

Silver Lake Township Municipal Authority
July 28, 2025

Board Members present: Dale Tifft, Carl Speicher, and Julie Perlick. Paul Adams entered the meeting at 6:19 pm, and Rick Holgash entered the meeting at 6:28 pm. Also present, Robyn Walter and Michael Hester

Carl Speicher called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

No changes to the agenda.

Unfinished business: Grant project update – Mike Hester confirmed that Hester Wastewater management has received a notice to proceed on 7/25/25. We can begin to send bills to the grant once we start work. That will be approximately right after Labor Day. HWWM will determine which places to work on. We may end up paying more money out of pocket.

Report of the Secretary was given by Julie Perlick. Correspondence received includes the Operator report filed electronically and a notice from Penelec about shopping for an electric supplier. Dale Tifft made a motion to approve the June minutes. Carl Speicher seconded, all were in favor.

Business from the floor: was brought by Mr. Kudo. Joe Garrehy and Becky Arnold entered the meeting at 6:30 pm with more business from the floor. Mr. Kudo stated that he had purchased property on Laurel Lake and has moved a camper there. They would like to connect to the sewer system. Mr. Kudo states that his intention with the camper is to connect and disconnect when he wants from the system so that he can take the camper where he would like. Carl Speicher explained that we are attempting to come up with a solution to allow campers to connect to the system. The issue is recent and we need to create appropriate by-laws for campers. Paul Adams read a letter from the SLMA solicitor Jon Foster. The letter indicated that there could be a two valve system designed by our engineers that should allow campers to safely hook up. Ms. Arnold states that her camper is permanent until they decide to build. She said that if the valve is opened to pass through waste, no other valve system is needed. The campers already have a valve that waste can go through without being held in the holding tank. Ms. Arnold said that with that system there is no reason to use deodorizing tablets. She felt that they would not use them anymore than a house or cottage on the lake would use them. Julie Perlick stated that the point was that houses do not typically use deodorizing tablets, but campers typically do. We need to make sure we set the correct by-laws for any future campers on the lake who may not know how harmful it is. The Board debated whether there were already prohibitions in the Township ordinances that would not allow campers to hook to the system. Mr. Kudo said that he would not connect to the system until the SLTMA had a solution for him, but stated that he may consult with his attorney about what his options are. He said that he paid for his pump and should be able to use it. Disconnections and reconnection were brought up and all present on the floor felt that the connection fee was far too high and wanted to know why it cost so much. They were informed that it does cost that much, and that there are customers on the lake who pay their fee and are not connected for one reason or another. After further discussion, including campers that have been connected in the past, Paul Adams stated that we will keep the public informed and that he will try to have the solicitor, engineer, and anyone needed from the township at the next meeting to help with the decision. The community members left the meeting at the start of the next order of business.

Report of the Treasurer was given by Carl Speicher. There is \$258,000 total in our bank accounts. This is down from \$266,000 last year. Carl Speicher asked if new grinders were needed. Mike Hester stated that there are no new grinders left. He will let us know if we get too low with refurbished pumps before the replacements start.

Robyn Walter gave the Report of Customer Service – Mrs. Walter stated that she needs to order business checks. Mr. Speicher recommended that we start automatic payment on appropriate accounts. Mrs. Walter stated that she will look into that. The Chapter 302 report needs to be signed by Mr. Adams. The report was signed at the meeting. Mrs. Walter suggested that our contract with Milnes be extended so that it doesn't expire before the end of the grant. The Board agreed. She will call Milnes to take care of this. Robyn Walter also asked about billing for customers who recently have had work done and the Board discussed the situations and provided her feedback. It was again discussed that the Board can charge for a temporary disconnect, but because there may be different reasons for a temporary disconnect the Board reserves the right to waive the fee.

The Operator report covering 6/20/2025 to 7/25/2025 was submitted electronically and reviewed. Both systems are operating within compliance.

New business – Robyn Walter will contact the customers with campers to remind them of the next meeting. Paul Adams will set up a meeting with our solicitor, engineer, and the Township to resolve the camper connection issue.

As there was no further business to discuss, Dale Tifft made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick Holgash seconded. All were in favor. Paul Adams ended the meeting at 7:35 pm.