



SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

August 13, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Mongreig to approve the **Agenda** with one change. New Business #8 moved to #4. **Unanimously Approved**

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Hovenkamp to approve the **Minutes** of the meeting held July 9, 2019 with the correction of a transposition by the Clerk in the Treasurer's Report. **Unanimously Approved**

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

Treasurer Scott reported:

Income for month of July 2019	\$ 77,232.59
Expenditures	\$174,728.31
June, 2019 General Fund Balance	\$589,507.05
July 2019 General Fund Balance	\$492,011.33

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

Public Comment:

Dawn Stapert asked when Schoolcraft Township is going to enforce ordinances in their neighborhood, at which time Supervisor Ulsh distributed correspondence from Michael Homier, Attorney for Schoolcraft Township, which included historical documentation on the property in question, Zoning Ordinances in effect during the time-frame of renovations on the property, and stated that at the time of the construction, the 1951/1967 Ordinances in effect did not prohibit residential use of an Accessory Building.

Helen Shultz had questions about her husband's grave site.

NEW BUSINESS: Dangerous Building Hearings

Property owner present

12906 S. Portage Road- Property owner is no longer in violation of Dangerous Building Ordinance No. 233. Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Feldmeier to close the case.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Feldmeier, Hovenkamp, Mongreig, Scott and Ulsh
No: none

Motion carried.

Dangerous buildings continued.....

Property owner not present

12500 North US 131- Schoolcraft Township has been mowing the property, has boarded up the building. Owner has taken no action on notices from Zoning Administer Chris Hamilton. Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Feldmeier to uphold the order.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Feldmeier, Hovenkamp, Mongreig, Scott and Ulsh
No: none

Motion carried.

The building was broken into the week-end of August 9-10-11, 2019. Schoolcraft Township will obtain bids for demolition of the building which will occur within 60 days of this August 13, 2019 meeting.

Annual Audit Jeff Rood of Siegfried Crandall P.C. delivered the results of the **Annual Audit ending March 31, 2019** and reported that Schoolcraft Township is in good financial condition.

Industrial Development District: Motion by Ulsh with second by Feldmeier that:

Sec. 7-4 11 S 279.43 FT of N 468 FT W1/2 SE1/4 EXC PENN CENTRAL RR ROW ALSO EXC W 130 FT Parcel #3914-07-405-021 is established as an Industrial Development District pursuant to the provisions of PA 198 of 1974, as amended, to be known as the 12555 South US 131 Industrial Development District.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Feldmeier, Hovenkamp, Mongreig, Scott and Ulsh
No: none

Motion carried.

Consumers Energy Company Gas Franchise Ordinance #278: Motion by Ulsh with second by Mongreig to adopt **Consumers Energy Company Gas Franchise Ordinance #278** a period of thirty years.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Feldmeier, Hovenkamp, Mongreig, Scott and Ulsh
No: none

Motion carried.

Trustee Hovenkamp left the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Southwest Michigan Miracle League: Wade Rutkoskie presented the board with brochures and information on the Miracle League, a national organization providing opportunities for children with disabilities to play baseball. The facility will be located on US 131 at the golf dome. Motion by Mongreig with second by Feldmeier to support the project and forward a letter of support to the organization.

Unanimously approved.

Resolution to Adopt Ordinance No. 276, Amending Subdivision Development Ordinance:

This Ordinance will alleviate changes such as lot line adjustments, splits and combinations going before Township's Boards for approval as ultimately the Assessor processes these requests. Motion by Ulsh with second from Mongreig to adopt Ordinance No. 276.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Feldmeier, Mongreig, Scott and Ulsh
No: none

Motion carried.

Metro Act Right of Way Extension: Motion by Ulsh with second by Feldmeier to allow Supervisor Ulsh to Sign the Metro Act Right of Way Extension to Frontier Communications which expires January 13, 2020. The extension is for a term to end January 13, 2025. **Motion carried 4-0**

The Board received a **SAMPLE** Resolution Regarding Intent To Petition Pursuant To Chapter 20 Of Act 40 Of The Public Acts of 1956, As Amended, which Schoolcraft Township would adopt if the Township Board recognized the necessity for public health to establish and construct a sanitary sewer system. No action was taken by the Board.

Supervisor Ulsh distributed a memo from Attorney Michael Homier regarding **Charter Township Incorporation**, along with the Michigan Townships Association guide to General Law or Charter Townships.

Authorization For Change In Standard Lighting Contract (Company Owned) Form 547 and 548

Motion by Scott with second by Mongreig to authorize Supervisor Ulsh to sign the agreement with Consumers Energy Standard Lighting Contract (Company Owned) Form 547 and 548. These are agreements to change out Standard High Intensity Lights and replace them with LED cobrahead fixtures which will result in a greater cost savings.

Planning Commission Report: The Planning Commission approved the following site plan applications:

Big C Lumber – New storage building on the current site on US 131.

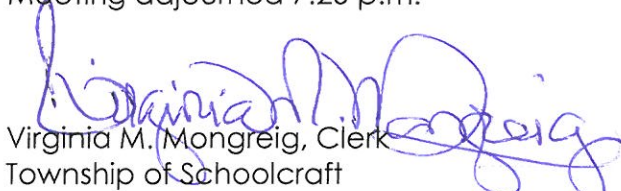
Singh Automation Site Plan Review – New manufacturing facility on US 131 for the fabrication of automation equipment. Approved with conditions; written confirmation by MDOT of the US 131 access resolution, receipt of a property survey, and adjustment and Commission review of any changes to the site plan required by resolution of the access issue.

The Planning Commission also discussed best practices for parking lot surfaces. Commissioners generally favored expansion of our ordinance language to include and encourage more permeable parking surfaces.

Swan Park Report: Treasurer Scott reported 3 month concession sales at \$19,899.87.

Treasurer Scott also reported that the Sunset Lake Weed Contract is near its end. She will be working with the Sunset Lake Committee and Attorney Homier on the new contract.

Meeting adjourned 7:20 p.m.


Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft