

Schoolcraft Township Board
August 9, 2011
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 Hovenkamp and Trustee Feldmeier
Motion by Feldmeier with support by Hovenkamp to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0
Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Feldmeier to approve the July 12, 2011, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0
Motion by Scott with support by Hovenkamp to approve the List of Bills as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Treasurer Scott Reported:

Interest Income for July 2011	\$ 125.06
Income for July 2011	\$ 104,470.89
Expenditures for July 2011	\$ 76,618.09
Total Cash	\$ 313,620.51

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

Citizens Time for Non-Agenda Items:

Lieutenant Gail Sampsell of the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department presented the board with reports of Schoolcraft Township calls for service through July 2011.

New Business

a. SKCFA Draft Audit: Motion by Scott with support by Mongreig to accept the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority Draft Audit for the year ending March 31, 2011. Motion carried 5-0

b.) Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment: Motion by Feldmeier with support by Mongreig to adopt Ordinance #253, SECTION II, Amendment of Section 25.11 Pertaining TO SIGNS IN C-4 HIGHWAY BUSINESS DISTRICT

Roll Call Vote: Feldmeier – y, Hovenkamp – y, Mongreig – y, Scott – y and Ulsh – y

Motion carried 5-0

Mr. Tom Cole of Cole-Krum Chevrolet in Vicksburg, and Kurt Adema of American Village Builders, thanked the board for their assistance in the process of the amended sign ordinance and support as they begin there new Cole/Krum Dealership in Schoolcraft Township.

c.) Discussion of Watercraft Verbiage Addition to Zoning Ordinance: Postponed to September 13, 2011 meeting.

d.) Discussion of building demolition procedure: The board discussed a recent demolition and burning of a farmhouse and barns in the township and whether the proper procedures were followed in regard to removing toxic wastes from the home. The owners did obtain a demolition permit and a burning permit.

The Township will develop a procedure for demolition and burning of a property to ensure that all of the proper steps are taken in the future.

Unfinished Business:

a.) Schoolcraft Township Draft Audit: Motion by Mongreig with support by Hovenkamp to approve the Draft Audit for Schoolcraft Township Draft Audit for the year ending March 31, 2011. Motion carried 5-0

Planning Commission Report: Trustee Hovenkamp reported the commissions work on the amended Ordinance #253, SECTION II, Amendment of Section 25.11 Pertaining TO SIGNS IN C-4 HIGHWAY BUSINESS DISTRICT and continued work on the AG and Rural Residential Zones.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report: No report

Township Park Committee Report

Ryan LaPorte reported the following:

Concession trailer cleaned up and ready for storage for the season as the season has ended.

The Little League earned \$5,000 to \$6,000 in receipts this year from concessions.

Jule Stafford of the Department of Natural Resources conducted a site review of Swan Park on July 28, 2001. Scoring was scheduled to begin the week of August 1, 2011, and the Park Committee expects to receive their score soon, with ranking to be complete at a later date with announcement of the DNR selections to come in November 2011.

Ms. Stafford informed the Committee that the DNR has received more money for the grant program and they had anticipated.

Ryan will be meeting with the Schoolcraft Rocket Football representatives to discuss possible use of Swan Park for their home field.

Two Vicksburg soccer teams will be scheduling play at Dave Miley field this fall.

The committee is still hoping to obtain millings later in the year for use on the parking lot at the Little League fields.

Members Time

Trustee Feldmeier apologized for missing a presentation by Dave Healy of Texas Township on road improvements

He stated that he would like to see the township move along on the road project in timely manner beginning with options for funding for the roads; Assessment? Millage?

Supervisor Ulsh stated the first step is to place the road project on the next agenda.

Trustee Feldmeier ask for the following:

Roads project to be on all future agendas

Paser Rating Report at next meeting (report in next packet)

Schedule meeting with the residents. At the September 13, 2011 meeting

Include Healy Power Point presentation in Packets for September Meeting.

Determine the number and location of all properties affected.

Include residents in committees formed to discuss roads projects.

Clerk Mongreig: Work has been begun to develop a Township Newsletter.

Treasurer Scott: Processing Tax Payments

Trustee Hovenkamp: Mentioned Modern Marine Sales and Service beginning to look more like salvage and sales. Supervisor Ulsh will have Ordinance Enforcement Officer visit the property.

Hovenkamp also asked about attention to the use of Township Attorney during the Planning Commission Meetings to which Supervisor Ulsh responded that he has discussed the issue with Barry Visel, Chairman of the Planning Commission but has not received a response.

Supervisor Ulsh would like to attend MTA training, "Township Supervisors' Professional Development Retreat" September 15th and 16th at McGuire's Resort in Cadillac at a cost of approximately \$500.00

The board approved attendance.

Supervisor Ulsh will be working with surrounding Supervisors to look at the possibility of combining use of Building Inspectors.

Citizens Time: Nancy Hiemstra addressed the board regarding the "illegal burn" on XY Avenue, of which she witnessed step by step the demolition, and burning, calling the actions a blatant violation.

Supervisor Ulsh acknowledged that there were questions regarding the proper permitting, and told Ms. Hiemstra that the Township is taking steps to ensure that an incident like this will not happen again.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 p.m.


Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft