



SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
May 9, 2017

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 as presented.
Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Scott second by Hovenkamp to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2017 Regular Meeting as presented. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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 April 2017:

Income	\$ 90,878.74
Expenditures	\$ 6,236.50
March 31, 2017 General Fund Balance	\$ 475,620.59
April 30, 2017 General Fund Balance	\$ 560,262.83

Motion by Mongreig with second by Feldmeier to approve the Treasurer's report.

Motion carried 5-0.

Citizens Time:

New member of the **Kalamazoo County Road Commission, David Pawloski**, introduced himself to the board.

Faye Ravensway, Director of the Schoolcraft Community Library distributed brochures and discussed programs, activities, special events and offerings of the library.

Mr. and Mrs. Boles form West XY Avenue addressed the board for consideration of creating a "use" in their R-1 District to allow the raising of chickens. No roosters. Supervisor Ulsh referenced the City of Portage special/accessory use and the permitting process. Supervisor will contact local townships and the City of Portage for more information.

Clerk Mongreig stated there have been few complaints from neighbors of properties with chickens.

Motion by Ulsh with second by Hovenkamp to give \$200.00 to the **Village of Vicksburg** to help with their effort to control the geese population at Sunset Lake and the beach area.

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Scott with second by Hovenkamp to adopt **Schoolcraft Township Resolution** to apply to the Secretary of State for a grant to purchase a new voting system. Funding will be provided by the State of Michigan, and will include a combination of Federal Help America Vote Act and State-appropriated funds.

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

Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Mongreig with second by Feldmeier to increase the **Land Division Fees and the Combination/Lot Line Adjustment Fees** as proposed by Treasurer Scott. **Motion carried 5-0**

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Ulsh to adopt the proposed **Schoolcraft Township Cemetery Rules dated April 30, 2017**. The motion also included the right of the Township to change the rules without notice. **Motion carried 5-0**

Planning Commission Report: Member Feldmeier reported that Site Plans for both Car Mart Auto Sales and Premier Custom Trailers, L.L.C. were approved by the Planning Commission. Another Site Plan was not approved and will return to the Planning Commission in June.

Zoning Board of Appeals: A Variance Application from Waterfront Preservation and Environmental Protection Requirements in the Rural Residential District was granted.

Road Committee: Chair Feldmeier rode along with Mark Worden of the Kalamazoo County Road Commission to review the road conditions in the township.

South County Emergency Services (Ambulance)/South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority: Ulsh reported of the very serious financial state of **South County Emergency Services** and the consideration of combining the two entities into one Authority that would receive funding from their service areas. At this time South County Emergency Services is a private entity, receiving no funding from the villages and townships it serves, while from Schoolcraft Township alone the South County Fire Authority receives \$197,902.68 annually.

Members Time:

Treasurer Scott - 3509 West XY Avenue-Mrs. Comins came to the township asking for the return of their deposit fee as they have completed the work required. It was determined that in fact the work is not complete to code, trade work was being done without permits, and the basement is compromised. Chris Hamilton of SCMCCI will be corresponding with the Comins'.

Motion by Scott with second by Hovenkamp to settle the **Bermo Enterprises Michigan Tax Tribunal Appeal**. **Motion carried 5-0**

Treasurer Scott reported that **Barton Lake Improvement (Aquatic Vegetation Control)** is operating at a deficit. She is working with the Lake Association to correct the deficit.

The board directed Treasurer Scott to contact Attorney Willis regarding the 2013-2017 Barton Lake Improvement (Aquatic Vegetation Control) which is at the end of its term, and beginning a new improvement program.

Trustee Hovenkamp stated that the petition process will not be used to begin the next Special Assessment District term, as the Lake Board has low attendance at meetings and Hovenkamp believes property owners are satisfied with the treatments being done.

Trustee Feldmeier reported meeting with Vicksburg Village Manager Mallory to discuss bike routes through the Village of Vicksburg and in the township. Trustee Feldmeier has been working on a bike route from Vicksburg, Highway Street at 24th Street, south

Meeting adjourned 7:35 p.m.


Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft