

Schoolcraft Township Board
November 13, 2012

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 Feldmeier to approve the minutes of the **October 9, 2012** minutes as presented.

Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Feldmeier to accept the **List of Bills** as presented.

Motion Carried 5-0

Treasurer Scott reported:

Interest Income for the Month of October 2012	\$ 110.33
Income for October 2012	\$ 42,410.73
Expenditures October 2012	\$113,915.07
Total Cash	\$246,381.33

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

Motion Carried 5-0

Lieutenant Gail Sampsell of the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department distributed the 2012 quarterly incident report for Schoolcraft Township.

Public Hearing - Concept Molds, Inc. Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate: Motion by Feldmeier with support by Hovenkamp to open the Public Hearing of the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate application by Concept Molds, Inc. The application request is for a-12 year abatement on both Real and Personal Property. Attorney Rolfe has previously discussed the long standing Township policy of approving 12 years on Real, and 6 years on Personal Property with Tom Oliphant of Concept Molds, Inc.

James Northup and Daniel Northup of Concept Molds, Inc. presented their basis for requesting a 12- year abatement for the Personal Property listed on the application, stating that they had missed the deadline for submitting an application in 2011.

Treasurer Scott explained taxing on Personal Property, and that Concept Molds, Inc., being in a Renaissance Zone was already receiving a huge abatement in comparison to those businesses in the Township that are outside of the Renaissance Zone.

Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Mongreig to close the Public Hearing.

Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Feldmeier with support by Mongreig to adopt the Resolution Pertaining to 10/26/12 Application Of Concept Molds, Inc. For New Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate reflecting a total project cost of \$346,188 for the next 12 years with respect to real property, and for the next 6 years with respect to personal property.

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

Motion Carried 5-0

Arton Lake Weed Assessment: Attorney Rolfe will begin the process of Public Hearings and noticing for the 2013-2017 Aquatic Plant Control project.

Compliance Officer: Motion by Ulsh with support by Mongreig to hire Tina Straw as the ne Compliance Officer for Schoolcraft Township. Ms. Straw will begin immediately at a rate of \$13.00 per hour.

*Supervisor Ulsh noted that Ms. Straw winters January through March in Florida.

South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority: Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Mongreig to support an additional \$15,000.00 (approximately), per month to the Authority. It was noted by Treasurer Scott that she is supporting the motion as the Authority will be seeking a millage.

2012-2013 Budget Workshop: Supervisor Ulsh will attempt to schedule the first workshop in January 2013.

South County Intermunicipality Committee: Trustee Hovenkamp recommended the formation of a steering committee existing of members from Barton, Sunset and Indian Lakes to work on a Lake-To-Lake trail for walking and biking. Treasure Scott asked where the funding would come from. Trustee Hovenkamp stated that the proposed steering committee would work on grants for the project.

Motion by Ulsh with support by Feldmeier to support the use of the steering committee for the Trailway.

Motion Carried 5-0

Clerk Mongreig stated that while she agrees to the steering committee-she does not agree with the Trailway.

Trustee Hovenkamp reported that the **Planning Commission** is partially through the new text amendments to the Master Plan.

Trustee Hovenkamp reported **The Zoning Board of Appeals** granted a variance at Barton Lake.

The Zoning Board of Appeals suggests asking the Planning Commission to adopt a sliding scale for future requests with particular hardships.

Trustee Hovenkamp remarked that the Modern Marine property on U.S. 131 looks like a salvage yard and is not the first impression Schoolcraft Township should like to reflect. Supervisor Ulsh will speak with Compliance Office Straw regarding the property.

Roads Chair Scott reported that the list of roads scheduled for repairs is being created with a meeting to be scheduled in December with the KCRC. Scott reassured Trustee Feldmeier that "Bloody Run" will be included in the list.

Trustee Feldmeier mention the high attorney fees.

Clerk Mongreig reported on the 2012 November General Election.

All members were sworn in for their new 4-year terms beginning November 20, 2012

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.


Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft