

Schoolcraft Township Board
May 8, 2012
Schoolcraft Township Hall

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

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

Motion by Scott with support by Hovenkamp approve the **agenda** as presented.

Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Feldmeier with support by Scott to approve the minutes of the **April 10, 2012** meeting as presented.

Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Scott with support by Ulsh to approve the **List of Bills** as presented.

Motion carried 5-0

Treasurer's Report:

Interest Income for April 2012	\$ 153.72
Income for April 2012	\$ 5,149.33
Expenditures for April 2012	\$ 59,959.93
Total Cash	\$395,930.99

Motion by Mongreig with support by Feldmeier to approve the **Treasurer's Report** as presented.

Motion carried 5-0

Attorneys Time:

JRS Rettenmaier, USA L.P. Industrial Facilities Tax: Attorney opened discussion of 6-year IFEC Application of JRS Rettenmaier on \$1,330,000.00 of costs related to new equipment/ Personal Property.

Gerhard Goss, Director Administration and Controlling addressed the board on the request and various costs for operations at both the Portage and Schoolcraft facilities.

Mr. Goss and the Township Board have yet to come to an agreement on the language of the Agreement Pertaining to 3/28/12 Application of J. Rettenmaier USA LP of Facilities Exemption Certificate.

The Application was tabled to the June 12, 2012 regular board meeting.

Ordinance #150 Motor Vehicle and Storage and Repair Ordinance: The Board discussed issues in the recent years of more and more residents parking recreational vehicles in driveways and lawns along with complaints from surrounding property owners. The Board will review amendments to the existing ordinance by Attorney Rolfe and revisit the discussions at the June 12, 2012 regular board meeting.

2011 Amendments of Michigan Zoning Enabling Act:

*2011 Public Act 97 substantially preempts local zoning authority with respect to biofuel facilities with a certain production capacity, if the facility is located on a farm.

*2011 Public Act 113 significantly preempts local zoning authority over mining land uses.

Attorney Rolfe with prepare recommendation specific to Schoolcraft Township's Zoning Ordinance for the board to act upon.

New Business:

Approval of Reappointments of Planning Commission Members:

Motion by Ulsh with support by Feldmeier to approve the reappointment of Ken Hovenkamp and David Reno to three years terms effective June 1, 2012 to June 1, 2015.

Motion carried 5-0

Eagle Scout Project: Motion by Scott with support by Hovenkamp to approve the Vicksburg Cemetery Veterans Project by Kris Peck of Vicksburg Troop #251.

Motion carried 5-0

Architect Contract: Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Feldmeier to approve the contract with Mark O. Harsha, Architect for the township hall vestibule expansion and alterations.

Motion carried 5-0

KATS Contribution Services: Motion by Ulsh with support by Scott to participate in the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program.

Motion carried 5-0

Overweg Farms Lease: Motion by Ulsh with support by Mongreig for Supervisor Ulsh to begin talks for a lease with Overweg Farms to farm township property located adjacent to the Vicksburg Cemetery.

Motion carried 5-0

Township Park Committee Report:

Clerk Mongreig reported a good turnout for the Schoolcraft Little League Opening Day.

Members Time:

Trustee Hovenkamp asked about recognition of Walt Jasiak's contributions to the township.

Clerk Mongreig will prepare a resolution.

Motion by Treasurer Scott with support by Mongreig to charge a per copy fee of \$2.00 per page for information that can be obtained on the Township web site, and \$.25 for in house card file copies.

Treasurer will look into township wide trash pick-up program.

Clerk Mongreig has started discussions for another Eagle Scout project.

Supervisor Ulsh reviewed the Vicksburg Rotary project – fencing at the Vicksburg Cemetery.

Motion carried 5-0

Adjournment:

8:30 p.m.

Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft

