

Schoolcraft Township Board
August 10, 2010
Schoolcraft Township Hall

Call to Order 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Supervisor Ulsh, Clerk Mongreig, Treasurer Scott, and Trustee Hovenkamp

Members Absent: Greg Feldmeier

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Scott with support by Hovenkamp to approve the agenda with one addition; #9.) Attorney's Time, Item C.) Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau Ordinance.

Motion Carried 4-0

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Scott to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 13, 2010

Motion Carried 4-0

Approval of List of Bills: Motion by Ulsh with support by Hovenkamp to approve the list of bills as presented.

Motion Carried 4-0

Approval of Treasurers Report:

Interest Income for July 2010	\$ 92.13
Income for July 2010	\$ 87,275.49
Expenditures for July 2010	\$109,453.92
Total Cash	\$344,865.91

Motion by Mongreig with support by Hovenkamp to approve the Treasurer's report at presented.

Motion Carried 4-0

Citizens Time for Non-Agenda Items: Al Reynolds of 1311 East U Avenue, in the R-2 District inquired as to the possibility of raising chickens and ducks on his property.

Attorney Rolfe stated that Mr. Reynolds does not have the opportunity under the current Land Use Plan/Zoning to raise poultry, and that a text amendment to allow poultry i.e. "livestock", would automatically open the Ag Right to Farm Act in any area the Township allows such use, thus Mr. Reynolds was advised that the request could not be permitted.

Attorneys Time:

a.) Outerwears, Inc. IFEC Application:

Attorney Rolfe referenced a resolution and application requesting an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate reflecting a total project cost of \$80,023.00 on new Personal Property, as submitted by James Garside of Outerwears, Inc.

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

Motion carried 4-0

James Garside told the board that Outerwears, Inc. produces filters for high-powered car and jet skis, and other protective accessories designed for racing and everyday use. Mr. Garside stated that the purchase of a custom cutting table, computer, racks, and printing presses will enable Outerwears, Inc. to increase the capacity for more production and greater part offering efficiency, and would absolutely create more jobs in the future.

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

Motion by Ulsh with support by Scott to approved the Resolution Pertaining to the June 15, 2010 Application of Outerwears, Inc. For an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate.

Roll Call Vote ~ Motion carried 4-0

b.) Review of Zoning Ordinance for "catch-all" provision:

Attorney Rolfe reported finding few issues within the Zoning Ordinance. He has advised this township to leave the Zoning Ordinance alone, noting that he will do a thorough review and report findings back to the board.

c.) Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau Ordinance:

The board directed Attorney Rolfe to draft a Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau Ordinance which will properly establish the Schoolcraft Township Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau which will properly establish the proper administration of municipal ordinance violations issued by authorized officials of the Township.

Upon receipt of the proposed ordinance, a special meeting will be scheduled for consideration of formal adoption by the Township.

New Business

a.) Approval of Pension Provider: Motion by Ulsh with support by Mongreig to terminate the Township relationship with Nationwide Financial and move the Township pension plan to Edward Jones. The move will reflect a \$453.00 savings per year.
Motion carried 4-0

b.) SCKFA 2010 Draft Audit: Motion by Scott with support by Mongreig to approve the 2010 SKCFA Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report.
Motion carried 4-0

Assessors Report: Received

Planning Commission Report: Trustee Hovenkamp reported that the Planning is at a stalemate with some division between the Planning Commission Members whether or not to meet with farmers of the township prior to going to a public hearing on the Ag District.

Supervisor Ulsh stated that he would like to see the Planning Commission involve the farmers in their discussions prior to holding a public hearing.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report: None

Township Park Committee Report:

Ryan LaPorte reported that from all indications, the 9-10 year old Boys State Little League Tournament went well.

The Schoolcraft Little League is very happy with the new concessions trailer.

The new storage barn is complete, with leveling of the ground inside and around that barn yet to be done.

The Park Committee will consider various parking options.

Ryan has heard comments about the Schoolcraft Rocket Football League coming to Swan Park for their home field. No commitment at this time.

Little League Projects:

Dug outs

Irrigation

Members Time:

Clerk Mongreig: August 3, 2010 State Primary with approximately a 22% turnout township wide

Seeking bids for irrigation in new landscaping

Thank you letter from Eagle Scout Nicholas Cakmakci

Insurance claims due to the inclement weather this spring/summer

Treasurer Scott: Taxes coming in slowly this year.

Trustee Hovenkamp: Asked the board if they had reviewed correspondence from David Reno on the Right-of-way. Board replied that they have not received the correspondence.

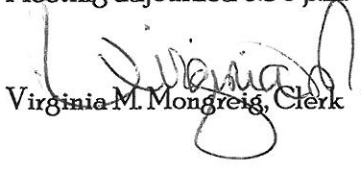
SCICA has a conceptual trail way drawing tying Schoolcraft Township the Village of Vicksburg.

Clerk Mongreig stated that the township property in mind for a request for an easement is property that was purchased for the cemetery. The Clerk also stated that a number of residents over the years, and just recently have inquired as to the Swan Park walkway which has never been completed.

Treasurer Scott asked where Vicksburg was getting funding for the trail. Supervisor Ulsh and Trustee Hovenkamp do not know. Treasurer Scott asked that the township board members take a look at the property prior to considering an easement. Supervisor Ulsh stated that he agreed.

Supervisor Ulsh: Permission was granted for Supervisor Ulsh to attend the 2010 Michigan Association of Township Supervisors Fall Conference.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.


Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk

