

SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
December 12, 2017



Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Mongreig, Scott, Ulsh, Feldmeier and Hovenkamp.

Approval of Agenda Motion by Feldmeier with second by Hovenkamp to approve the **Agenda**.
Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Scott second by Feldmeier to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2017 meeting as presented. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Motion by Scott with second by Hovenkamp to approve the **List of Bills** for payment.
Motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Scott reported the following for the month of November 2017:

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| Income | \$ 64,777.24 |
| Expenditures | \$ 100,321.13 |
| October 31, 2017 balance | <u>\$ 323,328.00</u> |
| November 30, 2017 General Fund Balance | \$ 358,871.89 |

Motion by Mongreig with second by Feldmeier to approve the Treasurer's report.

Motion carried 5-0.

Citizen Time: Kalamazoo County Commissioner, John Gisler visited the board.

Barton Lake Special Assessment District: Paul Hausler of Progressive A&E presented a Power Point on aquatic plant management.

Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Feldmeier to open the Public Hearing of the Barton Lake Special Assessment District at 6:35 p.m. **Motion carried 5-0**

One member of the audience asked if Mr. Hausler was happy with the 2017 treatment. Mr. Hausler answered that it was a bad end of the season for weed treatment in 2017, and answered a number of questions of property owners in attendance such as have property owners been educated on fertilization from their lawns and the impact on the lake, farmers and golf courses contribution to the problem, the amount of ice coverage in the winter, which determines growth, and, if there are treatments other than chemicals.

Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Feldmeier to close the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m.

Motion carried 5-0

Treasurer Scott explained the change in charging property owners for the assessment. The 2018 assessment will be collected by the Township Treasurer with a separate Special Assessment Bill sent to property owners on May 1, 2018 and due by May 31, 2018. The 2018 assessment will be used to pay expenses incurred for the 2018 treatment year. Any 2018 assessment not paid by May 31, 2018 will be added to the 2018 winter tax bill. Assessments for the 2019 treatment year will be billed on the 2018 winter tax bills sent to property owners on approximately December 1, 2018. Assessments for the subsequent treatment years will be billed on the winter tax bills in the same manner as the 2019 treatment year assessments.

Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Feldmeier to adopt the Barton Lake Improvement Project (Aquatic Vegetation Control) Resolution Creating A Special Assessment District and Granting Approval To Proceed With Project.

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

South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority: Motion by Scott with second by Hovenkamp to approve the proposed April 1, 2018- March 31, 2019 budget. **Motion carried 5-0**

Charter Communications Franchise: Motion by Scott with second by Hovenkamp to execute a Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications to serve the boundary road between Schoolcraft Township and the City of Portage (along East T Avenue, also known as Mandigo Avenue). **Motion carried 5-0.**

Motion by Ulsh with second by Hovenkamp to approve Ryan Peddle as Ordinance Enforcement Officer for Schoolcraft Township. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Swan Park: Ryan LaPorte reported that he met at Swan Park with Mr. Bill Oswalt and Rudy Callen, President of the Vicksburg Foundation, for an assessment of the grounds in consideration of the Swan Park request for funding for a concession stand.

Members Time:

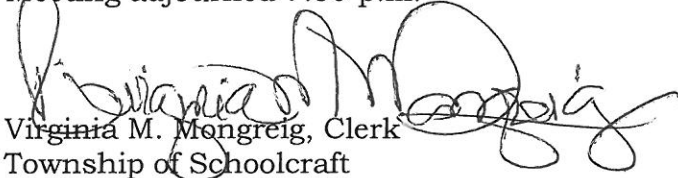
Trustee Feldmeier reported that PAR Funds have been increased 15% to 20%, and distributed a listing of the 2018 road repairs for Schoolcraft Township

Supervisor Ulsh reminded the board of the upcoming 2018-2019 Budget Workshop for Thursday, December 14, 2017.

Ulsh attended a presentation of the Schoolcraft High School chemistry class on Sewer vs Septic. Rusty Stitt, Superintendent of Schoolcraft Community Schools will be in attendance at the January 10, 2018 Regular Meeting of Schoolcraft Township.

Supervisor Ulsh also reported that the Village of Schoolcraft is discussing trail systems.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.


Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft