



## SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

**March 8, 2011**

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Scott to approve the agenda as presented.

**Motion carried 5-0**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Scott with support by Feldmeier to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 8, 2011 with the following correction:

New Business Item h.) Zoning Board of Appeals Member John Gardner: Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Scott to approve the appointment of John Gardner as Alternate Member of the Schoolcraft Township of Zoning Board of Appeals.

**Approval of List of Bills:** Motion by Scott with support by Hovenkamp to approve list of bills as presented.

**Motion carried 5-0**

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Interest Income for February 2011      \$ 130.93

Income for February 2011                \$ 26,244.93

Expenditures February 2011            \$ 63,381.53

Motion by Mongreig with support by Hovenkamp to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. **Motion Carried 5-0**

### **Citizens Time:**

Mr. Hahn of Wightman & Associates introduced himself to the board and informed them of the services offered by Wightman & Associates, i.e. architectural and municipal engineering.

### **Attorney's Time:**

#### **a.) Proposed Ordinance No. 249:**

Motion by Feldmeier with support by Mongreig to adopt Ordinance No. 249-Rezoning of Property In Land Section 14 amending the zoning classifications from the existing I-1 Manufacturing Industrial District zoning classification to RR Rural Residential District zoning classification.

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

### **New Business**

**a.) Public Hearing Schoolcraft Township Recreation Plan:** Motion by Scott with by Mongreig to open the Public Hearing.

**Motion carried 5-0**

Motion by Scott with support by Mongreig to close the Public Hearing. **Motion carried 5-0**

Motion by Mongreig with support by Scott to approve the Resolution of Adoption for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

**Motion carried 5-0**

At this point in the meeting Ryan LaPorte of the Swan Park Committee reviewed the following items with the board:

\*Concessions: Trustee Feldmeier asked for an accountability of the proceeds of the new concession trailer.

Mr. LaPorte reported that the proceeds are going into the Schoolcraft Little League treasury.

\*Schoolcraft Little League would like to make Swan Park the official home of the Schoolcraft Little League

\*2011 Rocket Football working on a proposal to develop a home field for the Schoolcraft Rocket Football Teams.

Supervisor Ulsh asked Mr. LaPorte to discuss these items with the park committee and report back to the Township Board.

**b.) Public Hearing 2011-12 General Appropriations (Budget):** Motion by Scott with support by Mongreig to open the Public Hearing. **Motion carried 5-0**

Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Feldmeier to close the Public Hearing. **Motion carried 5-0**

Motion by Mongreig with support by Hovenkamp to approve the Resolution to Establish a General Appropriations Act for Schoolcraft Township.

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

**Approve Salary Resolutions:**

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP OFFICERS SALARY**

As of April 1, 2011, the salary for the **TOWNSHIP TREASURER** shall be \$39,500.00.

The foregoing Resolution offered by Trustee Feldmeier supported by Supervisor Ulsh.

Roll call vote: Feldmeier: yes, Hovenkamp: yes, Mongreig: yes, Scott: yes and Ulsh: yes.

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP OFFICERS SALARY**

As of April 1, 2011, the salary for the **TOWNSHIP CLERK** shall be \$39,500.00.

The foregoing Resolution offered by Trustee Hovenkamp supported by Trustee Feldmeier.

**Roll call vote:** Feldmeier: yes, Hovenkamp: yes, Mongreig: yes, Scott: yes and Ulsh: yes

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP OFFICERS SALARY**

As of April 1, 2011 the salary for the **TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR** shall be \$38,500.00.

The foregoing Resolution offered by board member Clerk Mongreig supported by Treasurer Scott.

**Roll call vote:** Feldmeier: yes, Hovenkamp: yes, Mongreig: yes, Scott: yes and Ulsh: yes

**d.) 2011-12 Service Providers:** Motion by Mongreig with support by Ulsh to approve the 2011-2012 following service providers:

**Schoolcraft Township**

**2011-2012 Service Providers**

Attorney - Craig Rolfe

Auditor-Siegfried Crandal PC

Building Permits-Michigan Township Services, SW

Cemetery Maintenance-Kalamazoo Personal Touch

Township Sexton-Jack Wiley

Township Assessor-Nathan Brousseau/Appraisals Plus Group, Inc.

Township Engineers-Prein & Newhof

**Motion carried 5-0**

**e.) Approve 2011-12 Financial Institutions:** Motion by Ulsh with support by Hovenkamp to approve the following list of financial institutions for 2011-2012.

**1. Kalamazoo County State Bank**

**2. Peoples Federal Savings Bank**

**3. JP Morgan Chase Bank**

**4. Bank of America.**

**Motion carried 5-0**

**f.) Approve 2011-12 Township Board Meeting Dates:** Motion by Scott with support Feldmeier to approve the following dates for the 2011-2012 Schoolcraft Township Board Regular Meetings:

April 12, 2011

May 10, 2011

June 14, 2011

July 12, 2011

August 9, 2011

September 13, 2011

October 11, 2011

November 15, 2011

December 13, 2011

January 10, 2012

February 7, 2012

March 13, 2012

**Motion carried 5-0**

g.) **Approve Schoolcraft Township Expenditure:** Motion by Ulsh with support by Mongreig to approve fence repairs in the Schoolcraft Cemetery by farm N garden at a cost of \$610.00. **Motion carried 5-0**

**Assessors Report:** The report from Mr. Brousseau shows a lower than average number of appointments scheduled.

**Planning Commission Report:** Trustee Feldmeier asked that appreciation of the Planning Commission's excellent job on the Agricultural Preservation amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map in regard to the 2008 Schoolcraft Township Master Plan be recognized.

**Zoning Board of Appeals Report:** No Meeting in March 2011.

**Township Park Committee Report:**

Ryan LaPorte informed the board of the following:

Equipment has been readied for spring/summer

Little League Opening Day is scheduled for April 30, 2011. Mr. LaPorte urged the board members to attend this first Schoolcraft Little League Opening Day as Swan Park.

Swan Park Committee considering grant monies to be used for paving, concessions, and trees. Mr. LaPorte asked for priorities of the board as to which direction they would like to proceed.

Little League parking scheduled to be completed this summer.

**Members Time**

Trustee Hovenkamp expressed gratitude with the bidding of cemetery mowing contract for 2011-12, and suggested bidding out more of the service providers in the future.

He also suggested that the township take a hard look at road work for the future and seriously consider one time shot and get the roads up to par.

Treasurer Scott will look in to monies that could be generated through a millage request and report back to the board.

Treasurer Scott is considering the financial benefit of paying off the Canal Zone sewer debt (\$70,000.00 approximately). She is awaiting a call from the lender prior to bringing a proposal to the board.

2010 Tax settlement with the Kalamazoo County Treasurer is coming soon.

Trustee Feldmeier will not be present at the April 12, 2011 board meeting.

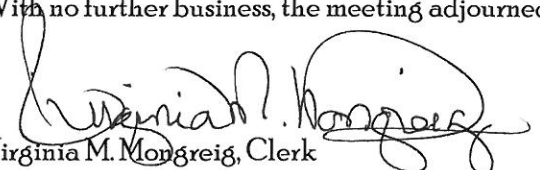
Trustee Feldmeier asked that time be set aside to meet on 2011 road projects.

He also asks that the Budget Meeting date be set farther out in the future.

Clerk Mongreig is working toward obtaining historic items for the conference room in commemorating the Frakes Family, who donated the land at Gourdneck Prairie Cemetery.

Supervisor advised of a Planning Commission vacancy with the resignation of Jim Shaw.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.

  
Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk  
Township of Schoolcraft