

SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
February 11, 2014

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of agenda. Motion by Scott with second by Hovenkamp to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of prior minutes. Motion by Scott with second by Feldmeier to approve the minutes of January 14, 2014 regular meeting. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Approve payment of bills. Motion by Hovenkamp 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 2014:

Interest Income	\$ 30.28
Income	\$234,151.28
Expenditures	\$ 43,610.95
General Fund Balance	\$419,484.77

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Ken Kuchenreuther of 15315 South Barton Lake Road presented the board with a letter requesting help, (a ruling), for the number of swallows, (Purple Martins), attracted to the compartment housing that has been placed in Barton Lake by his neighbor. Also included was a letter dated March 2013 to the neighbors asking them to significantly limit the number of houses, along with a copy of the blog/Purple Marten Forum in which the neighbor stated in 2013 that she was trying to beat last year's fledgling no. of 155 in 31 nests.

In their letter to their neighbor Mr. and Mrs. Kuchenreuther noted watching the birds clean their nests and dropping the waste, dropping of fecal sacs directly in the swimming area of the Kuchenreuther frontage, and the illnesses of their grand daughters (Bacterial Viral Pneumonia), who swim there.

As "stakeholders" of Barton Lake Mr. and Mrs. Kuchenreuther are asking for the township's help in this issue.

Supervisor Ulsh responded with "you can hang your hat on health".

Trustee Hovenkamp and Supervisor Ulsh suggested that because the compartments are in the lake, contact with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources/Department of Environmental Quality should be made.

Trustee Feldmeier suggested contacting the Kalamazoo County Health Department to check for diseases and health problems.

Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Mongreig to approve 2013-2014 payment of the budgeted \$8,500.00 to South County Community Services. **Motion carried 5-0**

The Board scheduled a Special Meeting for Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of:

- 1.) To discuss utility services rate issues, primarily in closed session with the Township Attorney
- 2.) Such other matters as may properly come before the Board at this meeting

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Ulsh to approve the reappointment of David Aubry to the Vicksburg District Library Board. **Motion carried 5-0**

The Board agreed that Schoolcraft Township will not sign the Kalamazoo County Road Commission Roadside Vegetation Management Policy at this time.

*The complete Roadside Vegetation Management Policy can be viewed on the KKRC website at **www.kalamazoocountyroads.com**.

Trustee Hovenkamp reported that the Planning Commission approved a site plan from Weber Specialties for their property located at 15141 US 131 in Schoolcraft Township which proposed a metal building addition to be used for manufacturing.

Clerk Mongreig reported a \$1,500.00 donation to Swan Park from Concept Molds which will be used for fencing in and around the Little League fields.

The Swan Park Committee is considering language/fees and the application process for field scheduling for Summer 2014.

Members Time:

Trustee Hovenkamp inquired as to whether there is any interest in the trails committee. Trustee Feldmeier stated the committee has met a road block with the lack of committee members at a recently scheduled meeting. Trustee Feldmeier suggested trying piecemeal rather than a region wide project.

Land and A property owner
refusing access across
private property

Treasurer Scott asked for an agenda item for the March 11, 2014 meeting for discussion of moving the Schoolcraft Township regular meeting time to 6:00 p.m.

Supervisor Ulsh reported that the Planning Commission will be forming a committee to study issues of split zoning in the township, one specific area being Railton Lane. Supervisor Ulsh will sit on the committee.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft