

Schoolcraft Township Board
September 13, 2011
Schoolcraft Township Hall

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 Mongreig with support by Feldmeier to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Scott to approve the August 9, 2011, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0

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

Treasurer Scott Reported:

Interest Income for August 2011 \$ 135.89

Income for August 2011 \$ 41,514.77

Expenditures for August 2011 \$ 76,518.84

Total Cash \$ 278,752.33

Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Feldmeier to approve the **Treasurer's Report** as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Citizens Time for Non-Agenda Items:

Leonard Jaworski inquired if Officer Roberts has visited the Howard Lake properties regarding the noxious weeds. Treasurer Scott will meet with Officer Roberts to discuss the weed problem. Mr. Jaworski also asked about a property on Portage Road with many vehicles in the back lawn. Supervisor Ulsh Stated that the property had been reviewed and is in compliance at this time.

Attorney Rolfe reminded the board of Section V: Administrative Procedures And Remedial Actions To Enforce Ordinance, of the Schoolcraft Township Weed Ordinance, amended by Ordinance #207, May 10, 2011, described briefly:

A. The Township shall give notice of the application of this ordinance in Schoolcraft Township by one or both of the following means:

- 1.) Publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township during the month of March a Notice that weeds and/or plant growth in violation of this ordinance not destroyed/cut by May 1 of that year as required by this Ordinance may be destroyed/cut by the Township, and that the owners of any such land shall be charged with the expenses incurred by the Township to destroy/cut such weeds/ plant growth as many times as necessary to keep the land in compliance with this ordinance, and that the Township shall have a lien against the land for the amount of such expenses, and that such lien shall be enforced in the manner provided by state law for the enforcement of real property tax liens;

Attorney's Time:

a.) **Public Hearing Sunset Lake Special Assessment:** Motion by Scott with support by Hovenkamp to open the Public Hearing.

Motion carried 5-0

Attorney Rolfe explained that due to the sale of two contiguous parcels in the Sunset Lake Improvement Project (Aquatic Vegetation Control), which were assessed as one parcel in the May 11, 2010 resolution, the resolution must be amended to properly cover all parcels.

Motion by Scott with support by Feldmeier to close the Public Hearing.

Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Mongreig with support by Hovenkamp to adopt the **Resolution to Amend Confirmed Special Assessment Roll To Redetermine Special Assessments on Parcel Numbers 3914-12-465-100 and 3914-12-465-090.**

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

Motion carried 5-0

New Business:

- a.) **Schoolcraft Cemetery Invoice:** Supervisor Ulsh opened the discussion informing the board members of a \$1,905.95 invoice from the Village of Schoolcraft for water at the Schoolcraft Cemetery, which reflects usage of 440,000 gallons of water from May 16, 2011 to August 15, 2011.

Clerk Mongreig followed up by explaining her attempts to understand the reason behind the large invoice by speaking with the Village of Schoolcraft Administration and Public Works Department, and, that she did not receive a definitive answer from either for an apparent leak that was not reported to the Township offices. She received one report that young boys turned the water on, and one of a leak, but repeated that she never had a report from the Village of Schoolcraft of either incident. The board questioned how 444,000 gallons of water leaked without notification to the township during the leakage.

Supervisor Ulsh will schedule a meeting with the village manager to discuss the invoice.

b.) Township Newsletter:

Motion by Ulsh with support by Mongreig to accept the \$2,001.80, MER bid for printing and processing of the township newsletter.

Motion carried 5-0

Unfinished Business:

- a.) **Continued Discussion Concerning RV Parking Enforcement:** Postponed to October 11, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Schoolcraft Township Board.
- b.) **Discussion of road conditions throughout the Township:** Trustee Feldmeier distributed map and an inventory noting the conditions of township roads for the board's review.

Assessor: Report submitted: Continues to process deeds, PTA's and PRE's. Received, reviewed and approved several split and combination applications. Organizing and preparing building permits for field inspection.

Supervisor Ulsh commended Assessor Brousseau's work, stating that he does an incredible job and is the best assessor ever to serve Schoolcraft Township.

Planning Commission Report: Attorney Rolfe reported that the Planning Commission will be scheduling a Public Hearing, Monday, November 7, 2011 to present the Tentative Text Of The Proposed Amendments Of Schoolcraft Township Zoning Ordinance. Attorney Rolfe will be meeting with Supervisor Ulsh and Assessor Brousseau to determine the parcels/property owners in the district affected, and to create a notice of the meeting and prepare for mailings.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report: No report

Township Park Committee Report: No report

Members Time

Trustee Hovenkamp inquired as to the blight and car issues at Modern Marine. He was informed that Officer Roberts has visited the site and issued a Notice of Violation on August 11, 2011.

Treasurer Scott has been very busy collecting and processing tax payments. Scott also suggested including township residents on the Schoolcraft Township Roads Committee.

Trustee Feldmeier asked for a Special Meeting to begin the process for road improvements consideration. A Special Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 2011, at 3:00 p.m.

Supervisor Ulsh: In answering questions posed by resident Leonard Jaworski regarding a recent "Notice Of Review Of Apportionment" for parcels adjoining the Follmer Drain from the Kalamazoo County Drain Commissioner, Supervisor Ulsh advised contacting the Drain Commissioner with questions/comments, as Schoolcraft Township had only learned of the notice by reading it in the South County Commercial Express, with written notice received September 12, 2001 via Certified Mail.

Supervisor Ulsh also reported discussions with Township Supervisors for "Combined Services" for permits and inspection services where the townships will use one selected provider and share the costs incurred.

The Township Supervisors are also addressing the costs of Sheriff patrol in the Townships.

Meeting adjourned 8:55 p.m.


Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft