



SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

April 9, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Hovenkamp to approve the **Agenda** as presented. **Unanimously Approved**

Motion by Scott with second by Feldmeier to approve the **Minutes** of the March 12, 2019 meeting as presented. **Unanimously Approved**

Motion by Ulsh with second by Feldmeier to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2019 reflecting the following Budget Amendments:

March 28, 2019

Resolution to Adopt Budget Amendments

All Amendments From Fund Balance Account #101.000.001

Amendment #03282019-01 \$425.00 to 101.751.801 Parks-Contract Lawn Services

Amendment #03282019-02 \$2,000.00 to 101.751.920 Parks-Utilities

Amendment #03282019-03 \$2,500.00 to 101.751.930 Parks-Repairs and Maintenance

Amendment #03282019-04 \$7,500.00 to 101.751.970 Parks-Capital Outlay

Roll call vote:

Feldmeier absent

Hovenkamp absent

Mongreig yes

Scott yes

Ulsh yes

Motion carried: 3-0

March 28, 2019

Motion by Scott with second by Feldmeier to approve the **List of Bills** as presented. **Unanimously Approved**

Treasurer Scott reported:

Income for month of March 2019 \$ 73,847.47

Expenditures \$223,551.98

February 2019 General Fund Balance \$630,592.23

March 2019 General Fund Balance \$780,296.74

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Mongreig to approve the **Treasurer's Report** as presented. **Unanimously Approved**

Public Comment:

Tom Stapert "what's going on with the ordinances violations near his Kimble Lake residence?" Supervisor Ulsh directed him to Zoning Administration Manager, Christine Hamilton.

John Gisler, Kalamazoo County Commissioner for South Kalamazoo County reported on the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport plans to rehabilitate the runway in June of 2019. During much of the project the airport will be closed to commercial/airline traffic.

Three residents expressed their displeasure with the recent cleanup, upkeep and weeds in the cemetery in Vicksburg. Clerk Mongreig informed the visitors that the southern area of the cemetery property is scheduled to be cleared soon.

Andrew DeVries requested a meeting with the Swan Park Committee in order to review the Schoolcraft Township/Swan Park baseball field rental policy.

New Business:

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Hovenkamp to support a Resolution to legislation that would allow township boards the option to have its elected offices appear as nonpartisan on the ballot as township issues seldom align with political party ideologies, nor the Democratic or Republican Parties. Roll Call Vote:

Feldmeier -yes, Hovenkamp -yes, Mongreig -yes, Scott - yes and Ulsh - yes.

Unanimously Approved

Planning Commission:

The Planning Commission approved the following:

- 1.) Special Land Use Application to allow for the operation of a vehicle sale, repair and service facility in an existing structure on the land located at 13562 Portage Road Vicksburg.
- 2.) Site Plan for proposed daycare and church education on Sundays on the property located at 11500 North U.S. 131 Schoolcraft.
- 3.) Special Land Use and Site Plan Review Application for a Wireless Communications Support Structure on a 40 acre parcel within the Agricultural District (AG-1).

Zoning Board of Appeals:

Variance Application for property located at 14671 North Barton Lake Drive:

The Zoning Board of Appeals granted variance relief, but different than requested by application.

- 1.) The Zoning Board of Appeals approved a variance of lot coverage ratio in the additional amount of 2.5% on the condition that the only deck permitted on site shall be open air and not covered or enclosed. The variance document shall be in recordable form and recorded at the register of deeds.

Swan Park Report: Mongreig referred the members to the written report from Ryan LaPorte. She also stated that the concession stand will be open on field clean-up day serving the workers and children.

Security System:

Motion by Mongreig with second by Feldmeier to select the lowest of three (3) bids, \$27,185.26 from Michigan Security & Lock, L.L.C. for the Township Grounds/Swan Park.

Roll Call Vote: Feldmeier -yes, Hovenkamp -no, Mongreig -yes, Scott - yes and Ulsh - yes.

Motion carried 4-1.

The board agreed that Treasurer Scott will contact Attorney Homier to request a draft credit card policy that will blanket the Swan Park concessions and the ability to accept taxes down the road.

Lengthy discussion ensued as to the operation/controls of the concession stand. Following much discussion it was decided that the Township will hire one person to be trained and licensed with the Kalamazoo County Health Department to operate the concession stand

Road Commission of Kalamazoo County: Feldmeier stated that the Township has proposed \$250,000 with an additional \$105,000.00 from the Kalamazoo County Road Commission for road improvements this (2019) season.

Members Time:

Hovenkamp: Disappointed with comments by residents of the condition of the Vicksburg Cemetery, Block 19.

Treasurer Scott reports that the tax settlement with Kalamazoo County has been completed.

Feldmeier reported that the Village of Vicksburg plans to complete trail way to TU Avenue.

Trustee Feldmeier and Supervisor Ulsh met with an architect for the front entry of the township hall. Drawings will be forwarded in May.

Supervisor Ulsh reported Planning Commissioner Lenny Jaworski has stepped down after 35 years of service. A small celebration was held at the end of the April 1, 2019 meeting. Jaworski was presented with a plaque recognizing his dedication and service to Schoolcraft Township.

Supervisor Ulsh reported of a request for a home based brewery on VW Avenue. The property owner will go before the Planning Commission in May.

One Liquor License is available for the Township of Schoolcraft.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 p.m.


Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft