



SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

June 12, 2012

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Supervisor Ulsh, Clerk Mongreig, Treasurer Scott and Trustee Feldmeier
Member Absent: Trustee Hovenkamp

Motion by Feldmeier with support by Scott to approve the **Agenda** as presented.
Motion carried 4-0

Motion by Ulsh with support by Scott to approve the **Special Meeting Minutes** of May 8, 2012 with the correction of vote for approval of road projects from 4-0 to 4-1.
Motion carried 4-0

Motion by Scott with support by Feldmeier to approve the **Minutes** of the May 8, 2012 minutes as presented.
Motion carried 4-0

Motion by Scott with support by Feldmeier to approve the **List of Bills** as presented.
Motion carried 4-0

Treasurer Scott reported:

Interest Earned for the month of May 2012	\$ 156.39
Income for month of May 2012	\$102,326.26
Total Cash	\$427,210.23

Motion by Mongreig with support by Feldmeier to approve the **Treasurer's Report** as presented.
Motion carried 4-0

Motion by Scott with support by Mongreig to adopt the Resolution Pertaining to 3/23/12 Application of J. Rettenmaier USA LP For New Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. Including the Revised Draft Resolution Agreement
Roll Call Vote: Feldmeier – y, Mongreig –y, Scott – y, and Ulsh –y
Motion Carried 4-0

Gerhard Goss told the board that he is very thankful for the support of a very difficult project, and personally thanked each individual board member.

At the advice of Attorney Rolfe the board took no action on the **Michigan Supreme Court** ruling that a municipality, including a township, can be held responsible for, and required to prevent, the discharge of any human raw sewage that originates within it's borders into any waters of the state without a valid permit issued by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, even when the sewage is discharged from a septic system on private property and is not directly discharged by the municipality itself.

Attorney Rolfe reviewed two acts of the **Michigan Zoning Enabling Act Amendments** which 2011 which affect the zoning authority in Schoolcraft Township.

*2011 Public Act 97 substantially preempts local zoning authority with respect to biofuel production facilities with a certain production capacity, if the facility is located on a farm.

*2011 Public Act 113 significantly preempts local zoning authority over mining land uses.

No action was taken at this time with Supervisor Ulsh directing Attorney Rolfe to keep the board abreast of the implications of the acts.

Treasurer Scott inquired to Attorney Rolfe the proper timing and procedure for the Township to notice Ordinance #154 Schoolcraft Township Weed Control Ordinance, which regulates plant growth and requires upkeep of property in order to make the process more efficient and timely to enforce.

Attorney Rolfe stated that publication of a notice in March of each year will enable the township to enforce the ordinance more quickly. Following the publication, Attorney Rolfe advises sending a letter to the property owner notifying that the property has been mowed and that the property owner must pay for the mowing within 10 days or the cost for mowing will be put on the tax roll.

Motion by Mongreig with support by Feldmeier to approve the March 31, 2012 **SKCFA Draft Audit**.

Motion Carried 4-0

Motion by Feldmeier with support by Scott to approve Supervisor Ulsh's Zoning Board of Appeals three-year term, re-appointment of member Ken Hovenkamp.

Motion Carried 4-0

Motion by Mongreig with support by Scott to appoint Benny Clark, president of Schoolcraft Rocket Football, as a member of the Swan Park Committee.

Motion Carried 4-0

The board accepted the letter of resignation from **Ordinance Enforcement Officer**, Ray Roberts, as he has obtained a full-time position in another field. Trustee Feldmeier suggested a letter of appreciation to Officer Roberts.

Motion by Mongreig with support by Feldmeier to hire Wayne Brockway as Ordinance Enforcement Officer at a rate of \$13.00 per hour plus mileage.

Motion Carried 4-0

Motion by Ulsh with support by Scott for the purchase of a Dell computer at a cost of \$1,210.48.
Motion Carried 4-0

Treasurer Scott reported that the **assessor** has wrapped up the 2012 DATA BASE. Scott also reported on new legislation allowing two additional dates for property homesteads; June and November have been included with the May 1st requirement.

Supervisor Ulsh reported that the Planning Commission soon will forward recommendations on property classifications.

Ryan LaPorte gave the **Swan Park Committee** report which included restroom vandalism, and Rocket Football discussions.

Treasurer Scott asked that the board consider a **cemetery program** from BS&A Software at a cost of \$2,800.00. BS&A would also have a fee of \$1,400.00 to transfer the information on the Pontem System to BS&A.

Supervisor Ulsh reported that he has looked into a township-wide, once a year trash pick-up and the cost are not near as inexpensive as thought.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft