

SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

March 11, 2014

Call to Order: 7: p.m.

Oath of Allegiance

Members Present: Feldmeier, Hovenkamp, Mongreig, Scott and Ulsh

Approval of agenda. Motion by Scott with second by Hovenkamp to approve the agenda with the addition of Attorneys Time: a.) Proposed Land Division and b.) Status Report Michigan Tax Tribunal. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Approval minutes. Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Scott to approve the minutes of ~~January 14, 2014~~ ^{February 11,} 2014 regular meeting with one addition: Members Time-Trustee Feldmeier the committee has hit a roadblock(add "roadblock by the property owner"), where the committee was hoping for access for a trail. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Approve payment of bills. Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Scott to approve the list of bills for payment. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Scott reported the following for the month of February 2014:

Interest Income	\$ 58.70
Income	\$ 32,919.23
Expenditures	\$ 64,601.65
General Fund Balance	\$387,861.05

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

CITIZEN'S TIME:

Kalamazoo County Transportation Board Member, (KCTA), John Gisler distributed the KCTA Annual Report and informed the Township Board of 2014 goals for the KCTA.

Mr. Gisler also informed the Township Board that he will be running for elective office in August 2014.

Phil Stinchcomb introduced himself and told the Township Board that he plans to run for the office of State Representative of the 61st District.

Mr. Ken Kuchenreuther of 15315 South Barton Lake Road asked the board for any information on the Purple Marten problem that he brought to the attention of the board in February 2014. Trustee Hovenkamp stated that the Barton Lake Association has not yet scheduled a mid April meeting. Supervisor Ulsh stated that he will be in attendance.

Attorney Rolfe informed Mr. Kuchenreuther that Schoolcraft Township has no regulatory rights on Barton Lake, and that this is a problem between neighbors.

Proposed Ordinance No. 262 (updated Land Division Ordinance) Attorney Rolfe distributed the proposed ordinance for review by the board. The board will act on the proposed ordinance at their April 8, 2014 regular meeting.

Attorney Rolfe reported that he, Assessor Nate Brousseau, and a representative of Kalamazoo Plumbers & Pipefitters Local Union 357, will be visiting/reviewing the property.

Attorney Rolfe has also been in discussions with Assessor Brousseau regarding Associates Realty, III/Family Fare on Vicksburg.

Attorney Rolfe hopes to have more information at the April 2014 regular meeting of Schoolcraft Township.

Lieutenant James VanDYKEN of the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department informed the board that there will be 4:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. coverage of traffic on VW Avenue.

Public Hearing General Appropriations

Motion by Feldmeier with support by Hovenkamp to open the Public Hearing of the General Appropriations (budget) at 7:35 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Feldmeier- yes, Hovenkamp- yes, Mongreig- yes, Scott- yes, and Ulsh- yes.

Motion by Scott with second by Mongreig to close the Public Hearing of the General Appropriations (budget) at 7:40 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Feldmeier- yes, Hovenkamp- yes, Mongreig- yes, Scott- yes, and Ulsh- yes.

Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Feldmeier to establish the Treasurer's salary at \$40,665.00 effective April 1, 2014.

Roll Call Vote:

Feldmeier- yes, Hovenkamp- yes, Mongreig- yes, Scott- yes, and Ulsh- yes.

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Scott to establish the Clerk's salary at \$40,665.00 effective April 1, 2014.

Roll Call Vote:

Feldmeier- yes, Hovenkamp- yes, Mongreig- yes, Scott- yes, and Ulsh- yes.

Motion by Mongreig with second by Feldmeier to establish the Supervisor's salary at \$39,645.00 effective April 1, 2014.

Roll Call Vote:

Feldmeier- yes, Hovenkamp- yes, Mongreig- yes, Scott- yes, and Ulsh- yes.

Motion by Scott with second by Feldmeier to approve the following service providers Effective April 1, 2014:

Attorney – Craig A. Rolfe, PLLC
Auditor – Siegfried Crandall PC
Building Permits/Official – Michigan Township Services
Cemetery Maintenance – Personal Touch
Sexton – Wiley Excavating
Engineer – Prein & Newhof
Assessor – Appraisals Plus Group, Inc.

Roll Call Vote:

Feldmeier- yes, Hovenkamp- yes, Mongreig- yes, Scott- yes, and Ulsh- yes.

Motion by Ulsh with second by Mongreig to approve the following Financial Institutions effective April 2014:

Kalamazoo County State Bank
Peoples Federal Savings Bank
JPMorgan Chase Bank

Roll Call Vote:

Feldmeier- yes, Hovenkamp- yes, Mongreig- yes, Scott- yes, and Ulsh- yes.

Motion by Scott with second by Hovenkamp to approve the Schoolcraft Township Regular Meeting Dates with meetings commencing at 6:00 p.m. effective April 8, 2014:

April 8, 2014
May 13, 2014
June 10, 2014
July 8, 2014
August 12, 2014
September 9, 2014
October 14, 2014
November 11, 2014
December 9, 2014
January 13, 2015
February 10, 2015
March 10, 2015

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, Hovenkamp- yes, Mongreig- yes, Scott- yes, and Ulsh- yes.

Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Feldmeier to approve the following Budget Amendments:

March 11, 2014 Resolution to Adopt Budget Amendments

Amend#03112014-1 \$1,500.00 from General Fund to #101.101.720 Township Board Health Ins.
Amendment #03112014-2 \$ 500.00 from General Fund to #101.209.956 Misc. Assessor
Amendment #03112014-3 \$ 200.00 from General Fund to #101.262.956 Elections Misc.
Amendment #03112014-4 \$4,000.00 from General Fund to #101.276.930 Cemetery –Repairs/Maintenance
Amendment #03112014-5 \$ 2,000.00 from General Fund to #101.299.731 Admin Printing & Publication
Amendment #03112014 -6 \$ 500.00 from General Fund to #101.299.741 Admin Dues & Memberships
Amendment #03112014 -7 \$ 2,000.00 from General Fund to #101.299.802 Admin Engineering
Amendment #03112014 - 8 \$6,000.00 from General Fund to #101.299.826 Admin Legal Fees
Amendment #03112014 -9 \$2,000.00 from General Fund to # 101.345.702 Compliance Officer Wages
Amendment #03112014 -10 \$ 15,000.00 from General Fund to #101.371.801 Inspections-Contract Service
Amendment #03112014 – 11\$ 1,600.00 from General Fund to #101.445.801 Drain-Public Benefit
Amendment #03112014 -12 \$ 4,300.00 from General Fund to #101.446.801 Roads and Highways
Amendment #03112014 -13 \$300.00 from General Fund to #101.621.826 Pollution Control
Amendment #03112014 -14 \$ 10,000.00 from General Fund to #101.751.801 Parks-Lawn Contract Service

Roll call vote: Feldmeier - y

Hovenkamp - y

Mongreig - y

Scott - y

Ulsh - y

Federal Poverty Guidelines Local governing bodies are required to adopt guidelines that set income levels or their poverty exemption guidelines. Motion by Ulsh with second by Hovenkamp to set the 2014 Hardship Poverty) Exemption at \$13,788.00 for a single family unit. **Motion carried 5-0**

Trustee Hovenkamp, reported that the Planning Commission is studying split zoning.

He also stated that the Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission is planning to move to 6:00 p.m. meetings beginning in April 2014.

Ryan LaPorte reported the following Swan Park plans:

Opening Day is scheduled for April 26, 2014

Ryan gave an overview of the fee structure for field usage.

^ sked permission to purchase an auger and the field fencing. \$1,500.00 was donated for the fencing by
ncept Molds.

Schoolcraft Little League President, Troy Faulk discussed increased sponsorship and hosting of tournaments for 2014. Dugouts will be finished this spring, and grants/gifts of funding for the complex are being pursued.

Roads Chair Scott reported that the contracts with the Kalamazoo County Road Commission for Schoolcraft Township 2014 road repairs have been signed.

Trustee Hovenkamp reported that the Barton Lake Association will meet mid April 2014 with plans of discussing birds, trails and a conservancy.

Clerk Mongreig thanked Schug Farms of Schoolcraft, and Ken Skippers of the Village of Vicksburg for their help in removing snow in the cemeteries in February.

Supervisor Ulsh informed the board of the status of property located at 2259 East W Avenue. Chief McMillan of South Kalamazoo Fire Authority has visited the building and reports that there are personal items of the property owners in the home. The South County Fire Authority will hold a training burn of the property following an environmental report.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on a motion by Hovenkamp with second by Feldmeier.


Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft