

**Schoolcraft Township Board**

**April 9, 2013**

**Call to Order 7:00 p.m.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Members Present:** Supervisor Ulsh, Clerk Mongreig, Treasurer Scott, Trustee Feldmeier and Trustee Hovenkamp

Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Feldmeier to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried 5-0**

Motion by Scott with second by Hovenkamp to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 13, 2013

**Motion Carried 5-0**

Motion by Scott with second by Feldmeier to approve the List of Bills as presented. **Motion Carried 5-0**

**Treasurer Scott Reported:**

Interest Income for the Month of March 2013	\$ 139.19
Income for March 2013	\$ 87,245.29
Expenditures March 2013	\$ 33,257.41
Total Cash	\$535,390.26

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Mongreig to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. **Motion Carried 5-0**

**J. Rettenmaier USA LP** requested an extension to Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate #2012-200. Patrick Filler, Financial Manager of J. Rettenmaier USA LP addressed the board and stated that the company experienced delays on their project due to the arrival of equipment from Germany, and a local delivery being incorrect upon arrival at the facility. There was another problem that the company did not have enough manpower to oversee, all resulting in their request to extend the date of the approved Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for one more year.

Attorney Rolfe stated that he did not see a reason not to go forward with the request, and referred the board to three options for the board to consider. Attorney Rolfe recommended approval of the request for an extension of time to complete the project from 12/31/12 to 12/31/13, but with no change in the ending date for the IFEC itself (6 years total).

Clerk Mongreig asked about reimbursement for costs incurred to the township for this J. Rettenmaier USA LP request. Supervisor Ulsh suggested discussing costs a later meeting.

Motion by Scott with second by Feldmeier to adopt Township Board Resolution Approving Request For Extension Of Time For Completion Of Project Pertaining To Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate Issued Pursuant To Township Board Approval May 2012.

**Roll call vote:** Feldmeier -y, Hovenkamp -y, Mongreig -y, Scott -y, and Ulsh -y

**Motion Carried 5-0**

**Public Hearing IFTEC Application Outerwear's, Inc.**

Motion by Mongreig with second by Feldmeier to open the Public Hearing.

**Motion Carried 5-0**

Motion by Scott with second by Hovenkamp to close the Public Hearing

**Motion Carried 5-0**

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Mongreig to adopt the Resolution Pertaining To the March 13, 2013 Application of Outerwear's, Inc. For New Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate.

**Roll call vote:** Feldmeier -y, Hovenkamp -y, Mongreig -y, Scott -y, and Ulsh -y **Motion Carried 5-0**

Sean McBride, Executive Director of the **Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority** addressed the board explaining the services available from the Authority. The Authority is requesting is proposing a ~~4.0~~ <sup>0.4</sup> Millage Renewal on the May 7, 2013 ballot.

Anna Downing of South County Community Services discussed the van that was made available by the Authority last week. South County Community Services has 10 drivers and the van is being used in a variety of ways.

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Ulsh to approve the **Kalamazoo County Road Commission** resolution: A Resolution Of Support For The Immediate Need To Increase Michigan's Investment In Road Infrastructure.

**Roll call vote:** Feldmeier -y, Hovenkamp -y, Mongreig -y, Scott -y, and Ulsh -y **Motion Carried 5-0**

The board agreed to the American Red Cross holding a blood drive at the Township Hall. Supervisor Ulsh will follow up with the Red Cross.

Assessor Brousseau's report included March 2013 Board of Review highlights.

Ryan LaPorte reported on the new equipment, irrigation, tree line, and projects in process at Swan Park.

Road Committee Chair Scott stated that the 2012 contracts for road projects by Kalamazoo County Road Commission have been signed. Scott, Supervisor Ulsh and KCRC Project Superintendent Jim Beaudoin drove to East X Avenue and South 22<sup>nd</sup> Street to check road conditions following complaints from property owners. The consensus of Scott, Ulsh and Trustee Hovenkamp is that the road is in terrible condition. Chair Scott will contact Beaudoin for options for the township to pursue.

#### **Members Time:**

Trustee Hovenkamp: Barton Lake Association will hold a meeting Thursday, April 11, 2013 at Schoolcraft Township as controversy into the outside use of Barton Lake is "growing in leaps and bounds due to the rumored marina". Trustee Hovenkamp, who is also on the Barton Lake Association, understands that people from Black and Howard Lakes will be present. He stated that the controversy is "completely out of whack" with "people not on the association fueling the problems".

Clerk Mongreig stated that she believes it is a good thing to meet with the people as they are residents/property owners of the lake and should be involved in discussions.

Trustee Hovenkamp replied, "We have associations to handle these things – unfortunately people go on their own".

Clerk Mongreig -May 7, 2013 Special Election Kalamazoo County Transit Authority/Vicksburg School Millage

Treasurer Scott – Has settled with Kalamazoo County for the 2012 tax collections.

Supervisor Ulsh The board will have a discussion regarding the attorney fees incurred for the J. Rettenmaier USA LP, and other like situations that may come before the board.

Kalamazoo County Township Supervisors will hold their monthly meeting here next Wednesday.

Supervisor Ulsh also stated that any excess funds may possibly be used for more road projects in 2013

Meeting Adjourned 8:00 p.m.

Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk