

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 Scott with support by Hovenkamp to approve the Agenda with one addition:

#10.) New Business item f.) Webber School House

Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Scott with support by Hovenkamp to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2012 minutes as presented.

Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Scott with support by Feldmeier to accept the **List of Bills** as presented.

Motion Carried 5-0

Treasurer Scott reported:

Interest Income for the Month of November 2012	\$ 84.13
Income for November 2012	\$ 71,346.36
Expenditures November 2012	\$ 79,416.82
Total Cash	\$238,395.00

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

Motion Carried 5-0

9.) Attorneys time

a.) 2013-2017 Barton Lake Improvement Project (Aquatic Vegetation Control)

Attorney Rolfe stated that the Barton Lake property owners would like to continue the Barton Lake Improvement Program and asked the board what their preference is as far continuing the Barton Lake Improvement Program 5 year treatment plan which will be ending in 2013.

Trustee Hovenkamp spoke for the association indicating that the Association is all in favor of proceeding with another 5 year plan. They believe that the treatment has been a success and the Association does not want to go back and start from scratch at a later date if discontinuing the treatment allows the return of aquatic vegetation that has been alleviated. The Association would like to see the treatments continue for the next 5 years, after which the Association can study the need for any future treatments.

Attorney Rolfe reviewed the resolution of intent to start the process of going to a formal public hearing for the proposed plans and costs involved with continuation of the existing district including \$12,500 for plant control \$6,000.00 for oversight, and the consultant fee of \$2,500.00.

Treasurer Scott expressed her objection to the consultants, Progressive A&E corresponding with the association rather than Schoolcraft Township. Attorney Rolfe agreed, stating that the consultant must understand that this is a Schoolcraft Township project – not a Barton Lake project.

Supervisor Ulsh asked of the necessity of continuing with Progressive A&E.

Attorney Rolfe stated that he has been involved with other projects where there is consultant.

Trustee Hovenkamp stated that the reason that the Association prefers working with a consultant is that they are able to have the job bid out, no one in the association is a chemist, and the association relies heavily on the consultants. The Association believes that they are saving because of using a consultant, and they have a good working relationship.

Attorney Rolfe noted that the cost estimates from Professional Lake Management need to be corrected prior to noticing.

Motion by Feldmeier with support by Hovenkamp to adopt the Resolution Of Intent To Make The Improvements And Continue The Existing Special Assessment District.

Feldmeier - y, Hovenkamp - y, Mongreig - y, Scott - y, and Ulsh - y

Roll Call vote all Aye. **Motion carried 5-0**

Budget Amendment: Motion by Ulsh with support by Hovenkamp to adopt the following amendment:
Amendment #12112012-01 Transfer \$6,000.00 from General Fund to Account # 101.721.826 Planning Commission – Legal Fees.
Feldmeier - y, Hovenkamp - y, Mongreig - y, Scott - y, and Ulsh - y
Roll Call vote all Aye. **Motion carried 5-0**

Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Mongreig to approve the re-appointment recommendations of Charles Bibart and Rich Bailey. **Motion Carried 5-0**

Motion by Ulsh with support by Feldmeier to approve the re-appointment of Ken Hovenkamp as Schoolcraft township Board Member to the Planning Commission. **Motion Carried 5-0**

Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Feldmeier to approve wage of \$10.00 per hour for Deputy Treasurer Madonna Nimmo. **Motion Carried 5-0**

Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Feldmeier to approve wage of \$10.00 per hour for Deputy Clerk Vickie Bailey. **Motion Carried 5-0**

The 2013-2014 Budget Workshop scheduled for Friday, January 25, 2013 9:00 a.m.

Trustee Hovenkamp reported and the Planning Commission continues to work on master plan and very close to being presented to the township board, with a possible Public Hearing in February 2013.

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Supervisor Ulsh stated that Compliance Officer, Tina Straw is doing a great job on existing problems, and has discovered a number of additional violations.

Treasurer Scott left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Trustee Hovenkamp has been contacted by a resident who is very concerned with the condition of Webber School. Clerk Mongreig and Supervisor Ulsh stated that they too, have had calls regarding the building and that money is a factor in any repairs to be done.

Supervisor Ulsh added that there need be a purpose for the building in order to make improvements. Ken suggested mentioning the Webber School in our next newsletter in an attempt to obtain input from the township residents.

Trustee Hovenkamp stated that he is please to see that a steering committee for walking trails has been formed. Members are: Paul Stewart, Ken Oscarson, Mike Moldovan, Greg Feldmeier, John Gardner, and Chairman Gary Miller.

Clerk Mongreig noted a visit from Bob Smith who is a member of a group attempting to start a new South County News. Their hope is to have the newspaper ready for first delivery in July 2013.


Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft