

Schoolcraft Township Board
March 12, 2013
Schoolcraft Township Hall

Supervisor Ulsh opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call: Supervisor Don Ulsh, Clerk Virginia Mongreig, Treasurer Teresa Scott, Trustee Greg Feldmeier and Trustee Ken Hovenkamp

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Feldmeier to approve the March 12, 2013 agenda with the following corrections:
New Business correction to g.) County MTA Meetings
Attorney's Time c.) Sunset Lake Special Assessment.

Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Scott with second by Feldmeier to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 12, 2013 with corrections:
"Resolution Confirming the 2013 – 2017 Barton Lake Improvement Project.

Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Scott with second by Feldmeier to approve the list of bills.

Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Mongreig to approve the Treasure's report as presented.

Interest Income for February 2013	\$ 121.23
Income for February 2013	\$148,597.77
Expenditures for February 2013	\$ 54,504.50
Total Cash \$	\$481,533.91

Motion carried 5-0

Bob Sacksteder, resident and Barton Lake property owner address the board regarding the accuracy of a proposed Public Access at the North end of Barton Lake in the Village of Vicksburg limits.

Trustee Hovenkamp, who has been involved in talks with the Village of Vicksburg, stated that the Angels Crossings development has access at the channel leading into Barton Lake. Their interest, said Trustee Hovenkamp is for a launching place for canoes and kayaks, and strictly non-motorized vessels. Hovenkamp stated that no permission has been granted by the Village of this request. Hovenkamp also stated that there is no Keyhole Ordinance in the Village of Vicksburg, and that there would be a low impact – even if the projected site gets off of the ground. He also reported that an email will be going out from the lake association soon.

Mr. Sacksteder then spoke of the Barton Lake property owners trust in Schoolcraft Township, as the former Township Supervisor said that they, (Vicksburg Village/Angles Crossings), would never keyhole the lake.

Mr. Sacksteder reported the sightings of an earthmover at the village/development property last summer, 2012. There were also a Pontoon Boat and speed boat moored there following the clearing. He asked about assessments to the Angels Crossings Development property owners.

Trustee Hovenkamp stated that there was a bulldozer clearing the lot, and a path to the water was brush hogged, and that the truth is that bulldozing did not go to the water.

Trustees Hovenkamp also said that if there is access granted to Angles Crossing/Vicksburg Village, they will be willing to pay the assessment.

Trustee Feldmeier asked if there was any concern that it would evolve over the next year or two to become a keyhole issue, and is Vicksburg thinking of putting a key holing ordinance in place.

Mr. Sacksteder asked if the annexation was a "give away" years ago when the property was annexed to the village.

Supervisor Ulsh stated that he was against the annexation of Schoolcraft Township property from the start. And Clerk Mongreig, while she was not a board member at the time stated that she was against the annexation, and is against village having access to Barton Lake.

Attorney Rolfe asked Trustee Hovenkamp if he knew by what means the village will handle this issue, and stated that since the property is within the limits of the Village of Vicksburg; Schoolcraft Township has no legal parameters at all.

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Scott to adopt Ordinance No. 256 Group Insurance and Cafeteria Plan Benefits Ordinance effective April 1, 2013.

Roll Call Vote: F - y, H - y, M - y, S - y and U - y

Motion Carried 5-0

Supervisor Ulsh reported that he visited the Jack Wiley, Sr. property on Howard Lake, and saw an old park model trailer with a walk out basement, 5-6 trailer pads with full power hookup, along with 3 cabins on the property. There are three docks; one with a submerged pontoon boat. He noted that the property is not that well-kept. The camping spaces are rented in the summer time and the campers leave in the fall.

Supervisor Ulsh explained to Jack Wiley, Jr. the Township's liability in allowing the camping in the Rural Residential zoned district. J Wiley, Jr. stated that he may build home on the property at some time.

Supervisor Ulsh suggested the Wiley family speak with their personal attorney, and believes that the Wiley's do understand the township's predicament.

Attorney Rolfe stated that given the potential for costs to vary from year to year for the Sunset Lake Weed Assessment the township must obtain information from the Professional Lake Management to consider the need of a redetermination. Supervisor will contact the Professional Lake Management to begin discussions.

Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Feldmeier to open the 2013-2014 General Appropriations (Budget) Public Hearing
Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Scott to close 2013-2014 General Appropriations (Budget) Public Hearing.
Motion Carried 5-0

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP OFFICERS SALARY

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCLA 41.95(3) which provides that in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, and

WHEREAS, the board of Schoolcraft Township deems it desirable to maintain the salary of the TOWNSHIP TREASURER to ensure that compensation for this position remains equitable and commensurate with the duties of said elective office, now
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as of April 1, 2013, the salary for the TOWNSHIP TREASURER shall be \$40,250.00.

The foregoing Resolution offered by Ulsh supported by Hovenkamp.

Roll call vote: Feldmeier - y, Hovenkamp - y, Mongreig - y, Scott - y and Ulsh - y

The supervisor declared the Resolution adopted. Dated: March 12, 2013

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WHEREAS, the board of Schoolcraft Township deems it desirable to maintain the salary of the TOWNSHIP CLERK to ensure that compensation for this position remains equitable and commensurate with the duties of said elective office, now
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as of April 1, 2013, the salary for the TOWNSHIP CLERK shall be \$40,250.00.

The foregoing Resolution offered by Ulsh supported by Hovenkamp.

Roll call vote: Feldmeier - y, Hovenkamp - y, Mongreig - y, Scott - y and Ulsh - y

The supervisor declared the Resolution adopted. Dated: March 12, 2013.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as of April 1, 2013 the salary for the TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR shall be \$39250.00.
The foregoing Resolution offered by Hovenkamp supported by Feldmeier.
Roll call vote: Feldmeier – y, Hovenkamp – y, Mongreig – y, Scott – y and Ulsh – y
The supervisor declared the Resolution adopted. Dated: March 12, 2013

2013-2014 Service Providers:

Motion by Scott with second by Mongreig to approve the following 2013-2014 Service Providers

Attorney – Craig A. Rolfe PLLC
Auditors – Siegfried Crandall PC
Building Permits – Michigan Township Services-SW
Cemetery Maintenance – Kalamazoo Personal Touch
Cemetery Sexton – Jack Wiley, Sr.
Township Assessor – Nathan Brousseau/Appraisals Plus Group, Inc.
Township Engineers – Prein & Newhof

Trustee Hovenkamp questioned if we, (Schoolcraft Township), are fulfilling the ordinance by not getting bids. He stated that specialized services are acceptable, while mowing is not.

Clerk Mongreig reminded Trustee Hovenkamp that a past Schoolcraft Township resolution states that the township is not required to obtain bids.

Following a short discussion on the merits of obtaining bids Trustee Feldmeier suggested looking at provider's months before budget hearing.

Motion Carried 5-0

2013-2014 Financial Institutions

Motion by Mongreig with second by Feldmeier to approve the following 2013-2014 Financial Institutions:

Kalamazoo County State Bank
Peoples Federal Savings Bank
JPMorgan Chase Bank
Bank of America

Trustee Feldmeier asked Treasurer Scott if these providers are working well for her.

Treasurer Scott stated that she anticipates closing out Bank of America and she may replace them with another institution.

Motion Carried 5-0

2013-2014 Schoolcraft Township Board Regular Meeting Dates:

Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Feldmeier to approval 2013-2014 Schoolcraft Township Board Regular Meeting Dates:

April 9, 2013
May 14, 2013
June 11, 2013
July 9, 2013
August 13, 2013
September 10, 2013
October 8, 2013
November 12, 2013
December 10, 2013
January 14, 2014
February 11, 2014
March 11, 2014

Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Feldmeier second by Hovenkamp to adopt the amendments as presented.

Amendment #03122013-1 Transfer \$1,000.00 from General Fund to Account #101.101.720 Township Board Health Ins.

Amendment #03122013-2 Transfer 1,000.00 from General Fund to Account #101.262.956 Misc. Election

Amendment #03122013-3 Transfer \$400.00 from General Fund to Account #101.621.826 Pollution Control-Legal Fees

Amendment #03122013-4 Transfer \$500.00 from General Fund to Account #101.751.801 Parks Contract Services Lawn

Roll call vote: Feldmeier - yes, Hovenkamp - yes, Mongreig - yes, Scott - yes and Ulsh - yes

Motion Carried 5-0

Supervisor Ulsh reminded the board of the March 21, 2013 Michigan Townships Association spring meeting.

Supervisor Ulsh also reported that the March 2013 Board of Review is in process

Trustee Hovenkamp reported that the Planning Commission is wrapping up work on the master plan language. And Supervisor Ulsh reported that the Planning Commission has begun home businesses discussions.

Ryan LaPorte reported the following:

Schoolcraft Little League projects: dugouts will be up by opening day
Safety protective railing on all field fencing
Concession trailer new shelving
Finish irrigation at an approximate cost of \$16,000.

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Mongreig to approve Ryan LaPorte Service Contract for 2 years at \$17,400.00 per year.

Motion carried 5-0

Mr. LaPorte discussed pending equipment purchases for Swan Park, which will be presented to Supervisor Ulsh for authorization and signatures as Supervisor Ulsh is the Township's legal agent for these purchases.

Adjournment

9:10 p.m.


Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft