

SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

March 15, 2016

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Hovenkamp, Mongreig, Scott and Ulsh.

Member Absent: Feldmeier

Approval of Agenda. Motion by Scott with second by Hovenkamp to approve the agenda with the addition of #10.) i. Webber School. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Scott with second by Ulsh to approve the **minutes** of the January 12, 2016 regular meeting with correction in paragraph #3. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Motion by Scott with second by Hovenkamp to approve the **List of Bills** for payment. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Scott reported the following for the month of January 2016

Income	\$ 53,635.63
Expenditures	\$ 143,029.66
General Fund Balance	\$ 491,823.89
January 2016	\$ 402,429.86

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

Lieutenant Jim VanDYKEN of the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department: Reported that the Speed/Radar trailer will be in Schoolcraft Township on VW Avenue in the next few weeks, and that the Sheriff's Department will continue patrolling in South County. In particular the Sheriff's Department will concentrate coverage on VW Avenue between Vicksburg and Schoolcraft.

Motion by Scott with second by Hovenkamp to approve the Siegfried Crandall PC Audit Contract for the year ending March 31, 2016. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Motion by Scott with second by Hovenkamp to open the **Public Hearing for the 2016-2017 Budget.** **Motion carried 4-0.**

Motion by Scott with second by Hovenkamp to close the **Public Hearing for the 2016-2017 Budget.** **Motion carried 4-0.**

Motion by Mongreig with second by Ulsh to approve the resolution to adopt the 2016-2017 General Appropriations. Roll Call Vote: Hovenkamp – y, Mongreig – y, Scott –y and Ulsh – y. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Scott to adopt the 2016-2017 Budget. Roll Call Vote: Hovenkamp – y, Mongreig – y, Scott –y and Ulsh – y. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Resolutions to establish Officer's Salary

Motion by Ulsh with second by Hovenkamp to maintain the Schoolcraft Township Treasurer's salary at \$42,280.00 effective April 1, 2016

Roll Call Vote: Hovenkamp – y, Mongreig – y, Scott –y and Ulsh – y.

Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Ulsh to maintain the Schoolcraft Township Clerk's salary at \$42,280.00 effective April 1, 2016. Roll Call Vote: Hovenkamp – y, Mongreig – y, Scott –y and Ulsh – y. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Motion by Scott with second by Hovenkamp to maintain the Schoolcraft Township Supervisor's salary at \$41,230.00. Roll Call Vote: Hovenkamp – y, Mongreig – y, Scott –y and Ulsh – y. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Mongreig to approve the following 2016-2017 Service Providers:

Attorney- Craig A. Rolfe, PLLC
Auditor-Siegfried Crandall PC
Building Official/Permits- South Central Michigan Construction Code Inspections
Cemetery Maintenance- Kalamazoo Personal Touch Lawn Care
Sexton- Wiley Excavating
Engineer- Prein & Newhof
Assessor- Appraisals Plus Group, Inc.

Roll Call Vote: Hovenkamp – y, Mongreig – y, Scott –y and Ulsh – y. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Trustee Hovenkamp voiced his disappointment with respect to Attorney Rolfe's statements to the VanOrman family at the February 9, 2016 board meeting. There was also discussion by the board of the cost's and longevity of the Crystal Flash vs Schoolcraft Township Michigan Tax Tribunal litigation. Additionally, the March 8, 2016 ballot language on the August 2014 Ordinance was very vague and caused voters to question the township boards integrity.

Motion by Mongreig with second by Ulsh to approve the 2016-2017 Financial Institutions:

Kalamazoo County State Bank
Horizon Bank
JP Morgan Chase Bank

Roll Call Vote: Hovenkamp – y, Mongreig – y, Scott –y and Ulsh – y. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Motion by Scott with second by Mongreig to approve the 2016-2017 Regular Meeting Dates of the Schoolcraft Township Board.

April 12, 2016
May 10, 2016
June 14, 2016
July 12, 2016
August 9, 2016
September 12, 2016
October 11, 2016
November 15, 2016
December 13, 2016
January 10, 2017
February 14, 2017
March 14, 2017

Roll Call Vote: Hovenkamp – y, Mongreig – y, Scott –y and Ulsh – y. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Motion by Scott with second by Mongreig to approve **the Agreement Between The County Of Kalamazoo By And Through Its Health And Community Services Department and Schoolcraft Township** with Schoolcraft Township providing funding to a maximum amount of \$2,500.00. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Mongreig to set the 2016 ~~Federal~~ ^{Schoolcraft Township} Poverty Guideline level at \$14,124, a 20% increase from ~~2015~~ ²⁰¹⁴, for a single family unit. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Motion by Mongreig with second by Ulsh to set the asset level test at \$15,000.00 for 2016. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Resolution to Adopt Budget Amendments:

101-209-956.000 to Township Board Wages 101-101-702.000 \$500.00
101-209-956.000 to Township Board. Health Insurance 101-101-720.000 \$600.00
101-209-956.000 to Supervisor Education 101-171-865.000 \$1200.00
101-209-956.000 to Clerk Pension 101-215-716.000 \$350.00
101-209-956.000 to Treasurer Pension 101-253-716.000 \$350.00
101-446-801.000 to Election Wages 101-262-702.000 \$8000.00
General Fund (Fund Balance) to Administration Legal Fees 101-299-826.000 \$15,000.00
101-209-956.000 to Fire Protection Contract 101-336-801.000 \$50.00
101-446-801.000 to Compliance Contract 101-345-801.000 \$ 3400.00
101-446-801.000 to Inspections Contract Services 101-371-801.000 \$3385.00
General Fund (Fund Balance) to ZBA Legal Fees 101-722-826.000 \$5000.00
General Fund (Fund Balance) to Street Light Prairie Edge 3 101-448-925.000 \$2250.00
101-446-801.000 to Hazardous Waste Miscellaneous 101-525-956.000 \$2000.00
101-209-956.000 to Parks Capital Outlay 101-751-970.000 \$1625.00
From General Fund (Fund Balance) to Barton Lake Weed Contract Services 220-000-801.000 \$6000.00
From General Fund (Fund Balance) to Sunset Lake Weed Contract Services 222-000-801.000 \$500.00

Motion by Ulsh with second by Hovenkamp adopt Resolution of Budget Amendments
Roll Call Vote: Hovenkamp – y, Mongreig – y, Scott –y and Ulsh – y. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Webber School: The board discussed the dangerous condition of the Webber School located next to the Gourneck Prairie Cemetery. Over the years some local residents have inquired about what can be done, but the repair/renovation costs have been prohibitive.

Planning Commission Report: Site Plan for Connections Church approved.

Swan Park: Ryan LaPorte submitted a maintenance report including the removal of a large amount of soil left over from the development of the ballfields and parking lots, and electrical repairs.

Road Committee: Contracts are out for signatures for the 2016 repairs to be completed.

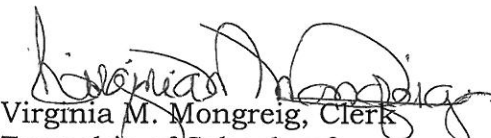
South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority: The Fire Authority will hold its monthly meeting at Schoolcraft Township, Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. to hear the Performance and Operational Review of the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority by the Center for Public Safety Management, LLC.

Treasurer Scott will settle the 2015 with the Kalamazoo County Treasurer's Office March 17, 2016.

Clerk Mongreig reported approximately 33% of township voters turned out for the March 8, 2016 Primary Election.

Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Ulsh for multimedia updates to the Township Hall including a flat screen television for presentations at a cost of \$1,500.00. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Meeting adjourned 7:00 p.m.


Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft