

SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

February 10, 2015

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Also in Attendance: Attorney Craig Rolfe and approximately 20 members of the audience

Approval of agenda. Motion by Feldmeier with second by Mongreig to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business #10 b.) Barton Lake Special Assessment District. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of minutes. Motion by Scott with second by Feldmeier to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2015 Regular Meeting 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 January 2015:

Interest Income	\$ 42.82
Income	\$ 228,885.03
Expenditures	\$ 45,417.37
General Fund Balance	\$ 368,650.04
December 2014 Balance	\$ 185,068.11

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

Citizens Time: Supervisor Ulsh opened Citizen's Time reminding the audience that they are to address the Schoolcraft Township Board, not other audience members and that there will be a strict 3 minute rule allowed for individuals to speak.

Curtis Allen of 11607 South 23rd Street Vicksburg, Michigan addressed the board stating that he had three issues; "As a former law enforcement officer believes that Supervisor Ulsh acted unprofessionally by taping a citation to his front door." Mr. Allen demanded for the record that the minutes of this meeting reflect his orders that no one from Schoolcraft Township is to enter his property unless escorted by law enforcement, and Mr. Allen believes that Schoolcraft Township is contracting with a new zoning administrator due to his violation, and that his property rights are being infringed upon. Again, Mr. Allen demanded a "hard copy" of the zoning ordinance that he is in violation of.

Mr. Ron Avis: As a 50 plus year resident of 11959 South 23rd Street would like know why Mr. Allen didn't speak with neighbors. Not a word was said. Mr. Avis stated that he visited the Allen property upon seeing the caterpillars and shovels. On second day of digging Ron asked what's going on? "So a lot of this that's on social media is not correct." Mr. Allen explained what the project cost and where the workers came. Mr. Avis asked do you have permits? Anything from DEQ or the Drain Commission as you are getting close to the river. Mr. Allen did not have permits at that time. Mr. Avis stated that he was very nice while talking with Allen and that Allen stated that he was doing this for Trevor, a very nice young man. Mr. Allen told Mr. Avis, and the WWMT News, that he made a telephone call to the township and got permission. There's no way that I would do any thousands of dollars work on my property with out it being in the minutes or a permit. Mr. Allen is blaming everyone but himself. I think Mr. Allen has problem right there because the day I talked with him it was like I'm gonna do it and I give excuses later.

John Gisler Kalamazoo County Commissioner and member of Metro County Connect presented the 2014 Jurisdictional Report for the Metro County Connect.

Melissa Allen stated that she frustrated as she hears snowmobiles all of the time and knows that there are neighbors riding their quads, bikes, snowmobiles and four wheelers, and if the issue with the township is because we have a track on our property, I don't think that they realize that we are still going to ride on it regardless if there is a track on it or not.

The board unanimously agreed that Attorney Rolfe should proceed with Crystal Flash v Schoolcraft Township property tax appeal as stated in Option 3 – of his January 30, 2015 memorandum.

South Central Michigan Construction Code Inspections, Inc. action:

Motion by Ulsh with second by Mongreig to adopt the **Resolution of Schoolcraft Township Board to Approve Interlocal Agreement and Participate in South Central Michigan Construction Code Inspections, Inc. (SCMCCI), Designate SCMCCI as the Enforcing Agency of Schoolcraft Township to Administer and Enforce State Construction Code and Schoolcraft Township State Construction Code Ordinance, and to Take Other Supplementary and Related Actions.** Roll Call: Feldmeier – y, Hovenkamp –y, Mongreig –y, Scott –y and Ulsh – y **Motion carried 5-0**

Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Scott adopt the **Construction Board of Appeals Resolution**
Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Mongreig with second by Feldmeier to nominate **4 Members for Construction Board of Appeals.**
Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Scott with second by Hovenkamp to designate **Chris Hamilton as Schoolcraft Township Zoning Administrator.** **Motion carried 5-0**

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Ulsh to designate **Chris Hamilton as Zoning Enforcement Officer**
Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Scott with second by Feldmeier to approve the 2015-2019 Sunset Lake Improvement project with public hearings to be held in March and April 2015. Roll Call: Feldmeier –y, Hovenkamp –y, Mongreig –y, Scott –y and Ulsh –y
Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Mongreig with second by Feldmeier to approve the appointment of Lloyd Appell to the Vicksburg District Library Board. **Motion carried 5-0**

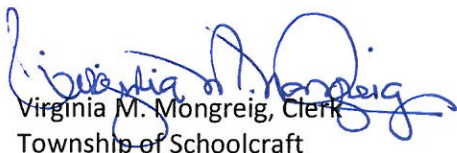
Trustee Hovenkamp advised the board that the Barton Lake Association would like to revise their Special Assessment District to include mechanical weed harvesting. Attorney Rolfe will prepare the necessary documents for public hearings.

Ryan LaPorte and Schoolcraft Little League President Troy Falk reported that the Schoolcraft Little League will be developing two new ball fields in 2015 at an approximate cost of \$38,624.76 which reflects a \$1,000.00 donation by Farm N Garden. The Schoolcraft Little League will only use the ball fields in the Village of Schoolcraft for overflow games that may occur. Opening day is scheduled for April 25, 2015.

Treasurer Scott reported that the annual audit of Schoolcraft Township will be held June 15, 16, and 17, 2015. She also asked Supervisor Ulsh about the feasibility study for SKCFA and SCEMS to which he stated that he and President Adams of Vicksburg Village are working on.

Attorney Rolfe addressed the guests stating the neither Mr. Allen, or any other person has the right to come in to this Township Hall and demand the Township Clerk, who is also the FOIA Coordinator, provide a copy of the zoning ordinance or any other public record prior by the end of this meeting. Mr. Allen and others do have the right to come into this Township Hall during open public hours and inspect public records of the township including a complete copy of the zoning ordinance for which there is no charge under the FOIA guidelines. One may also correspond by mail and request copies for which there will be a charge, once again under the FOIA guidelines.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 p.m.


Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft