



SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

September 13, 2016

Call to Order: 5:50 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Also Present: Representatives of Kalamazoo County Road Commission; Travis Bartholomew, Mark Worden, Deb Buchholtz and Dennis Berkebile.

Mark Worden and Travis Bartholomew distributed reports and gave a PowerPoint presentation that included funding, projects completed, different types of preventative maintenance, the 2016 Schoolcraft Township Surface Rating Summary, and future projects.

Trustee Feldmeier asked the Road Commission to look at the roadside damage, (breaking up) on 16th Street as there were projects on the road as recent as 2008 and 2012 and the damage is fairly severe.

The Road Commission also reported that they are working on a portion of U Avenue where there is a bump in the road. They have removed a portion of the pavement and will continue the repairs.

6:05 Regular Meeting of Schoolcraft Township Board

Approval of Agenda. Motion by Scott with second by Feldmeier to approve the September 13, 2016 **Agenda** with the addition of New Business b.) The Bernard's Company/Bernard Properties LLC Michigan Tax Tribunal. **Motion carried 5-0**

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Scott with second by Feldmeier to approve the **Minutes** of the August 9, 2016 meeting. **Motion carried 5-0**

Motion by Scott 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 August 2016.

Income	\$ 144,130.29
Expenditures	\$ 58,939.10
General Fund Balance	\$ 356,268.15
August 2016 Balance	\$ 271,076.96

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

Motion carried 5-0

John Fisher, Candidate for the 61st House District introduced himself to the board.

Steve Grieve, of Balboa Street on Gourdneck Lake thanked the Schoolcraft Township Board for their part in the development of the Gourdneck Lake Association and noted that Hogset Lake is also in need of treatment.

Motion by Ulsh with second by Feldmeier to accept the \$7,500.00 bid for reroofing of the Webber School Building at the Gourdneck Prairie Cemetery. **Motion carried 5-0**

Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Feldmeier to table the Bernard's Company/Bernard Properties, LLC Michigan Tax Tribunal discussion while gleaning more information from Assessor Brousseau. **Motion carried 5-0**

Motion by Feldmeier with second by Scott to approved the Siegfried Crandall P.C. audit for the year ending March 31, 2016. **Motion carried 5-0**

Trustee Hovenkamp reported on the approval of a site plan for a reception facility, discussion with land owners regarding a retirement home, and the possibility of a property split on Shaver Road.

Members Time:

Clerk Mongreig reported on the September 1, 2016 recount of the August 2, 2016 Primary Election. The results remained as the August 2, 2016 tabulation.

Feldmeier commented that the public roads with the exception of two roads in the township appear to be in good shape.

Treasurer Scott inquired to the possibility of a private group utilizing the meeting room in December.

Trustee Hovenkamp expressed his displeasure with the "Please Be Nice" signage in the lobby, stating that it is unprofessional. Supervisor Ulsh and Treasurer Scott agreed.

Supervisor Ulsh reported:

October 8, 2016 Electronics Recycling at Schoolcraft Township
The continued disappointment with the township's attorney.

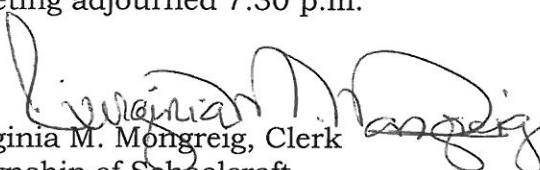
The board discussed increasing legal fees over the recent years.

Attorney Rolfe being very blunt with constituents/attendees of township meetings.

Trustee Hovenkamp stated that Attorney Rolfe "is unprofessional, why are we keeping him?"

Motion by Trustee Feldmeier with second by Trustee Hovenkamp that Schoolcraft Township obtain a new attorney. **Motion carried 5-0**

Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.


Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft