

**Schoolcraft Township Board**  
**December 14, 2010**  
**Schoolcraft Township Hall**

to Order 7:00 p.m.  
Oath of Allegiance

**Members Present:** Supervisor Ulsh, Clerk Mongreig, Treasurer Scott and Trustee Feldmeier

**Member Absent:** Trustee Hovenkamp

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Scott with support by Feldmeier to approve the agenda with the addition of Attorney's Time item

.) Firearms in precincts

**Motion Carried 4-0**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Scott with support by Feldmeier to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 9, 2010 as presented.

**Motion Carried 4-0**

**Approval of Special Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Scott with support by Feldmeier to approve the minutes of the special meeting held November 12, 2010.

**Motion Carried 4-0**

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

**Motion Carried 4-0**

**Approval of Treasurers Report:**

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| Interest Income for November 2010 | \$ 80.76     |
| Income for November 2010          | \$ 63,109.61 |
| Expenditures for November 2010    | \$ 86,104.24 |

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| Final Cash | \$173,673.18 |
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.) Motion by Mongreig with support by Feldmeier to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

**Motion Carried 4-0**

**Citizens Time for Non-Agenda Items:**

Vicksburg High School Students:

Alex Tuttle – of Vicksburg High Schoolcraft – how much does the Township Collect Each Year? (taxes)

Treasurer Scott stated that approximately ~~\$238,000~~ is collected and then disbursed to school districts, libraries, county, KRESA, etc.  
\$ 9,000,000.

Supervisor Ulsh told the students that the Schoolcraft Township portion of all taxes collected are based on the Township Millage Rate of .8808.

Student question: How many districts?

KRESA, Vicksburg, and Schoolcraft.

**ATTORNEY'S TIME:**

.) **Formal Adoption SCIC Supplemental Agreement:** 2008 Agreement states formal agreement from SCIS to include an entity. The SCIC has not taken action on Brady Township Participation, thus the township took no action and tabled the item pending formal SCIC approval.

.) **Discuss Mailing for Planning Commission Meeting:** P.C. nearing holding a public hearing implementing the draft AG language creating two AG Zones.

Public Hearing: Will have a very big mailing list due to all AG land encompassed.

Parcels with 10 or fewer: adjacent properties must be mailed notice and list all street addresses.

Parcels with 11 or more: adjacent properties do not require notices

P.C. will start on RR District next.

1.) **Discussion of Trail Easement:**

Attorney Rolfe: The Village of Vicksburg has requested, and Schoolcraft Township has granted an easement westerly of "the hill" on N Avenue in Vicksburg to be used as a trail way connecting the village trail way to the Angels Crossing neighborhood. The Vicksburg Village attorney forwarded a rough draft of the easement agreement to Attorney Rolfe for review.

Attorney Rolfe reviewed the draft with board to the board:  
Agreement intended to "hook-up" Vicksburg Village/Angels Crossings Neighborhood  
A paved trail way for non-motorized vehicles with the exception of specified maintenance purposes.

The board agreed on the following uses:

- Dogs on leashes? No
- Horses? - No
- Electric Golf Carts - No
- Some Vicksburg Village maintenance - Yes
- Pavement width- 8 feet
- Construction standards as with existing Vicksburg trail ways and maintenance with Vicksburg Village equipment
- Sizeable and significant trees? - leave the trees over eight inches
- Easement to remain in existing state (except for trail way paving of 8 feet)
- Adoption of rules by Vicksburg Village to be submitted to Schoolcraft Township for board approval
- Use limitations - no signage
- Duration: Right of termination every five years with ability to terminate agreement with a 90 day notification.
- In the event of termination - Schoolcraft Township reserves the right to require removal of improvement.

1. **Open Carry Discussion:**

Trustee Feldmeier asked for an update on Clerk Mongreig's effort to discuss the issue of a township resident carrying a weapon into the polls during the November 2, 2010 General Election. Mongreig reported that she has not received a response from either representatives of the 63<sup>rd</sup> District whom she has contacted.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1.) **Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension**

Motion by Mongreig with support by Scott to extend the Metro Act Right of Way Permit which expires December 31, 2010.  
Motion carried 4-0

2.) **MTA Worker's Comp. Proposal:**

Clerk Mongreig reported that she has discussed the Michigan Township Association Workers Compensation Self-Insurance Fund with Jeff Lanskey of the Hartleb Agency who currently insures Schoolcraft Township. Mr. Lanskey will meet with Larry Merrill, director of the Michigan Townships Association on December 17, 2010, and will report his findings back to the clerk.

3.) **Re-Roofing Permits:** Don referred to correspondence from Steve Siegwart of Michigan Township Services, S.W., regarding the complaints at his office of Building Code Policies, particularly enforcement of the code that requires permits for re-roofing. After reviewing the Michigan Residential Code and a decision by the Senior Technical Staff of Architectural and Engineering Services International Code Council, Inc., Chicago District, the board supported Michigan Township Services, S.W., and agreed that permits will be issued for re-roofing.

4.) **Approve Assessor's Contract Amendment: Monday - Wednesday - Friday**

Motion by Feldmeier with support by Ulsh to approve the Addendum To Employment Contract For Assessor for the 2011-12 period.  
The assessor will work Monday, Wednesday and Friday per the new contract.  
Motion carried 4-0

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a.) Employee Compensation Discussion: Motion by Ulsh with support by Mongreig to give Deputy Clerk Shelby Moss a \$500.00 holiday bonus for the 2010 year.  
Motion carried 4-0

b.) Water - Schoolcraft Cemetery: To be budgeted for in February.

Assessors Report: December Board of Review held Tuesday, December 14, 2010.

Planning Commission Report - None

Zoning Board of Appeals Report - Supervisor Ulsh reported that the Blodgett variance request was approved at the December 2, 2010 meeting.

Township Park Committee Report: No report - Park Committee will present budget in January 2011.

### MEMBER'S TIME:

Treasurer Scott: Referred the board to correspondence from Sunset Lake residents Ms. Conklin and Mr. Rolfe regarding dissatisfaction in Sunset Lake treatment at their properties.

Shelby Moss is working with I.T. Right on developing the new Schoolcraft Township web site.  
I.T. Right offers free training in Lansing once a month which Shelby will be attending.  
Teresa would like to go to training in April.

House and Senate passed a bill that SB77

bill gives preferential treatment to banks for selling properties, making bank house sales more attractive than homeowner sales. Previously, the Principal Residence Exemption dollars go into a state education fund. Senate Bill SB77 does not make clear the fund that the dollars will go to.

Trustee Feldmeier: Has not had a chance to meet with Jim Beaudoin of the Kalamazoo County Road Commission.

Mongreig: 2011 Elections

Don: SKCFA proposed budget: Ulsh stated that he feels that the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority allocations are unfair to Schoolcraft Township. Supervisor Ulsh and Vicksburg Village President Pryson were against the proposal.

  
Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk