

Schoolcraft Township Board
November 15, 2011
Schoolcraft Township Hall

Supervisor Ulsh opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

oath of Allegiance

Roll Call: Supervisor Don Ulsh, Clerk Virginia Mongreig, Treasurer Teresa Scott, Trustee Hovenkamp and Trustee Feldmeier

Motion by Scott with support by Feldmeier approve the agenda with the correction of #9) Attorney's Time; A. Public Hearing – Sunset Lake Special Assessment

Attorney's Time **B.) Health Care Law**

Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Feldmeier with support by Hovenkamp to approve the **September 13, 2011**, meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Feldmeier to approve the **September 27, 2011 Special 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 September 2011 \$ 111.34

Income for September 2011 \$130,427.88

Expenditures for September 2011 \$156,662.36

Total Cash \$252,629.19

Motion by Mongreig with support by Feldmeier to approve the **Treasurer's Report** as presented.

Motion carried 5-0

Citizens Time for Non-Agenda Items:

A group of Schoolcraft Township residents from the East XY Avenue area were present to protest an enforcement notification by Schoolcraft Township for Noxious Weeds/Uncontrolled Plant Growth, Ordinance NO. 154, as amended by Ordinance NO 207 Section 27 of Schoolcraft Township Ordinances. A representative of the group presented a letter of opposition signed by the group.

Attorney Rolfe explained Ordinance Noxious Weeds/Uncontrolled Plant Growth, Ordinance NO. 154, as amended by Ordinance NO. 207 Section 27 of Schoolcraft Township Ordinances.

Following a discussion of the noxious weeds that have been identified and procedure for eliminating them, the property owners were advised that the properties must be mowed, but an extension of the 14 calendar was given.

Mr. and Mrs. Schultz of Portage Road reported of their neighbors burning near and being bothered by the smoke. The Schultz's were advised to contact Fire Chief McMillan if the burning occurs again.

Attorney's Time:

a.) Barton Lake Special Assessment District:

Motion by Feldmeier with support by Hovenkamp to adopt the Resolution Approving Redetermination Of Costs For 2011 Special Assessments.

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

Motion carried 5-0

The resolution provides \$10,600.00 for allocation and levy as special assessments with the property owners realizing a \$100.00 per parcel cost on their tax bill.

b.) Healthcare Law: Attorney Rolfe referred the board members to his memo of October 11, 2011 referencing 2011 Michigan Public Act 152 (Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act), which limits contributions of public employers for the cost of medical benefit s, and Schoolcraft Township Group Insurance Ordinance (Ordinance No. 147). The board must consider their actions and arrive at a policy for the Township by the healthcare renewal date of April 1, 2012

New Business:

a.) **Council of Governments Resolution:** Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Mongreig to adopt the Resolution of Support for the Kalamazoo County Council of Governments and the Proposed Project Known As – Countywide Civic Engagement Project: Realigning Public Services for Sustainability & Social Equity.

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

tion carried 5-0

b.) **Discussion/Adoption of Demolition Procedure:** The board reviewed the Schoolcraft Township Demolition Permit Requirements/Checklist as provided by South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority. Supervisor Ulsh will meet with the authority to submit changes to the application as suggested by the Township Board.

c.) **Accept Employee Letter of Resignation:** Motion by Mongreig with support by Scott to accept the resignation letter of Katrina LaPorte.

Motion carried 5-0

Trustee Feldmeier suggest a letter of appreciation be put in Katrina's employee file.

Unfinished Business:

a.) **Discussion of Road Projects:** Selection of the members of the new Roads Committee has begun.

b.) **Kalamazoo Area Building Authority:** Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Feldmeier to participate in the authority and direct Clerk Mongreig to send a letter to Michigan Department of Treasury Office of Revenue and Tax Analysis confirming the Township's participation.

Motion carried 5-0

Assessor: Continual work of Deeds, PTAs and PREs processing.

Received, reviewed and approved several split/combo applications.

Attended Advanced Equalizer Report Writing Class for Assessor's Continuing Education.

Provided Attorney Rolfe record cards and GIS maps for zoning project.

Planning Commission Report: The Planning Commission continues work on the Rural Residential District rezoning and will hold a public hearing November 7, 2011 to consider proposed zoning ordinance text amendments associated with implementing the "Rural reservation" aspects of the 2008 Schoolcraft Township Master Plan, and any other matters that come before the Commission.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report: No report

Township Park Committee Report: Clerk Mongreig reported that the Swan Park Committee has received word that Swan Park is one of 50 applicants received and evaluated for the 2011 competing for funding under the Michigan Recreation Grant Passport Grant Program. The Committee expects to hear from the DNR in November with the results.

Members Time

Trustee Hovenkamp: Inquired as to the legitimacy of the Schultz's complaints, to which the Supervisor and Clerk reiterated that the township offices and Compliance Officer have spent time and tax dollars assisting them with their complaints.

Treasurer Scott: Working on the Barton Lake Assessment Redetermination and calculations on millage based roads.

Trustee Feldmeier: Expressed appreciation for the Special Meeting held with Jim Bedouin of the Kalamazoo County Road Commission.

Clerk Mongreig: Asked, and was granted, permission to hold the Fall Leaf Drop week days from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with the residents stopping in at the Township Office for directions to the drop in Swan Park. November 12th and 19th, both Saturdays, Clerk Mongreig and Grounds Engineer, Ryan LaPorte will be on hand to help folks out from 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon.

Supervisor Ulsh: Informed the board of a tool called Direct Access of Driving and Vehicle Records which will help Officer Roberts. The board agreed and approved purchase (\$6.00 annually).

Supervisor Ulsh also informed the board on a Kalamazoo County Road Commission Assessment Management for Roads program.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.

Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft

