

Schoolcraft Township Board
March 12, 2012
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 Scott with support by Hovenkamp to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Scott to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2012 meeting with one correction: Trustee Feldmeier was absent.

Motion carried 5-0

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

Motion carried 5-0

Treasurer's Report:

Interest Income for February 2012	\$ 117.43
Income for February 2012	\$ 35,732.97
Expenditures for February 2012	\$ 46,622.22
Total Cash	\$359,822.46

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

Motion carried 5-0

Citizens Time: Lieutenant Gail Sampsell of the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department:

*Delivered the November/December 2011 Statistics, 2011 Cumulative and Comparison Stats

*Reported on the jail expansion

*Most officers laid off will be back on the job by May 2012

Attorneys Time: Attorney Rolfe advised the board of enhanced procedures during the budget workshop process.

New Business:

Public Hearing 2012-2103 General Appropriations/Budget

Motion by Scott with support by Hovenkamp to open the Public Hearing

Motion carried 5-0

Ryan LaPorte of the Swan Park Committee and Clerk Virginia Mongreig, member of the Park Commission, discussed the budget cut that the park has received, (from prior years), which will require eliminating some projects to ensure that the storage building floor is completed as the committee would like. The Committee has great concerns of damage to the equipment due to parking and working on the equipment on the sand and gravel.

LaPorte also noted the drastic reduction in township hall property mowing as his pay for maintaining the park includes mowing, sweeping, and general maintenance of the township hall gardens and parking area

LaPorte also voiced the feelings of the Park Committee wondering if the township values the time and energy the committee puts into the park both with planning and the actual labor.

There was further discussion of the park workings, finances and usage by the township residents.

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

Motion by Scott with support by Hovenkamp to approve the 2012-2013 Schoolcraft Township Budget General Appropriations Act.

Roll Call Vote:

Feldmeier – y, Hovenkamp – y, Mongreig – y, Scott – y, and Ulsh – y Motion carried 5-0

Approval of Salary Resolutions:

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP OFFICERS SALARY

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCLA 41.95(3) which provides that in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, and

WHEREAS, the board of Schoolcraft Township deems it desirable to maintain the salary of the TOWNSHIP TREASURER to ensure that compensation for this position remains equitable and commensurate with the duties of said elective office, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as of April 1, 2012, the salary for the TOWNSHIP TREASURER shall be \$40,250.00.

The foregoing Resolution offered by Ulsh supported by Hovenkamp.

Roll call vote: Feldmeier ~y

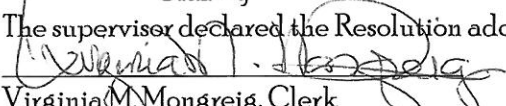
Hovenkamp ~ y

Mongreig ~ y

Scott ~ y

Ulsh ~ y

The supervisor declared the Resolution adopted.


Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk

Dated: March 13, 2012

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WHEREAS, the board of Schoolcraft Township deems it desirable to maintain the salary of the TOWNSHIP CLERK to ensure that compensation for this position remains equitable and commensurate with the duties of said elective office, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as of April 1, 2012, the salary for the TOWNSHIP CLERK shall be \$40,250.00.

The foregoing Resolution offered by Ulsh supported by Hovenkamp.

Roll call vote: Feldmeier ~y

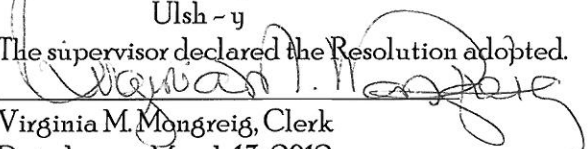
Hovenkamp ~ y

Mongreig ~ y

Scott ~ y

Ulsh ~ y

The supervisor declared the Resolution adopted.


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WHEREAS, the board of Schoolcraft Township deems it desirable to maintain the salary of the TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR to ensure that compensation for this position remains equitable and commensurate with the duties of said elective office, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as of April 1, 2012 the salary for the TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR shall be \$39,250.00.

The foregoing Resolution offered by Hovenkamp supported by Feldmeier.

Roll call vote: Feldmeier ~y

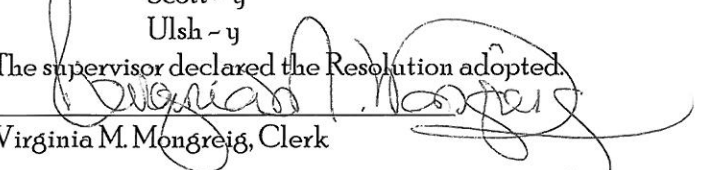
Hovenkamp ~ y

Mongreig ~ y

Scott ~ y

Ulsh ~ y

The supervisor declared the Resolution adopted.


