

SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
February 14, 2017



Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Feldmeier, Hovenkamp, Mongreig, Scott and Ulsh.  
Trustee Hovenkamp late for first two items.

**Approval of Agenda.** Motion by Feldmeier with second by Scott to approve the agenda.  
**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Scott second by Feldmeier to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2017, Regular Meeting. **Motion carried 4-0.**

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 2017:

Income	\$ 62,313.55
Expenditures	\$ 236,431.59
General Fund Balance	\$ 434,573.80
December 2016 Balance	\$ 229,384.27

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

**Citizens Time:**

Josh Comins updated the board on the status of repairs to his property on XY Avenue. Supervisor Ulsh advised that the rubbish from the removal of the garage must be cleaned up very soon.

Kalamazoo County Commissioner John Gisler discussed the Kalamazoo County Consolidation Dispatch Proposition for 911 System Funding that will appear on the May 2, 2017 county-wide ballot, and the recent Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners Board appointments.

Dana Downing, Executive Director of South County Community Services, and Senior Outreach Coordinator, Diane Durian reported on their work in South County and the services available.

The Board set March 1, 2017, 2:00 p.m. for the 2017-18 Budget Workshop.

Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Feldmeier to hire John R. Cross, Sr. as Schoolcraft Township Compliance Officer. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Planning Commission reappointment:** Motion by Ulsh with second by Hovenkamp to appoint Charles Bibart for a term ending June 1, 2020. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Zoning Board of Appeals reappointment:** Motion by Ulsh with second by Hovenkamp to appoint John Gardner for a term ending February 2, 2020. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Zoning Board of Appeals reappointment:** Motion by Feldmeier with second by Hovenkamp to appoint Charles Bibart as Alternate Member for a term ending June 1, 2020. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Board of Review reappointments:** Motion by Ulsh with second by Hovenkamp to appoint Rich Bailey, Charles Bibart, and Joel Nelson for terms ending December 31, 2018. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Cemeteries:** Motion by Mongreig with second by Ulsh to increase burials by \$150.00 to cover perpetual care of the cemeteries; and non-resident grave purchases increased to \$800.00 per grave. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Schoolcraft Township has not increased cemetery service costs since 2009. The 2015-2016 costs of repairs and maintenance, mowing, snow removal, and utilities was \$67,540.00 resulting in a deficit of \$20,760. A study of surrounding South County cemetery costs reflected Schoolcraft Township costs still below the norm.

**Swan Park:** The Swan Park Committee asked the township board to review two sets of park rules, one of which may be selected as the official rules/ordinance for Swan Park.

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Mongreig to approve the request of Schoolcraft Little League to dedicate/name Swan Park Little League Field #3 for a 13+ years volunteer. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Treasurer Scott suggested improvements to the collection/disbursement of the Barton Lake Special Assessment funds. Trustee Hovenkamp will follow up.

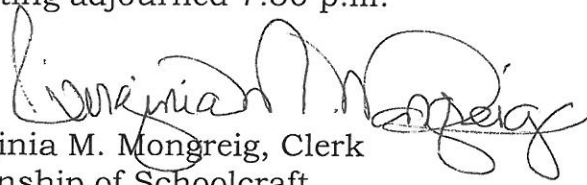
Supervisor Ulsh and Road Chair Scott commended Kalamazoo County Road Commission Maintenance Superintendent Bill DeYoung for his work in Schoolcraft Township.

Trustee Hovenkamp is working with a local contractor toward roof repairs at Webber School.

Supervisor Ulsh reported that South County EMS is struggling financially due individual insurance coverage for ambulatory services.

Schoolcraft Township Election Commission approved the combination of Precincts 2 and 4, (Ken Krum Recreation Center), for the May 2, 2017, county-wide Special Election.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.

  
Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk  
Township of Schoolcraft