

Schoolcraft Township Board

August 13, 2013

Schoolcraft Township Hall

Supervisor Ulsh opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motion by Scott with second by Hovenkamp to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Scott with second by Ulsh to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated July 9, 2013 as presented. Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Feldmeier with support by Hovenkamp to approve the list of bills. Motion Carried 5-0

Treasurer Scott reported the following:

Interest Income for July 2013	\$ 125.48
Income for July 2013	\$ 71,912.55
Expenditures for July 2013	\$ 160,942.38
Total Cash	\$ 276,393.48

Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Feldmeier to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion Carried 5-0

Tom Kelley of 1149 Panama in the Canal Zone (Gourdneck Lake) complemented the Kalamazoo County Road Commission on the Canal Zone road improvements this summer. He did mention a manhole cover that has dropped down and children receiving injuries while bike riding, and a drainage area that is in need of being raised.

Supervisor Ulsh welcomed Gary Hallam, General Manager of Eimo Technologies, Inc., and Joe Agostinelli and Derek Nofz of Southwest Michigan First for review and discussion of the Eimo Technologies, Inc. Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate.

Mr. Hallam gave an example of one of the many products produced at the facility and stated that the 44 year old company is currently operating very successfully.

The \$2,876,250.00 improvements include a \$16,000.00 building (real property) expansion, and \$2,860,250.00 in machinery and equipment (personal property).

Motion by Mongreig with second by Feldmeier to open the Public Hearing. Motion Carried 5-0

Mr. Joe Agostinelli addressed the board giving thanks from Southwest Michigan First to Schoolcraft Township for their consideration on this project.

Motion by Mongreig with second by Feldmeier to close the Public Hearing. Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Mongreig with second by Hovenkamp to adopt the Resolution Pertaining to 7/1/13 Application Of LIMO TECHNOLOGIES, INC. For New Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate.

Roll Call Vote: Feldmeier -y, Hovenkamp -y, Mongreig - y, Scott - y, Ulsh - y. Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Scott with second by Mongreig to approve the March 31, 2013 South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority draft audit. Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Scott with second by Hovenkamp authorizing Supervisor Ulsh to sign a Letter of Understanding between Bert Gale and Schoolcraft Township for Mr. Gale providing the function of Hearing Officer as described in Schoolcraft Township's Dangerous Structures Ordinance. Motion Carried 5-0

The board agreed on October 5, 2013 for the date to hold (host), an electronics recycling event for South County property owners. Supervisor Ulsh will follow up with Susan Sondag of Emerald eCycling LLC

The board agreed to the requested September 4, 2013 date for an American Red Cross blood drive.

The board discussed a recent financial misunderstanding involving a grave purchase/burial in the Vicksburg Cemetery, and following much discussion the board voted 3-2 to cover the disputed cost of a foundation. Mongreig and Ulsh voted no. Motion Carried 3-2

Supervisor Ulsh suggested using Compliance Officer Straw on a specific number of zoning ordinances in order to concentrate on the largest issues.

Motion by Feldmeier with second Mongreig to approve Supervisor Ulsh signing the extension of the AT&T Michigan Metro Act Right Of Way Permit Extension which expires December 31, 2013, for a five year term ending December 31, 2018. Motion Carried 5-0

Supervisor Ulsh reported that the Planning Commission discussed fencing in the township.

Ryan LaPorte of the Swan Park Committee reported that the committee will be looking into administration of the travel teams who used Swan Park ball fields, i.e. maintenance and preparation of fields for use. The discussion will also include the rental of soccer fields.

Motion by Scott with support by Mongreig to amend (increase), the park budget \$4,014.87 to assist the Schoolcraft Little League with new irrigation, an agreement the township made with the Little League.

Trustee Feldmeier stated, "My sense was we approved the budget for this year – there are always opportunities to include in next year's budget.

Mr. LaPorte reported that the Little League was fortunate to earn enough money this year to go ahead with the project in 2013.

Trustee Feldmeier agreed that the Little League has put a lot into the infrastructure. And Supervisor Ulsh stated that the work is worthwhile, we have the money in the budget, and it gives children more outdoor opportunities. Motion Carried 5-0

Trustee Feldmeier once again stated that he would like to see a fence around the play yard as a hard kicked soccer ball could seriously injure a child on the play structure. Ryan LaPorte told Trustee Feldmeier that the approximate cost to move the structure is \$35,000.00. Mr. LaPorte will look into some type of netting arrangement.

Road Committee Chair Scott reported that she has had discussions with Jim Beaudoin of the Kalamazoo County Road Commission and learned that the Commission is working on private residential driveways, and stripping will be done soon. There is approximately \$300.00 due to the road commission for the Canal Zone sweeping/finishing.

Total spent to date on road projects in 2013 is approximately \$176,882.23 which includes the Kalamazoo County Road Commission match of \$47,000.00. Approximate balance remaining \$5,300.00.

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Hovenkamp to Crack Seal (\$2,800.00) Green Prairie Street, and (\$14,000.00) 21<sup>st</sup> Street from East Y Avenue and East Z Avenue. **Motion Carried 5-0**

Clerk Mongreig forwarded a request from the Russell family of Vicksburg to set aside a grave for their son, Jimi who is a veteran, and his wife Jill Russell to which the board unanimously approved.

Motion by Mongreig with second by Feldmeier to renew the agreement between Schoolcraft Township and Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services at the same rate as the previous contract for a 48 month term.

**Motion Carried 5-0**

Michigan Election Resources has a new offer to eliminate costs in mailing of Voter I.D. cards. The board approved implementing the program here at Schoolcraft Township.

Trustee Hovenkamp suggested Maple Hill Sprinkling for a bid on the extension of water in the Vicksburg Cemetery.

Mr. Kelly of the Canal Zone stated that it appears that there are soapsuds coming down the beach at Gourdneck Lake a couple time of the week.

The Township will contact the City of Portage to see who in the Canal Zone is not hooked up to sewer and water

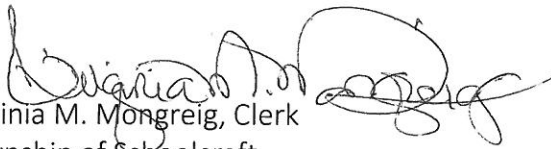
Treasurer Scott informed the board that assessing reviews will be starting in the Village of Schoolcraft by September 1, 2013. A letter will be sent to each property owner.

Trustee Feldmeier mentioned that the 16<sup>th</sup> Street property is looking better –Compliance Office Straw doing a good job.

Supervisor Ulsh reported that committees have been formed in an attempt to combine South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority with South County EMS. Supervisor Ulsh will sit on the Organization Committee.

Trustee Feldmeier reported that due to impediments to connecting to the Barton Lake area the Bike Committee is no longer an active committee as there is nothing to discuss.

Motion by Scott with second by Hovenkamp to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

  
Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk  
Township of Schoolcraft