

Schoolcraft Township Board
May 10, 2011
Schoolcraft Township Hall

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motion by Scott with support by Hovenkamp to approve the agenda with the inclusion of minutes of the Special Meeting held April 29, 2011.

Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Scott with support by Feldmeier to approve the April 12, 2011 meeting minutes, (with two grammatical corrections) and, the April 29, 2011 meeting minutes 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 Scott Reported:

Interest Income for April 2011	\$ 150.53
Income for April 2011	\$ 4,142.56
Expenditures for April 2011	\$ 54,957.77
Total Cash	\$345,299.47

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

Motion carried 5-0

Citizens Time:

Schoolcraft Boy Scout Troop 250 Chairman Steve Dickerson inquired as to usage of the Township Hall for weekly meetings. The board will consider the request and speak with their insurance agent for any liability the township should be concerned with. Another concern is security of offices.

Attorney's Time:

a.) Resolution To Redetermine Special Assessment On Parcel Number 3914-13-288-020:

Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Feldmeier to adopt Resolution To Redetermine Special Assessment On Parcel Number 3914-13-288-020 as the property is wholly or substantially either wetland or is lying within the waters of Sunset Lake.

Roll Call Vote: Feldmeier-yes, Hovenkamp-yes, Mongreig - yes, Scott - yes, and Ulsh - yes

Motion carried 5-0

b.) Hogweed Resolution #154, as amended: Motion by Mongreig with support by Feldmeier to adopt Resolution Designating Hogweed Plant as a Nuisance Plant and Noxious Weed Under Schoolcraft Township Weed Control Ordinance #154, as amended.

Roll Call Vote: Feldmeier-yes, Hovenkamp-yes, Mongreig - yes, Scott - yes, and Ulsh - yes

Motion carried 5-0

c.) Ordinance #252 (amendment of Burning Ordinance): -Motion by Ulsh with support by Hovenkamp to adopt the Amendment of Ordinance #208 (Burning Ordinance) to add a new sub-part 4; The burning of leaves grass or other yard clippings, trees, logs, brush, or stumps, within 1,400 feet of the municipal limits of the Village of Vicksburg, the Village of Schoolcraft, or the City of Portage.

Roll Call Vote: Feldmeier-yes, Hovenkamp-yes, Mongreig - yes, Scott - yes, and Ulsh - yes

Motion carried 5-0

d.) Road Funding Discussion: The board discussed options for funding of road repairs comparing a special assessment district and the cost involved, and a vote by the residents for a millage increase to pay for repairs.

Supervisor Ulsh and Trustee Feldmeier will meet with nearby townships that have assessment districts and millage for roads to gain information for the board to consider in making their decision.

e.) Marihuana Update: Attorney Rolfe noted the vast amount of money – Drug Cartel – and attraction of a criminal element that has begun since the voter approved initiative of Medical Marihuana. He mentioned ordinances that other townships are in the process of adopting.

New Business

a.) Discussion with Vicksburg District Library candidates:

Diane Randall, Director of the Library, and three board members were present to hear from two candidates for the two-year library term opening. David Aubry and current library board member, Jim Hillenbrand spoke on their credentials and why they would like to be part of the board.

Clerk Mongreig asked if there is a possibility, (according to by-laws of the Library Board), of increasing the board membership so that each of the candidates could join the board. Director Randall will look into the possibility of increasing the board membership.

Supervisor Ulsh will meet with Director Randall to review the candidates, make their selection, and return to the Township Board with a candidate for approval.

Planning Commission: Hovenkamp reported that the Planning Commission has begun work on the Rural Residential District zoning language. Supervisor Ulsh added that there are some issues with the new Ag Zoning and that he and assessor Brousseau will be discussing the issued with Attorney Rolfe.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Supervisor Ulsh reported of the denial of a request by Aaron Snow for a variance from the accessory building roof height limitations applicable in the R-2 zoning district.

Swan Park Committee Report: Ryan LaPorte reported the following.

April 30, 2011 Opening Day was a great success

Flagpole paver project is complete

Trees have been planted throughout the park

Planning Commission approved site plan for the parking lot

Barn floor concrete floor will be started the first of June with volunteer workers, and funding from the park maintenance and capital improvement funds.

The DNR Recreation Passport Grant for walkway and irrigation funding has been submitted.

Members Time:

Hovenkamp – Would like to see improvements to entry doors.

Ulsh – Per comments by Attorney Rolfe, Supervisor Ulsh would like to reconsider the number of keys to the Township Hall issued to non-officials of the township.

Feldmeier – Would like to facilitate usage of the Township Hall for group meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.


Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft