedings: The Road Commission is proposing a 1 mill road millage.

Animal Control was awarded \$75,000 to start their addition. The Parks Department multi-purpose building bids have been received. Considering courthouse future.

Sewer Systems Operations –

Indian Lake Sewer – No alarms this month.

Sister Lakes Area Sewer – There will be a special meeting between the board and Sister Lakes Area Utility Authority to discuss the Hilltop Road erosion problem on November 16, 2011.

Police Committee Meeting – Changed to Tuesday, November 22nd.

Unfinished Business:

Special Election Results – Board Action – The millage was voted down.

Therefore, a motion to accept Pride Care's proposal and call a meeting to negotiate a contract was approved.

Sale of Obsolete Microphones to First Church of God, Cassopolis – Sale for \$30.00 each was approved.

Proposal to extend period of Special Assessment District for weed control in Indian Lake was reviewed. Public hearings are indicated under Act 188. Approved to table until December pending report.

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New Business:

Transfer of Ownership of Tax Reverted Property from Cass County Treasurer to Silver Creek Township – Approved for the clerk to send a letter of protest.

Quote of Crookston Audio for Cabinet for Audio Equipment of \$889.25 – Approved.

Public Comment: Mr. Glynn questioned how much 1 mill road millage would raise = 1.2 mil road mile paving costs \$85,000.

Jim Schultz questions on how we handle ambulance contract, volunteered to assist formulation of contract. Does current contract require 90 days notice? As contract was for specific date, it expires on stated date.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 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.