

Schoolcraft Township Board

January 8, 2013

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 Feldmeier to approve the **Agenda** with the addition of Attorney's Time: b.) Wiley Property.

**Motion Carried 5-0**

Motion by Feldmeier with support by Scott to approve the **Minutes of the December 11, 2012** meeting as presented.

**Motion Carried 5-0**

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

**Motion Carried 5-0**

**Treasurer Scott Reported:**

Interest Income for the Month of December 2012	\$ 41.41
Income for December 2012	\$ 63,509.55
Expenditures December 2012	\$ 44,432.39
Total Cash	\$257,513.57

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

**Motion Carried 5-0**

**2013-2017 Barton Lake Improvement Project (Aquatic Vegetation Control) Public Hearing-Resolution Continuing Existing Special Assessment District and Granting Approval To Proceed With 2013-2017 Project:**

Motion by Scott with support by Mongreig to open the Public Hearing.

**Motion carried 5-0**

Paul Hausler, CNSP, of Progressive AE is a biologist dealing with lake management across Michigan, determining aquatic plants and ecology of lakes and means of correction. Mr. Hausler fielded questions from the property owners present regarding the success of the past treatments and the control of the vegetation with future treatments. When asked if there will always be a problem with vegetation, Mr. Hausler replied yes, but followed that eventually the lake will be at a controlled level with continued treatments.

Property owners George Gembis, Garry Steensma, and Doug and Joanne Craddock agreed that the treatments have improved the lake, while property owner Jim Wheaton stated that he believes that "the quality of the lake is worse than 5 years ago, gone downhill, and would like to stop all treatments."

Mrs. Craddock inquired as to the cost of the assessment for 2013. Treasurer Scott reported the previous years approximate costs and that the 2013 assessment cost will be approximately \$200.00.

Motion by Mongreig with support by Scott to close the Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m.

Motion by Feldmeier with support by Hovenkamp to adopt

Resolution Continuing Existing Special Assessment District and Granting Approval To Proceed With 2013-2017 Project:

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

**Motion Carried 5-0**

Supervisor Ulsh and Clerk Mongreig will schedule a meeting with the Wiley's to discuss a land use question and report back to the board with their findings.

Motion by Mongreig with support by Scott to approve the reappointment of Joel Nelson to the Board of Review.

**Motion Carried 5-0**

Motion by Ulsh with support by Feldmeier to approve the reappointment of Ken Hovenkamp to the SCIC.

**Motion Carried 5-0**

Supervisor Ulsh reminded the board members of the January 25, 2013 Budget Workshop.

Motion by Mongreig with support by Hovenkamp to approve the 2013-2014 proposed budget of the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority.

**Motion Carried 5-0**

The board agreed with the recent change to the by-laws of the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority to move to 6 members, eliminating the at large member.

Motion by Scott with support by Hovenkamp to approve the following Budget Amendments:

**Amendment #01082013-01** \$7,000.00 from General Fund to Account # 101.721.826 **Planning Comm. – Legal Fees.**

**Amendment #010822013-02** \$500.00 from General Fund to Account. #101.722.702 **Wages - ZBA**

**Amendment #010822013-03** \$500.00 from General Fund to Account #101.722.731 **Printing & Publications - ZBA**

**Amendment #010822013-04** \$500.00 from General Fund to Account #101.722.856 **Legal Expenses - ZBA**

**Roll call vote:**

Feldmeier - yes

Hovenkamp - yes

Mongreig - yes

Scott - yes

Ulsh - yes

**Motion Carried 5-0**

Trustee Hovenkamp report that the Planning Commission continues to work on the language of the Master Plan

Ryan LaPorte reported that the Little League has received the supplies for the dug outs which will be built in the spring. Ryan and Jeff LaPorte will be removing the remaining Ash trees as they all have fallen victim to the Emerald Ash Bore. Shelving and lighting have been installed in the park storage barn. The Park Committee is beginning to put the 2013/2014 budget together.

Trustee Feldmeier asked Roads Chair Scott when the roads review ride will take place. Scott said that the ride was in October 2012 and she is awaiting the numbers from Kalamazoo County Road Commission Area Superintendent, Jim Beaudoin.

Meeting Adjourned 8:35 p.m.

Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk  
Township of Schoolcraft