

Schoolcraft Township Board
Special Meeting
April 13, 2015
Schoolcraft Township Hall

Supervisor Ulsh opened the Special Meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Roll Call: Supervisor Don Ulsh, Clerk Virginia Mongreig, Treasurer Teresa Scott, Trustee Hovenkamp and Trustee Feldmeier.

Also Present: Attorney Craig Rolfe

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Scott to open the Public Meeting. **Motion carried 5-0**

Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Scott to go into closed session for discussion of the Schoolcraft Township v Curtis Allen District Court Case NO. 14ST93536A ON.

Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Feldmeier close the public hearing and go to open session. **Motion carried 5-0**
Motion by Feldmeier with second by Hovenkamp to pursue appeal the April 6, 2015, District Court ruling to Circuit Court.

Motion carried 5-0

Individual Board Member Authority

Mongreig referenced the March 10, 2015, meeting where Schoolcraft Township asked our attorney to write a letter to the Village of Vicksburg regarding their trail ways. Attorney Rolfe forwarded the letter for comment and after some changes and approval by the board Attorney Rolfe mailed the letter to the Village of Vicksburg regarding their trail ways. Mr. Hovenkamp then began meeting with the folks from Vicksburg Village on his own. Mongreig stated to Mr. Hovenkamp 'I don't know what ever would make you feel that that was ok. We made a decision as a board, Schoolcraft Township Board, elected by Schoolcraft Township residents to make decision for this Township, not to go to Vicksburg Village and have private meetings and come back with another decision. How can you undo what this board does like you did?"

Trustee Hovenkamp believes he was in line.

The board continued to agree/disagree on the difference of working together as Schoolcraft Township and working behind the scenes with Vicksburg Village. And how one member decides they are authorized to meet individually with outside entities regarding decisions of Schoolcraft Township.

Attorney Rolfe stated that issues occasionally come up with this board that have provoked/ nibbled around the edges and have the clerk concerned as to some perception of unilateral action. There were concerns at a previous meeting where Supervisor Ulsh explained his likes and dislikes resulting in the board meeting ending without an honest airing out of these issues.

Meeting adjourned 11:30 a.m.


Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft