

SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
January 9, 2018



Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Scott, Ulsh, Feldmeier and Hovenkamp.

Absent: Mongreig

Also present: Eska Brown, Deputy Clerk

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Feldmeier second by Hovenkamp to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting as presented. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Approval of the **List of Bills** for payment was tabled due to Clerk absent.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Scott reported the following for the month of December 2017:

Income	\$ 55,383.30
Expenditures	\$ 5,655.00
November 30, 2017 balance	<u>\$ 358,871.89</u>
December 31, 2017 General Fund Balance	\$ 309,143.59

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Barton Lake Special Assessment District: Pam Tynning of Progressive A&E was present to answer questions.

The public hearing was opened at 6:05pm with a motion made by Hovenkamp. The township received no written objections to the second public hearing to confirm the special assessment roll. Jim Houghton of North Barton Lake Dr. questioned the increasing cost of the assessment. Gary Steensma of the Barton Lake Board explained that in 2018 residents would be billed two installments for the assessment. The first one being in May of 2018 and the second one on the winter 2018 tax bill for the 2019 year. The purpose is to start the fund with a balance rather than being in the negative to pay for the treatments. This is the only year residents will be billed twice. Trustee Hovenkamp stated that the cost for the year is capped at \$38,750 for treatment.

The public hearing was closed at 6:12 pm with a motion made by Hovenkamp and supported by Feldmeier. Hovenkamp made a motion to adopt the resolution to confirm the special assessment roll for Barton Lake Improvement Project:

Roll Call Vote: Ulsh-Yes, Scott-Yes, Feldmeier-Yes, Hovenkamp-Yes

Rusty Stitt, superintendent of Schoolcraft Community Schools, presented a Facebook project that is in the works. This project would include a page that would include Schoolcraft Schools, Schoolcraft Township, Prairie Ronde Township, and the Village of Schoolcraft. This would be a place for the community to collaborate and share ideas and information for local activities.

South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority: Trustee Hovenkamp reported that one member of the board proposed a change in the bylaws at the December 2017 meeting in order to create a new position on the board. Other members of the board had no idea this was being presented. The board requested more time to review the new bylaws.

Swan Park: Ryan LaPorte reported the park received a grant in the amount of \$60,000 from the Vicksburg Foundation towards the concession stand.

Planning Commission: Trustee Feldmeier reported that the Planning Commission received a Site Plan Review and Special Land Use permit from Indiana Michigan Power regarding a substation on 14th Street. Due to lack of information, the Planning Commission tabled the approval until the February 2018 meeting.

South County Sewer and Water: Don Ulsh will be meeting with Larry Shaffer from the City of Portage to discuss the contract with Portage regarding sewer in Schoolcraft Township.

Captain Bill Timmerman with the Kalamazoo County Sheriff Department was here to answer questions or concerns the township may have.

Meeting adjourned 6:35 p.m.



Eska Brown, Deputy Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft