

Schoolcraft Township Board
January 12, 2010
Schoolcraft Township Hall

Supervisor Ulsh opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call: Supervisor Don Ulsh, Clerk Virginia Mongreig, Treasurer Teresa Scott, Trustee Hovenkamp and Trustee Greg Feldmeier

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Scott to approve the agenda with the following additions:

- a.) Employment Contract for Assessor
- b.) Assessors Agreement for Services
- c.) Angel's Crossing Tax Exemption

Motion carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Feldmeier to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 8, 2009

Motion carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF LIST OF BILLS

Motion by Scott with support by Hovenkamp to approve the list of bills.

Motion carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT:

Interest Income for December 2009 \$120.98.

General Income for December 2009 \$37,721.26

Expenditures for December 2009 \$72,845.21

Total Cash \$428,635.61

Motion by Mongreig with support by Hovenkamp to approve the Treasure's report as presented.

Motion carried 5-0

CITIZENS TIME FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Troy Faulk - See Park Report

ATTORNEYS TIME

a.) Employment Contract for Assessor: Attorney Rolfe distributed re-write of the draft submitted by Ben Brousseau, President of Appraisal Plus Group, Inc.

Motion by Mongreig with support by Scott to approve the contract between Schoolcraft Township and Nathan D. Brousseau in serving as Township Assessor as a salaried, part-time employee of the Township, not an independent contractor effective January 15, 2010.

Motion carried 5-0

b.) Assessors Agreement for Services:

Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Mongreig to approve the "Agreement For Services Relating To Property Tax Assessing/Appraisal And Land Division Administration" with Appraisals Plus Group, Inc., as presented by Attorney Rolfe with direction to Supervisor Ulsh to make minor changes as agreed upon with Ben Brousseau, President of Appraisal Plus Group, Inc.

Motion carried 5-0

c.) Angel's Crossing: Through discussions with the attorney for the Vicksburg Municipal Building Authority Attorney Rolfe has determined that the Village of Vicksburg has met State of Michigan requirements to be exempt from taxes on the six parcels purchased by the Vicksburg Municipal Building Authority.

NEW BUSINESS

a.) GIS presentation – Dan Frizzo of Prein & Newhof
Pictometry vs GIS

Dan explained the difference between Pictometry and GIS:

*Pictometry = different views of properties

*Pictometry is the name of the company and the product.

*GIS – straight down photo of an area.

Dan demonstrated Pictometry, explained its usefulness, and stated that the current cost is approximately \$1,000.00.

b.) Discussion concerning MTS-SW:

Steve Siegwart- Thanked the township for 21 years of business and advised that Zoning Administer and Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Jake Siegwart will no longer be working full time for MTS, Southwest.

Jake resigned his position of Zoning Administrator Ordinance Enforcement Officer for the township, but will continue with zoning site reviews with office hours by appointment only.

Per advice from Attorney Rolfe new designations for these positions must be made.

Motion by Don with support by Greg to designate Steve Siegwart as interim active Zoning Administrator, process all permit activity, compliance with zoning for buildings, site plan reviews and meeting with the Planning Commission regarding site plans, and to designate Keith Siegwart as Enforcement Officer.

Motion carried 5-0

Steve informed the board of the new front office secretary, Brittany Cole. Steve also requested the Zoning Ordinance on a disk for Jake's use.

Attorney Rolfe will forward the ordinance to MST SW electronically.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a.) Township Recreation Plan: Supervisor Ulsh reminded the board of the recently received a copy of a recreation plan developed by LSL Planning, Inc. The board is encouraged to review the plan.

b.) Sewer and Water Project Updates: No report

ASSESSORS REPORT: Distributed for review.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: The Planning Commission continues to discuss AG District

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT: None

TOWNSHIP PARK COMMITTEE REPORT:

Ryan LaPorte submitted the 2010 Proposed Renewal of Maintenance Contract to include a wage increase from \$800.00 per month to \$900.00 per month to Ryan LaPorte.

Troy Faulk, Schoolcraft Little League President and member of the Swan Park Committee address the board discussing the commitment of the Schoolcraft Little League both financially and over 1,000 community man hours spent building and maintaining the fields. The Little League will spend near \$10,000 on three score boards this spring/summer.

Mr. Faulk stressed the commitment of the Little League and stated that the Little League would like to see a commitment from the Township for capital improvements and/or matching funds

Mr. Faulk states that the Little League is in great need of a concession stand, as the majority of the funds that are put back into the park by the Little League arrive from the sale of concessions.

Mr. Faulk also stated that there is a possibility of holding a portion of the 2010 State Little League State Tournament at Swan Park.

Other groups planning to make Swan Park their home field include Schoolcraft Rocket Football, Vicksburg Lacrosse, and soccer teams.

MEMBERS TIME

Hovenkamp:

Scott: "Official Payments" up and running


Mongreig: Service Master bid for clean-up of construction dust. Commend Shelby Parent and Katie and Ryan LaPorte for much cleaning following construction

Feldmeier: Trustee Feldmeier will be riding the township roads with Jim Beaudoin of the Kalamazoo County Road Commission in the spring

Ulsh: Risk Insurance Meeting – Follow up needed in some areas

Webber School House at Gourdneck Lake Cemetery is deteriorating – in need of repair.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Scott with support by Feldmeier to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.


Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft