



Schoolcraft Township Board
November 15, 2016

Call to order 6:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

Motion by Feldmeier with support by Hovenkamp to approve the October 11, 2016 meeting minutes with one correction; "Commission" corrected to "Commissioner", page two. **Motion carried 5-0**

Motion by Scott with support by Feldmeier to approve the **List of Bills** as presented. **Motion carried 5-0**

Treasure' Report: Treasured Scott reported the following for the month of October 2016:

Income	\$ 74,164.05
Expenditures	\$ 13,072.88
General Fund Balance	\$265,717.15
October 2016 Balance	\$326,808.32

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

Motion carried 5-0

3509 XY Avenue: Zoning Administrator, Chris Hamilton outlined the township's attempts with prior owners to bring this property into compliance. While there is a rumor of the property changing hands, Schoolcraft Township has not received documentation of ownership change.

Trustee Hovenkamp and Supervisor Ulsh informed the board of their experience with **Attorney Rolfe** at the November 3, 2016, Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting. They stated that Attorney Rolfe's conduct was extremely disappointing and demeaning to the township. Trustee Feldmeier suggested that this is a good time to sever ties with Rolfe. Clerk Mongreig asked that the board follow with ending their contract with Rolfe December 12, 2016, as previously agreed.

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The board will hold interviews with two legal firms in early December at which time Schoolcraft Township will contract with a new firm to provide legal services for the township.

The Board reviewed the **Michigan Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act**. No action was taken.

Motion by Ulsh with second by Feldmeier to appoint Clerk Mongreig alternate member to the **South County Sewer & Water Authority**. **Motion carried 5-0**

Motion by Mongreig with second by Scott to appoint Supervisor Ulsh to the **South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority**, with Trustee Hovenkamp to serve as alternate member. **Motion carried 5-0**

Motion by Scott with second by Ulsh to appoint Trustee Feldmeier to the Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. **Motion carried 5-0**

Supervisor Ulsh directed Mongreig to review and report back on a guide for local governments titled protecting Michigan's Wetlands.

Trustee Hovenkamp reported that the **Planning Commission** received a presentation of the Kalamazoo County Master Plan. Hovenkamp also reported that the **Zoning Board of Appeals** granted relief for an applicant's request to build a pole barn on his property.

Swan Park Report: Ryan LaPorte

The park has been winterized

Troy Faulk had stepped down and LaPorte will be working with the President of the Schoolcraft Little League to replace Faulk.

2017 Projects include scoreboards and irrigation. LaPorte continues to work on the financing and construction of a concession stand.

Road Committee Report: Chair Scott reported the following:

Road	KCRC Quote	Actual Cost
18 th Street – W. Avenue to VW Avenue	\$ 42,944.00	\$ 42,944.00
Oakland Drive - VW Ave. to U Ave.	\$ 63,042.00	\$ 51,047.51
V Ave-Portage Rd. to Vicksburg (West)	<u>\$ 36,911.00</u>	<u>\$ 36,285.04</u>
Total	\$142,897.00	\$130,276.55
Difference	\$ 12,620.45	
Township Portion		<u>\$ 74,212.84</u>
Par Funds applied		<u>\$ 56,063.71</u>
Budgeted		<u>\$ 70,000.00</u>

*18th Street actual cost was \$43,829.04 (\$885.04 over quote).

Erik Jasiak, owner of State Golf Course informed the board that the signage was not properly replaced following the road repairs. Supervisor Ulsh will contact the Road Commission.

Treasurer Scott requested that the Barton Lake management company, PLM, inform her of upcoming costs prior to treatments to ensure that the costs stay within the yearly budget.

Trustee Feldmeier reported that he has heard nothing regarding the bike trail system.

Supervisor Ulsh reported:

Leaf burning on the streets in the Virginia Downs Development.

Webber School repairs and electrical service issues.

Clerk Mongreig reported a 67.70% turn out for the November 8, 2016 General Election.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 p.m.


Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft