

**Schoolcraft Township Board**  
**January 11, 2011**  
**Schoolcraft Township Hall**

**Call to Order 7:00 p.m.**

**2.) Pledge of Allegiance**

**3.) Roll Call:**

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

**Members Not Present:** Trustee Feldmeier and Clerk Mongreig

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

**Motion Carried 3-0**

**5.) Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Ulsh with support by Scott to approve the corrected minutes of the meeting held December 14, 2010.

**Motion Carried 3-0**

**6.) Approval of List of Bills:** Motion by Ulsh with support by Hovenkamp to approve the list of bills as presented.

**Motion Carried 3-0**

Trustee Hovenkamp questioned Jack Wiley's bill of various maintenance at each cemetery and probing. Supervisor Ulsh explained probing and Deputy Clerk Moss explained the higher cost is also due to snowplowing of the two cemeteries.

**7.) Approval of Treasurers Report:**

Interest Income for December 2010	\$	65.04
Income for December 2010	\$	61,676.48
penditures for June 2010	\$	50,582.18
tal Cash	\$	184,832.52

Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Ulsh to approve the Treasurer's report at presented.

**Motion Carried 3-0**

**8.) Citizens Time for Non-Agenda Items: None**

**9.) Attorneys Time:**

a.) Discuss ~~Tail~~<sup>Trail</sup> Easement Status

After the December 2010 Board meeting Attorney Rolfe sent Attorney Grossman a copy of the proposed Grant of Easement and Easement Agreement and heard nothing from Attorney Grossman. After Attorney Grossman was contacted he indicated he had sent a copy to the Village Manager Matt Crawford. The Village's only concern was with the five year agreement. Attorney Rolfe suggested that he not play middleman and have Manager Crawford contact the Township directly. Supervisor Ulsh said Village Manager Crawford contacted him on December 23, 2010 and they discussed the concern with the short term of only five years. Village Manager Crawford conveyed that the Village of Vicksburg would be happier with a ten year agreement. Supervisor Ulsh also reported the Village will not disrupt the large trees. Trustee Hovenkamp asked if the ten year term would be sufficient. Attorney Rolfe commented that the original term would have renewed every five years automatically so no one would have to remember to renew the agreement.

Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Scott to approve the change from a five year term to a ten year term with automatic renewal after five years resulting in a change of terms to paragraph 14 and paragraph 15 of the proposed Grant of Easement and Easement Agreement.

**Motion Carried 3-0**

1.) Discuss sharing attorney fees –None

b.) Discuss Barton Lake property options

Attorney Rolfe gave the Board permission to do what they wish with the property. It was discussed that no one would want the land other than the contiguous property owners. Trustee Hovenkamp asked Attorney Rolfe what the legal fees would be from the sale of the property. Attorney Rolfe said he did not know. Treasurer Scott reported the Township had already spent \$320.00 in legal fees and would need to spend \$91.31 on the property taxes. Trustee Hovenkamp asked if the \$750.00 would cover the amount of money the Township would need to spend on the property. Attorney Rolfe said if everything went smoothly the fees would be low but if a title search had to be done then he did not know what the fees would be. Attorney Rolfe went on to explain some of the long story of how the Township came to acquire the property.

Motion by Scott with support by Hovenkamp to have Supervisor Ulsh enter into negotiations with the contiguous property owners.

**Motion Carried 3-0**

**10.) New Business-**

**a.) Appointment of new ZBA member**

The ZBA needs a new full time and alternate member. Trustee Hovenkamp made the suggestion of Gary Steensma. Attorney Rolfe asked if Gary was a registered elector of the Township and the answer was yes.

Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Scott to approve Gary Steensma as the new full time ZBA member.

**Motion Carried 3-0**

**b.) Offer to buy black/white plastic chairs:** Board received an offer to purchase old black and white meeting room chairs. Attorney Rolfe said the chairs had to be sold for fair market value if the chairs had value. The Board agreed to sell the chairs for \$1.00 a chair.

**11.) Unfinished Business:** None

**12.) Assessors Report:** Received

**13.) Planning Commission Report:** Trustee Hovenkamp reported the Planning Commission has moved on to the next rezoning task of rural residential. Supervisor Ulsh asked if the Planning Commission had held a Public Hearing on the Agricultural District. Trustee Hovenkamp reported that the Public Hearing has been pushed back to March due to a conflict with the Planning Commission Chair.

**14.) Zoning Board of Appeals Report:** None

**15.) Township Park Committee Report:** Board received a letter that will be going to all the Schoolcraft Little League Parents. The Board also received the 2011-2010 Swan Park Proposed Budget, the Proposed Renewal of the Maintenance Contract, the proposed parking lot area and the 2011 Swan Park Committee Meeting Schedule. Grand Elk Railroad will be providing railroad ties for the proposed parking lot. Schoolcraft Little League wants to put dugouts on fields one, three and four. April 30, 2011 will be opening day for Schoolcraft Little League held at Swan Park. Field clean up will be April 16, 2011 and team photos will be on April 29, 2011. Supervisor Ulsh asked if Swan Park would be hosting any more tournaments this year. Ryan LaPorte said not this year but everyone enjoyed tournament and hospitality provided by Swan Park last year and they hope to be back

**16.) Members Time:**

Trustee Hovenkamp: Asked status of concession stand in the park and if any trail grants had been sought. Supervisor Ulsh explained that the Recreation Plan had to be in place first before any grants could be sought for either the concession stand or the trails.

Treasurer Scott: Jennifer Granholm vetoed Senate Bill 77. As of today 76% of the taxes have been collected for the township. The next state revenue sharing check will come the first of March, 2011. The new website is up and running. Our website hosting company IT-Right also does computer support. Our current IT support is often hard to get a hold of and has a very busy schedule. IT-Right provides a service contract of unlimited service for \$1,800.00 or an hourly rate of \$135.00. If the Township starts at an hourly rate IT-Right will later apply what has been paid to the service contract. Supervisor Ulsh suggested the Township try IT-Right for a couple of months and see how it goes.

Supervisor Ulsh: None

**17.) Adjournment:** Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Scott to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.



Shelby Moss, Deputy Clerk