

SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
January 12, 2016

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

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 Minutes:** Motion by Scott with second by Feldmeier to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2015, Regular Meeting, **with correction** page #1 severed/sever. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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 December 2015:

Income	\$ 74,769.77
Expenditures	\$ 43,440.57
General Fund Balance	\$ 251,411.16
November 2015	\$ 282,740.36

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

Kalamazoo County Board Commissioner, John Gisler distributed information booklets, "Michigan's Guide for Aging Drivers and Their Families".

**Barton Lake Public Hearing:**

Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Feldmeier to open the Public Hearing, **Proposed Amended Plans And Increased Cost Estimates For 2016-2017 Aquatic Vegetation Control Program.**  
**Motion carried 5-0.**

The Board and guests watched a PowerPoint presentation by Paul Hausler of Progressive A&E. There was discussion of the late, and or, absence of noticing of Barton Lake property owners for the Barton Lake Association meetings.

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Hovenkamp to close the Public Hearing.  
**Motion carried 5-0.**

Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Feldmeier to adopt the **Resolution Approving Amended Plans And Increased Cost Estimate For Aquatic Plant Control Program In 2016 And 2017.**  
**Roll Call Vote:** Ulsh – yes, Scott – yes, Mongreig – no, Hovenkamp –yes, Feldmeier – yes.  
**Motion carried 4-1.**

**Prairie Edge Phase 3 Lighting District:**

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Hovenkamp to open the Public Hearing.  
**Motion carried 5-0.**

Motion by Scott with second by Feldmeier to close the Public Hearing.  
**Motion carried 5-0.**

Motion by Mongreig to adopt **Resolution Creating the Prairie Edge Estates Phase 3 Street Lighting Special Assessment District and Confirming 2016 Special Assessment Roll/Spread.**  
**Roll Call Vote:** Ulsh – yes, Scott – yes, Mongreig – yes, Hovenkamp –yes, Feldmeier – yes.  
**Motion carried 5-0.**

Motion by Mongreig with second by Feldmeier to adopt Ordinance #268 **Rezoning of Property in Land Section 26. Motion carried 5-0.**

The board reviewed amendments to Ordinance NO 261, Vehicle Parking, Storage and Repair Ordinance with no action taken.

Trustee Hovenkamp asked and was granted more time for review of the draft of proposed Schoolcraft Township Noise Disturbance and Public Nuisance Ordinance.

Trustee Hovenkamp reported on the **Planning Commission** meeting regarding the approval of a rezoning request in land Sec #26 that was recommended for approval by the Schoolcraft Township Board.

Ryan LaPorte reported that finishing touches have been made on the dugouts in Swan Park. He also reported that the Kick Off Open House/Tailgate Party for the Relay for Life of Schoolcraft and Vicksburg will be held at Schoolcraft Township on January 14, 2106.

Supervisor Ulsh reported that findings of the consultant reviewing the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority will be announced in February-March 2016. Early comments by the consultant reflect disappointment with the command, and the high number of runs by the Authority vs the actual number of runs that were necessary.

Treasurer Scott reminded the Board of prior years when Schoolcraft and Vicksburg Community School closed for snow days, the Township Hall also closed. Due to the lack of traffic in and out of the Township Hall on these days she suggested Schoolcraft Township closings go hand in hand with the schools. The board will consider.

Trustee Feldmeier stated that the PowerPoint presentation by Progressive A&E on behalf of the Barton Lake Association was 20 minutes too long, not appropriate or applicable, and reiterated Clerk Mongreig's comments that the Board was not aware that there was to be a PowerPoint, and in the future a request should be made with a timeline to be set by Schoolcraft Township.

Treasurer Scott asked Attorney Rolfe about Governor Snyder's recent signing of Senate Bill 571, with a last minute provision that limits township communication to residents on local ballot questions. The bill now PA 269 of 2015, has immediate effect prohibiting Schoolcraft Township the ability to explain what the referendum on the March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary ballots issued to voters outside of both Schoolcraft and Vicksburg Villages in Schoolcraft Township pertains to.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.

Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk  
Township of Schoolcraft

