



**SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
**August 14, 2018**

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

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

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Hovenkamp to approve the **Agenda** while moving **New Business** items **d. and c.** to follow item **a.** **Motion carried 5-0**

Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Feldmeier to approve the **Minutes** of the July 10, 2018. **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:**

Income for month of July 2018	\$102,440.35
Expenditures	\$ 70,996.20
June 2018 General Fund Balance	\$549,291.40
July 2018 General Fund Balance	\$517,847.25

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

**Citizens Time:**

A number of residents from Prairie Edge Estates addressed the board regarding their use of golf carts on the streets of the neighborhood. The Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department has been called to the neighborhood due to complaints of some residents. Lieutenant Jim VanZile of the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department was present at the meeting and reported that Michigan law states that the golf carts are not allowed on the streets.

When asked by a resident, David Pawloski of the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County stated that unless otherwise posted, the speed limit in the development is 25 miles per hour.

Supervisor Ulsh advised the residents that their next step would be the petition process to attempt to allow the golf carts.

Shaun P. Willis, Attorney for the Township of Schoolcraft referred the residents to Michigan Legislature, Michigan Vehicle Code Section 257.657a to review the law.

Debbie Loomis and Randi Noel thanked the board for all of their help with the Kimble Lake problems they are experiencing.

Shaun P. Willis, Attorney for the Township of Schoolcraft explained the court process when a resident refuses to pay a ticket for an ordinance violation.

**South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority:** Trustee Hovenkamp, member of the Fire Authority Board asked the Schoolcraft Township Board to agree to a change in the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority bye-laws to allow a member of the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority Board to also be the Fire Authority Administrator. The Supervisor, Clerk, and Trustee Feldmeier agreed that the bye-laws should not be changed for one person. A canvas of the board was taken and the request was denied.

Trustee Hovenkamp was dismissed from the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Motion by Scott with second by Mongreig for Supervisor Ulsh to sign the Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension of the existing Permit issued by Schoolcraft Township/Kalamazoo County to Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan which expires on December 31, 2018. The extension is for a term to end on December 31, 2023. **Motion carried 4-0**

Clerk Mongreig stated that she has been approached by three constituents as to whether Airbnb's are allowed in the township. Supervisor Ulsh will look into how other communities are dealing with the issue.

**Barton Lake Weed Control Deficit Elimination Plan:** The Schoolcraft Township Barton Lake Weed Control Fund has a \$4,337.00 deficit as of March 31, 2018. Supervisor Ulsh (motion) offered with second by Feldmeier a resolution for this deficit to the Michigan Department of Treasury for certification. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 1 **Resolution adopted August 14, 2018**

**Barton Lake 2018 Installment Discussion:** Treasurer Scott asked the board for direction on the Barton Lake property owners that did not pay the May 2018 tax billing for the 2018 Barton Lake Weed Control Assessment. Of the 110 tax statements sent 26 property owners have not paid their bill resulting in approximately \$9,000.00 overdue. Motion by Supervisor Ulsh with second by Feldmeier to include the overdue amounts plus interest on the 2018 Winter Tax Bill. **Motion carried 4-0**

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Ulsh to adopt **Ordinance NO. 274, Rezoning of Property in Land Section 6.** Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 1 **Resolution adopted August 14, 2018**

**Schoolcraft Township Precincts #2 and #4:** Due to unfavorable conditions at the Ken Krum Recreational Center in Schoolcraft, Clerk Mongreig is exploring different buildings for Precincts #2 and #4. The new precincts will remain in the Village of Schoolcraft and in the same building if possible in order to save money purchasing additional voting equipment.

**Viridis Design Group:** The board approved \$6,000.00 to fund the Parks and Recreation Plan Update.

**Swan Park:** The Committee reported ongoing maintenance and new projects (scoreboards) at the baseball fields. The concession stand is 95% complete with plumbing, siding and soffits, electrical, and restroom and outside painting finished.

**Members Time:**

Supervisor Ulsh reported that 51% of the land mass of the U.S. 131 Corridor say they are in favor of sewer and water per a report from Wightman and Associates.

Ulsh also told the board that Indiana Michigan Power has been asked to leave the access roads developed for the pole replacement project along W Avenue so that the access roads can be utilized as walking trails.

*and biking*

Clerk Mongreig is learning more about the process for cost recovery to Schoolcraft Township for South Kalamazoo County Authority calls on U.S. 131. Many of the calls for service are for accidents involving drivers living outside of Schoolcraft Township. Schoolcraft Township taxes are paying the highest premium in South County for fire protection, mainly due to these calls.

Meeting adjourned 7:35 p.m.

  
Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk  
Township of Schoolcraft