

SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
August 11, 2015

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.  
Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Feldmeier, Mongreig, Scott and Ulsh.  
Member Absent: Hovenkamp

**Approval of Agenda.** Motion by Scott with second by Feldmeier to approve the agenda.  
**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Scott with second by Ulsh to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2015 Closed Session Meeting. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Scott to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 14, 2015. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Ulsh to table the July 14, 2015 Closed Session Meeting. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Motion by Scott with second by Ulsh to approve the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting with correction. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Motion by Scott with second by Feldmeier to approve the **List of Bills** for payment.  
**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Scott reported the following for the month of July 2015:

Income	\$ 79,776.06
Expenditures	\$ 71,910.76
General Fund Balance	<u>\$ 312,576.50</u>
June 2015 Balance	\$ 328,378.63

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Mongreig to approve the Treasurer's report. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**Citizens Time:** Township resident and neighbor of the Allen Motocross track inquired as to the status of the Schoolcraft Township litigation with Curtis Allen case. Supervisor Ulsh said that Schoolcraft Township is trying their best to rid the neighborhood of the track. The board urges neighbors to video and document activity and be willing to testify in court.

A Barton Lake property owner inquired as to the status of the sewer and water project. Supervisor Ulsh replied that Schoolcraft Township is not doing anything until if and when the petitions are filed.

Motion by Mongreig with second by Scott to grant conditional final approval of Prairie Edge Estates Phase 3 pending final review of intended documents regarding infrastructure by the Township Attorney. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Ulsh defer action on the Baker Dangerous Building to the September 8, 2015 regular meeting of the Schoolcraft Township Board. **Motion carried 4-0.**

No action taken on the Van Orman Dangerous Structures Hearing-Decision/Order.

Ryan LaPorte reported on Swan Park improvements.

Supervisor Ulsh reported that the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority has hired a consultant for direction on reconstruction of the Authority.

Clerk Mongreig informed the Board of the November 8, 2015 General Election which has one proposal that Schoolcraft Township voters will be voting on. This proposal was added long after the Township set its budget, thus no money was allocated for it. Kalamazoo County Commissioner John Gisler has stayed in contact with Clerk Mongreig regarding the costs for the election, and is confident that Kalamazoo County will cover the costs. The proposal is for creating a local fund to provide housing to children of families of low income who are homeless or at risk of homelessness which would result in a 0.10 millage increase.

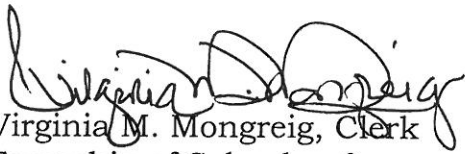
Clerk Mongreig also reported that the State of Michigan will require all new voting equipment to be implemented in 2016. The approximate cost to each precinct is \$6,500 to \$7,500. Funding may be available from the Help America Vote Act, and County Clerk Tim Snow will seek additional funding from Kalamazoo County.

Motion by Scott with second by Mongreig to increase hourly pay for Administration receptionist. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Treasurer Scott suggested changes in the Schoolcraft Township Weed Control Ordinance NO.154 which includes in the ordinance a May 1<sup>st</sup> date for plant growth violations. Ideally the ordinance would be year round and easier to enforce. There are many steps involved in trying to locate the responsible party while neighborhoods suffer with the blight.

Supervisor Ulsh has been notified by the Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste Center that based on 2014 participation numbers for August –December and actual numbers for 2015, Schoolcraft Township will have a negative balance at 2015 year end at which time the board will make a budget amendment to cover costs.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 p.m.

  
Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk  
Township of Schoolcraft