

SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
November 12, 2013

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

Approval of prior minutes. Motion by Scott with second by Hovenkamp to approve the minutes of October 8, 2013 meeting. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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

Treasurer Scott questioned the Indiana Michigan Power/Consumers Energy payment. Clerk Mongreig will make correction to the list.

Treasurer's report. Treasurer Scott reported the following for the month of October 2013:

Interest Income for	\$ 42.14
Income for	\$ 23,226.52
Expenditures	\$ 82,035.26
General Fund Balance	\$211,137.96

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Citizens time for non-agenda items. None.

Due to the need for further review by members, the board did not act on the Michigan Tax Tribunal Appeals. This item will be on the agenda for the December 10, 2013 meeting.

Ordinance #259 – Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments. Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Feldmeier to adopt Proposed Ordinance #259 as recommended for approval by the Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission.

Roll Call Vote:	Feldmeier	yes
	Hovenkamp	yes
	Mongreig	yes
	Scott	yes
	Ulsh	yes

Motion carried 5-0.

Vehicle Parking and Repair Ordinance #150. Following discussion over safety issues with parking in the road right-of-way, Trustee Hovenkamp made motion with second by Feldmeier that the Ordinance be tabled and members drive out and look around the lakes where most of the concern with parking occurs.

South County Community Services Contract. Motion by Feldmeier with second by Scott to approve the Schoolcraft Township And South County Community Services For Youth And Senior Services agreement and authorize Supervisor Ulsh and Clerk Mongreig as signers.

Motion carried 5-0

Schoolcraft Township Property Address Ordinance.

Following the board's review of the Property Address Ordinance with a few suggested amendments, Attorney Rolfe will return an amended Ordinance for the board to consider in December.

Deferred Compensation Plan. Supervisor Ulsh will meet with Dan Coleman of Edward Jones on Wednesday, November 13, 2013, to inquire if the township's current plan can be amended to include certain employees as Assessor Nathan Brousseau would like to be included.

Clerk Mongreig, (absent from the October 8, 2013 meeting), asked the board members about the raising of chickens in residentially zoned districts ruling, (dismissed at the October 8, 2013 meeting), stating that there are still residents of the township who would like the opportunity to raise chickens for egg production, and asking why Schoolcraft Township cannot follow (based on an ordinance) the city of Portage/Kalamazoo ordinance for the raising of chickens.

The members replied that Attorney Rolfe had concerns regarding the Right To Farm Act and the implications that the township may be faced with by allowing the raising of animals in residentially zoned districts.

Supervisor Ulsh presented two bids for new air conditioning. Motion by Mongreig with second by Feldmeier to award the bid to Nieboer Heating & Cooling, Inc. for a Carrier 24ABC660 16SEER Puron air conditioner and for alterations/replacement of the existing (newer) duct work, and add 2 supply runs to the farthest east side of the building at a cost of \$6,750.00. **Motion carried 5-0**

Dangerous Structures Hearing October 23, 2013 – Jeff and Kelly Blodgett. Jeff Blodgett agreed to appear at the Schoolcraft Township December 10, 2013 meeting to show compliance with Schoolcraft Township Building Ordinance #233 at his property located at 2259 East W Avenue. If Mr. Blodgett fails to appear December 10, 2013 Schoolcraft Township will take further action per the ordinance.

Household Hazardous Waste Amendment Motion by Ulsh with second by Feldmeier to sign the Amendment #2 TO The Agreement Between The County Of Kalamazoo And Schoolcraft Township with the township agreeing to provide up to \$2,500.00 to the County for services at the HHW Center. The agreement was originally entered into February 21, 2012 and amended January 15, 2013

Motion carried 5-0

Planning Commission: No report.

Zoning Board of Appeals: No report.

Township Park Committee Report: Six trees planted in the park via a \$250.00 donation from Modern Woodman of America. The group also donated \$2,250.00 to Schoolcraft Little League (match of concessions).

Roads Committee Report: No report.

Members Time:

Trustee Feldmeier would like to have the board consider/bid out contracts for township service providers. Supervisor Ulsh will bring list of service providers to December meeting.

Trustee Hovenkamp made a motion with second by Supervisor Ulsh increase the hourly wage of Office Assistant, Eska Brown by one dollar to \$11.00 per hour.

Motion carried 5-0

Adjournment 9:00 p.m.


Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft