

SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
December 9, 2014

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Oath of Allegiance

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

Approval of agenda. Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Feldmeier to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of minutes. Motion by Scott with second by Hovenkamp to approve the minutes of November 10, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Approve payment of bills. Motion by Scott with second by Feldmeier 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 2014:

Interest Income	\$ 27.27
Income	\$ 87,886.50
Expenditures	\$ 73,548.05
General Fund Balance	\$ 237,660.43
October 2014 Balance	\$ 223,294.71

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Mongreig to approve the Treasurer's report. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Citizen's Time:

Chris Hamilton, Administrative Manager of South Central Michigan Construction Code Inspection, Inc. distributed information on the corporation and what it has to offer to Schoolcraft Township in code inspection. Schoolcraft Township will be reviewing other code/inspection services in the weeks to follow.

Ken Kuchenreuther inquired to any Swan Park activities (installation plans), for the Purple Marten houses. Ryan LaPorte will follow up with him.

Mr. Kuchenreuther relayed his communications with the DEQ, and his concerns for the upcoming Purple Marten season and the installation of the poles in Barton Lake, inquiring if Schoolcraft Township will enforce the removal thereof. He presented an e-mail that he reportedly sent to Clerk Mongreig, Trustee Hovenkamp and Supervisor Ulsh regarding the Purple Martens. Attorney Rolfe referred Mr. Kuchenreuther to 5.6 Schoolcraft Township Zoning Ordinance Article 5 Waterfront Preservation And Environmental Protection Requirements, 5.6 Boathouse and Dock Regulations.

Mr. Ron Hayward addressed the board about the Webber School House on Portage Road next to the Gourdneck Prairie Cemetery. The building has fallen into disrepair and needs to be cleaned up.

Proposed Ordinance #266 – Zoning Text Amendment: Motion by Feldmeier with second by Mongreig to adopt and ordinance to amend Section 16.3 of the Schoolcraft Zoning Ordinance pertaining to uses designated as special land uses in the LI Local Industrial District.

SECTION 3. Bulk liquid propane storage facility, designed and used
for transferring liquid propane in bulk to distribution trucks, only

Roll call vote: Feldmeier – y, Hovenkamp – y, Mongreig – y, Scott – y and Ulsh – y.

Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Rolfe advised the board of the status of the following:

Stiller: The Stiller's have until May 2015 to remove a fence that is in violation. If the Stiller's do not remove the fence, the Township will have it removed at a cost to the Stiller's. If costs are not paid by the Stiller's, the amount will be added to the tax roll.

Allen: Attorney Rolfe has not has a response from Mr. Curtis Allen or his attorney regarding Schoolcraft Township zoning violation of the construction of a motorcycle-off-road vehicle course/track at 11607 South 23rd Street. The Board has directed Attorney Rolfe to send another letter stating a date which the property is to be restored to its prior condition, and advising that the Township will initiate legal action if not.

Motion was made by Hovenkamp with second by Feldmeier to appoint Supervisor Ulsh Ordinance Enforcement Officer in the absence of Officer Straw. **Motion carried 5-0.**

The Board has directed Supervisor Ulsh to look for a new provider for construction code inspections and zoning compliance.

Randy Smith and Tracy Locey gave a PowerPoint presentation of the long term Capital Management Plan **for South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority.**

At the conclusion Supervisor told the Board that he is totally against the plan – South County Emergency Services has been completely left out.

Treasurer Scott suggested a joint meeting of all of the entities of the South County Fire Authority before making any decisions.

Motion by Mongreig with second by Scott to distribute the budgeted 2014 contribution in the amount of \$8,500.00 to **South County Community Services. Motion carried 5-0.**

Motion by Mongreig with second by Feldmeier to reject the Kalamazoo County Treasurer's Office offer to deed property located at 2259 East W Avenue, Parcel #3914-14-380-020, which was foreclosed upon and did not sell at public auction to Schoolcraft Township. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Ryan LaPorte **Swan Park** report:

Ryan has planted 23 more trees throughout the Park, along with continued work toward the completion of the split rail fencing around the park.

Swan Park will become the main facility of Schoolcraft Little League in the Spring/Summer 2015. The Little League is seeking funds for the construction of three more baseball fields.

Motion by Mongreig with second by Hovenkamp to accept the Swan Park Committee recommendation to reserve Swan Park for The American Cancer Society, Inc. Relay for Life Event to be held June 20, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. June 21, 2014. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Road Committee Chair Scott reported the Township spent \$122,307.30 of the budgeted \$138,000.00 on road projects. See next page for breakdown of expenditures.

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.


Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft