

# SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

November 14, 2017



Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Scott second by Hovenkamp to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2017 meeting as presented. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Feldmeier to approve the **List of Bills** for payment.  
**Motion carried 5-0.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Scott reported the following for the month of October 2017:

Income	\$ 63,054.28
Expenditures	\$ 21,170.14
September 30, 2017 balance	<u>\$ 365,212.14</u>
October 31, 2017 General Fund Balance	\$ 323,328.00

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

**Motion carried 5-0.**

**Citizen Time:** Kalamazoo County Commissioner, John Gisler distributed Kalamazoo County 2009-2017 Taxable Value Trends by unit reflecting a 2016-2017 increase of 3.43% in Schoolcraft Township.

Mr. Gisler also reported on Kalamazoo County plans to have an independent nonprofit indigent criminal defense office by spring 2019.

**Barton Lake Special Assessment District:** Clerk Mongreig certified petitions filed with the Township for the improvement of Barton Lake (aquatic vegetation control). That said petitions have been signed by the record owners of land constituting more that 50%, (59.7), of the total land area within the boundaries of the requested Special Assessment District as described in said petitions, according to the assessment roll and records of Schoolcraft Township.

Motion by Scott with second by Feldmeier to approve the Resolution Of Intent To Make The Improvements And Designate The Special Assessment District.

**Roll Call Vote: Feldmeier – y, Hovenkamp – y, Mongreig – y, Scott – y, and Ulsh – y.**  
**Motion carried 5-0.**

**Schoolcraft Township Burning Ordinance Amendment:** Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Mongreig to adopt Schoolcraft Township Burning Ordinance No. 272, as amended by Ordinance No. 252 adopted May 11, 2011, as amended by Ordinance No. 208 adopted October 9, 2001.

**Roll Call Vote: Feldmeier – y, Hovenkamp – y, Mongreig – y, Scott – y, and Ulsh – y.**  
**Motion carried 5-0.**

**Household Hazardous Waste (HHW Center) Program:** At the beginning of 2017 Schoolcraft Township allocated \$3,000 in funding for the program. Based on actual participation the HHW

Center has asked for an additional \$500.00 in order to provide Schoolcraft Township residents the service, free of charge.

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Hovenkamp to increase the HHW Center allocation by \$500.00 for 2017. **Motion Carried 5-0**

**Virginia Downs:** The full board agreed that a letter will be sent to the residents of the Virginia Downs Plat advising that the costs to build, maintain and repair roads is very expensive. The letter advises that at the November 14, 2017 regular board meeting the Township Board adopted an amendment to the existing Schoolcraft Township Burning Ordinance as follows (in part):

Section 2  
Prohibited Burning Activities

...activities prohibited

.....the burning of leaves/brush or any other substances on any streets or roads in Schoolcraft Township.

**Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission** continues work on the keeping of chickens and parking in the commercial districts.

The commission will be reviewing a number of docks that are not in compliance.

**South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority:** Member Hovenkamp reported that the purchase of a new, used, rescue truck will prove to be more economical for the department.

**South County Sewer Water Authority:** Ulsh reported that Allen Smaka of Wightman & Associates has received positive response for sewer and water from most of the US 131 merchants.

**Members Time:**

Trustee Feldmeier will be scheduling a road review with the Kalamazoo County Road Commission.

Supervisor Ulsh set the 2018-2019 Budget Workshop for Thursday, December 14, 2017 when the board will review the budgeting process.

Supervisor Ulsh also suggested looking into holding a leaf/auto tires/junk day.

Trustee Hovenkamp had the opportunity to visit the Sugar Loaf Trailer Park and expressed the need for ordinance enforcement.

Trustee Hovenkamp also voiced concern for the continuing increases from Progressive A & E in regard to Barton Lake treatments.

Meeting adjourned 7:10 p.m.

  
Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk  
Township of Schoolcraft