

SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
May 12, 2015

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

**Approval of agenda.** Motion by Scott with second by Hovenkamp to approve the agenda. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Approval of minutes:**

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Scott to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2015 Special Meeting.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

Motion by Scott with second by Feldmeier to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2015 Closed Meeting.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

Motion by Scott with second by Feldmeier to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2015 Regular Meeting with the correction of the **failed motion** regarding the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Ulsh to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2015 Closed Special Meeting.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

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

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

Interest Income	\$ 67.94
Income	\$ 12,023.00
Expenditures	\$ 97,264.50
General Fund Balance	\$ 393,968.29
March 2015 Balance	\$ 479,141.40

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

Mr. Ken Kuchenreuther of Barton Lake addressed the board asking Schoolcraft Township to reconsider directing his neighbors to remove the **Purple Martin houses** installed on their deck. He also referenced correspondence between his lawyer and Schoolcraft Township Attorney where the attorney for Schoolcraft Township described Mr. Kuchenreuther as being unreasonable. Following a lengthy discussion, much of which has been discussed for a few years, Supervisor Ulsh asked Mr. Kuchenreuther to gather all of his documentation and meet with Chris Hamilton, Administrative Manager of South Central Michigan Construction Code Inspections to discuss the issue.

Kalamazoo County Commissioner John Gisler brought County level information.

Still searching for a new County Administrator.

Upcoming decision on usage of the Old Colony Orchard.

County responsibility in bidding process.

Brady Township's request for golf cart use around Indian Lake.

Motion by Ulsh with second by Feldmeier to reconfirm Ken Hovenkamp as Zoning Board of Appeals member.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

Motion by Scott with second by Mongreig to approve the **Amendment to South County Sewer and Water Authority Articles of Incorporation.** **Motion carried 5-0.**

The amendment adds Vicksburg Village as a member of the Authority.

Motion by Mongreig with second by Feldmeier to approve the purchase upgrade of the **2016 Pictometry** aerial photography of Schoolcraft Township at a cost of \$8,100 divided into three years at \$2,700.00 per year.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

Pictometry, (aerial photography), is very helpful for planning, assessing, public safety, building inspections, blight control, health departments etc.

Trustee Feldmeier asked Ryan LaPorte to submit a 10-15 year plan for Swan Park with order of importance of the yet to be completed projects. Mr. LaPorte stated that that is what is reflected in the Swan Park Committee budget request each year. The largest project is to build a concession stand for the various teams to utilize for fund raising. Mr. LaPorte has plans to begin the search for donors in fall of 2015. Trustee Hovenkamp suggested asking for grant money. Clerk Mongreig reminded the board that in 2011 the Swan Park Committee, with the assistance of Gary Hahn of Wightman and Associates applied for a Passport Grant and was denied.

Treasurer Scott reported the install of the BS&A Accounting Software and upcoming training.

Supervisor Ulsh reported that he will travel to Goshen, Indiana with the South County EMS Board members to study new ambulances as the current ones used by the EMS are very outdated and costly to maintain/repair.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 p.m.

  
Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk  
Township of Schoolcraft