

SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

March 10, 2015

l to Order: 6:00 p.m.

dge of Allegiance

Members Present: Feldmeier, Mongreig, Scott and Ulsh.

Member Absent: Hovenkamp

Also in Attendance: Attorney Craig Rolfe and approximately 20 members of the audience

Approval of agenda. Motion by Scott with second by Mongreig to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Approval of minutes. Motion by Scott with second by Feldmeier to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2015 Regular Meeting as presented. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Approve payment of bills. Motion by Scott with second by Feldmeier to approve the list of bills for payment with the correction of the 2/15/15 payment to Siegfried Crandall of \$858.50. The payment is for Computer Support/Software rather than Accounting and Auditing. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Scott reported the following for the month of February 2015:

Interest Income	\$ 42.61
Income	\$ 44,309.46
Expenditures	\$ 46,417.37
General Fund Balance	\$ 366,590.74
February 2015	\$ 368,650.04

tion by Feldmeier with second by Mongreig to approve the Treasurer's report. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Citizen's Time

Barton Lake Association members expressed concerns regarding sewer and water service at Barton Lake, and whether there is a need. Robert Sacksteder and Richard Cutshaw will attend upcoming South County Sewer and Water meetings to become more educated in order to make decisions on the service.

Many property owners on Barton Lake were present to give input on the state of the weeds following the treatments in the recent years, and plans to begin another season of treatments. They reported having even more weeds than before the treatments began and the "explosion" of local native weeds.

Andy Tomaszewski of PLM Lake and Land Management explained the process of mechanical weed harvesting that is an option for weed control which will be implemented this season. He stated that some plants are not affected by herbicides and mechanical harvesting only, works.

Trustee Feldmeier suggested that a sewer and water system around the lake would help with three reasons he believes cause weed problems; sewage, fertilization and farm run off.

Mr. Tomaszewski then discussed Sunset Lake treatments, past and future, and problem weeds including the Starry Stalwart.

on Lake Improvement Project Public Hearing: Motion by Mongreig with second by Feldmeier to open the public hearing. **Motion carried 4-0.**

With no comments motion by Feldmeier with second by Scott to close the public hearing. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Scott to adopt **2013 – 2017 Barton Lake Improvement Project (Aquatic Vegetation Control) Resolution Approving Revision To Previously Approved Project Plans To Include Mechanical Weed Harvesting Option And/Or Supplemental To Aquatic Herbicides For Remainder Of 2013-2017 Project.**

Roll Call Vote:

Feldmeier – yes

Mongreig – yes

Scott – yes

Ulsh – yes

Hovenkamp - absent

Motion carried 4-0

Sunset Lake Improvement Project Public Hearing: Motion by Mongreig with second by Feldmeier to open the public hearing. **Motion carried 4-0**

Letters from property owners were acknowledged by the board.

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Scott to close the public hearing. **Motion carried 4-0**

Motion by Ulsh with second by Mongreig to adopt **2015-2019 Sunset Lake Improvement Project (Aquatic Vegetation Control) Resolution Approving Plans And Cost Estimates For Continuation Of Aquatic Vegetation Control Program in 2015-2019, And Setting Public Hearing On Proposed Special Assessment Role For April 14, 2015.**

Roll Call Vote:

Feldmeier – yes

Mongreig – yes

Scott – yes

Ulsh – yes

Hovenkamp - absent

Motion carried 4-0

Motion by Scott with second by Feldmeier to authorize Supervisor Ulsh to sign **Agreement Between Schoolcraft Township And South Central Michigan Construction Code Inspection, Inc. For Ordinance Administration And Enforcement Services.** Roll Call Vote:

Feldmeier – yes

Mongreig – yes

Scott – yes

Ulsh – yes

Hovenkamp – absent **Motion carried 4-0**

Motion by Mongreig with second by Feldmeier to approve the extension of the **Step 1 and Step 2 preliminary development plan for Prairie Edge Estates Phase 3 with minor variations as recommended by the Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission and March 2, 2015.** **Motion carried 4-0**

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Scott to open the public hearing on the **2015 – 2016 General Appropriations Act Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2016.** **Motion carried 4-0**

Motion by Scott with second by Ulsh to close the public hearing on the **2015 – 2016 General Appropriations Act Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2016.** **Motion carried 4-0**

Roll Call Vote:

Feldmeier - yes

Mongreig - yes

Scott – yes

Ulsh - yes

Hovenkamp – Absent **Motion carried 4-0**

Motion by Scott with second by Feldmeier to adopt the **2015 – 2016 General Appropriations Act Fiscal Year (Budget).**

Motion by Mongreig with second by Feldmeier to establish the Treasurer's salary at \$42,280.00 effective April 1, 2015.

Roll Call Vote:

Feldmeier - yes

Mongreig - yes

Scott - yes

Ulsh - yes

Hovenkamp - Absent **Motion carried 4-0**

Motion by Ulsh with second by Feldmeier to establish the Clerk's salary at \$42,280.00 effective April 1, 2015.

Roll Call Vote:

Feldmeier - yes

Mongreig - yes

Scott - yes

Ulsh - yes

Hovenkamp - Absent **Motion carried 4-0**

Motion by Mongreig with second by Feldmeier to establish the Supervisor's salary at \$41,230.00 effective April 1, 2015.

Roll Call Vote:

Feldmeier - yes

Mongreig - yes

Scott - yes

Ulsh - yes

Hovenkamp - Absent **Motion carried 4-0**

Motion by Mongreig with second by Scott to approve the following service providers effective April 1, 2015:

Attorney - Craig A. Rolfe, PLLC

Auditor - Siegfried Crandall PC

Building Permits/Official - SCMCCI

Cemetery Maintenance - Personal Touch

Sexton - Wiley Excavating

Engineer - Prein & Newhof

Assessor - Appraisals Plus Group, Inc.

Roll Call Vote:

Feldmeier - yes

Mongreig - yes

Scott - yes

Ulsh - yes

Hovenkamp - Absent **Motion carried 4-0**

Motion by Ulsh with second by Scott to approve the following Financial Institutions effective April 2015:

Kalamazoo County State Bank

Peoples Federal Savings Bank

JPMorgan Chase Bank

Roll Call Vote:

Feldmeier - yes

Mongreig - yes

Scott - yes

Ulsh - yes

Hovenkamp - Absent **Motion carried 4-0**

Motion by Scott with second by Feldmeier to approve the Schoolcraft Township Regular Meeting Dates with meetings commencing at 6:00 p.m. effective April 14, 2015:

April 14, 2015
May 12, 2015
June 9, 2015
July 14, 2015
August 11, 2015
September 8, 2015
October 13, 2015
November 10, 2015
December 8, 2015
January 12, 2016
February 9, 2016
March 8, 2016

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all regularly scheduled meetings shall take place at the Schoolcraft Township Hall, 50 East VW Avenue, commencing at 6:00 p.m. unless notice of change is subsequently posted.

Roll Call Vote:

Feldmeier - yes
Mongreig - yes
Scott – yes
Ulsh - yes
Hovenkamp – Absent **Motion carried 4-0**

Motion by Scott with second by Mongreig to approve the **Resolution to Adopt Budget Amendment**

Amendment #03102015-1 \$ 1,700.00 from General Fund to Account #101.262.702 **Election Wages**

Amendment #03102015-2 \$ 900.00 from General Fund to Account #101.262.956 **Elections- Misc.**

Amendment #03102015-3 \$ 5,000.00 from General Fund to Account #101.276.801 **Cemetery Lawn Care**

Amendment #03102015-4 \$1,300.00 from General Fund to Account #101.276.802 **Cemetery Grave Openings**

Amendment #03102015-5 \$ 1300.00 from General Fund to Account #101.276.930 **Cemetery Repairs and Maintenance**

Amendment #03102015 -6 \$1,300.00 from General Fund to Account #101.276.970 **Cemetery Capital Outlay**

Amendment #03102015 -7 \$2,800.00 from General Fund to Account #101.299.706 **Admin Wages**

Amendment #03102015 - 8 \$350.00 from General Fund to Account #101.299.715 **Admin Payroll Taxes**

Amendment #03102015 -9 \$1,500.00 from General Fund to Account # 101.299.731 **Admin Printing & Publication**

Amendment #03102015 -10 \$1,600.00 from General Fund to Account #101.299.801 **Admin Audit & Accounting**

Amendment #03102015 – 11 \$ 27,000.00 from General Fund to Account #101.299.826 **Admin Legal Fees**

Amendment #03102015 -12 \$ 700.00 from General Fund to Account #101.299.910 **Admin Insurance**

Amendment #03102015 -13 \$6,000.00 from General Fund to Account #101.371.801 **Inspections/Contract Service**

Amendment #03102015 -14 \$ 50.00 from General Fund to Account #101.448.921 **Prairie Edge Street Lights**

Amendment #03102015 -15 \$60.00 from General Fund to Account #101.488.922 **Stonecrest Street Lights**

Amendment #03102015 -16 \$ 140.00 from General Fund to Account #101.448.923 **Sugar Island Lights**

Amendment #03102015 -17 \$20.00 from General Fund to Account #101.448.924 **Street Lights – Other**

Amendment #03102015 -18 \$ 106.00 from General Fund to Account #101.525.956 **Hazardous Waste Misc.**

Roll call vote:

Feldmeier - yes
Mongreig - yes
Scott - yes
Ulsh - yes
Hovenkamp – Absent

Federal Poverty Guidelines Local governing bodies are required to adopt guidelines that set income levels for poverty exemption. Motion by Ulsh with second by Feldmeier to set the 2015 Hardship (Poverty) Exemption at \$14,004.00 for a single family unit. **Motion carried 4-0**

Ryan LaPorte reported the following for Swan Park:
Stone Dust for the Little League fields has been ordered
Farm & Garden will begin construction of new fields soon
Opening Day is scheduled for April 25, 2015

. LaPorte will be tracking costs/donations more closely with Treasurer Scott.

Road Committee Chair Scott reported that Mark Warden of the Kalamazoo County Road Commission has contacted her for the list of Schoolcraft Township road repairs for 2015.

Clerk Mongreig reported that work has begun for the May 2015 Special Election.

Trustee Feldmeier asked the board how the 6:00 p.m. meeting start was working for all. All are good with the 6:00 p.m. start.

Supervisor Ulsh reported that he attended a March 5, 2015 Informal Hearing on the Township of Schoolcraft V Curtis Allen Zoning Ordinance Infraction. Attorney Rolfe will appeal the judgment of Magistrate Schaberg's finding that Mr. Allen responsible.

Meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.

Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft