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Approval of Service Providers: Motion by Mongreig with support by Scott to approve the 2012-2013 Service Providers listed below:

Cemetery Mowing/Maintenance – Kalamazoo Personal Touch
Cemetery Sexton – Jack Wiley Excavating
Auditor – Siegfried Crandall PC
Attorney – Craig A. Rolfe, PLLC
Property Insurance Carrier – Ted Hartleb Agency
Health Insurance Kuiper Insurance
Ordinance Enforcement – Raymond Roberts

Roll call vote: Feldmeier ~y
Hovenkamp ~ y
Mongreig ~ y
Scott ~ y
Ulsh ~ y

Approval of Financial Institutions: Motion by Mongreig with support by Hovenkamp to approve the following 2012\2013 service providers:

Kalamazoo County State Bank
Peoples Federal Savings Bank
JPMorgan Chase
Bank of America

Roll call vote: Feldmeier ~y
Hovenkamp ~ y
Mongreig ~ y
Scott ~ y
Ulsh ~ y

Resolution Setting 2012-2013 Meeting Dates: Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Feldmeier to approve the resolution approving the following:

SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP
KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING DATES FOR THE 2012-2013 FISCAL YEAR

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all regular meetings of the Schoolcraft Township Board are scheduled to be held on the following dates:

April 10, 2012
May 8, 2012
June 12, 2012
July 10, 2012
August 14, 2012
September 11, 2012
October 9, 2012
November 13, 2012
December 11, 2012
January 8, 2013
February 12, 2013
March 12, 2013

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all regularly scheduled meetings shall take place at the Schoolcraft Township Hall, 50 East VW Avenue, commencing at 7:00 p.m. unless notice of change is subsequently posted.

Roll call vote: Feldmeier ~y
Hovenkamp ~ y
Mongreig ~ y
Scott ~ y
Ulsh ~ y

Health Insurance Decision: Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Feldmeier that Schoolcraft township exercise it's right under section 8 (1) of 2011 Public Act No. 152 to exempt the Township from the requirements of that Act for the Next succeeding fiscal year, April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013.

Climax Crescent Publishing: The Board agreed that all publications will continue through the Kalamazoo Gazette.

Assessors Report – received

Planning Commission Report – Trustee Hovenkamp stated that the Commission will be completing the Master Plan language soon and inquired to the use of the township attorney once the language is complete. Supervisor Ulsh asks that due to financial constraints, the attorney be used only as necessary.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report – none. Supervisor Ulsh reported that Jack Westendorp has accepted the position of alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Township Park Committee Report: Ryan LaPorte reported the following:

Meetings of the Vicksburg and Schoolcraft Little Boards – 11 and 12 year old state tournament opening ceremony will be July 21, 2012 at Swan Park

Temporary dug-outs will be installed for the season.

The Committee is reviewing a Swan Park Rules Ordinance which will be forwarded to the Township Board for approval.

Schoolcraft Little League Opening Day is set for April 28, 2012

*The township board approved \$25.00 per week park restroom cleaning.

Road Committee Report: Road Committee Chair, Scott reported that Ron Steinacker and Pete Kearns along with Chair Scott and Jim Beaudoin of the Kalamazoo County Road Commission will make the annual drive around the township to review the road conditions.

Members Time:

Trustee Hovenkamp Inquired as to the status of the South County Food Pantry. Supervisor Ulsh reported attending a Village of Schoolcraft Board Meeting where he learned that the pantry is secure in its place at the Village Public Works location.

Trustee Hovenkamp expressed concern in the condition of the Webber School at the Gourdneck Prairie Cemetery. Clerk Mongreig stated that two parties in the past month have shown interest in repairs to the school.

Trustee Feldmeier inquired if the US 131 Corridor Sewer Project is “totally dead”, “funds gone?”

Supervisor Ulsh said that there is no activity at this time.

Trustee Feldmeier expressed appreciation to the Park Committee.


Clerk Mongreig reported that preparation will begin for the August Primary to be followed by the November General Election.

Supervisor Ulsh stated that 90% of property owners that visited the Board of Review with requests for lowering their land values were granted their request.

The Vicksburg Rotary will be installing fencing at the entrance of the township cemetery on Highway Street in Vicksburg.

Used car and equipment sales business will be opening at the corner of US 131 and U Avenue, and the former Gold Rush property on US 131 may be may soon be under a new owner who would like to move his landscape business there.

Adjournment: 9:05


Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft