

Schoolcraft Township Board
July 12, 2011
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 Feldmeier with support by Scott to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Scott with support by Hovenkamp to approve the June 14, 2011, meeting minutes as presented

Motion carried 5-0

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

Motion carried 5-0

Treasurer Scott Reported:

Interest Income for June 2011	\$ 128.95
Income for June 2011	\$ 23,574.50
Expenditures for June 2011	\$ 72,519.58
Total Cash	<u>\$285,642.65</u>

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

Motion carried 5-0

New Business

a.) Radon Testing:

The Board unanimously agreed to an outreach event in Prairie Ronde and Schoolcraft Township's offered by the Kalamazoo County Health & Human Services for Radon and Arsenic Testing. Supervisor Ulsh will contact KCHCS to set a date of the event.

b.) Watercraft Signage: The Township has been notified by Conservation Officer, Paul Higashi that the buoys and signage on the lakes in Schoolcraft Township are in need of replacement. The responsibility to replace the buoys and signage falls to the Township as regulated in Schoolcraft Township Ordinances #82, #186, and #187 which are related to Watercraft Safety.

Motion by Mongreig to purchase buoys and signage for Big Sugarloaf, Little Sugarloaf, Gourdneck, Hogsett, Black, and Tub Lakes. The buoys to be purchased from Walsh Marine Buoys at a cost of \$135.75 each, (includes shipping) and signs from Rathco Safety Supply, Inc.

Motion carried 5-0

c.) Siegfried Crandall P.C. May 31, 2011 Draft Audit: Motion by Scott with support by Hovenkamp to table postpone action on the 3/31/11 Audit Draft.

d.) Sunset Lake Weed Treatment Change: In an email from Don Debruin of the Sunset Lake Association, dated June 28, 2011, Mr. Debruin advised that the Association is using a new treatment in called Clipper which costs substantially more. Mr. Debruin was asked to meet with the supervisor and treasurer to discuss this change, as the original contract did not include this chemical. The discussion included the need for PLM Lakes & Land Management working with Schoolcraft Township in all future changes in the contract as Schoolcraft Township is responsible for this treatment process. Supervisor Ulsh spoke with Andy Tomaszewski, Southern Lake Manager of PLM Lake & Land Management Corp. directing him of the same.

The Township then received a request from PLM Lake & Land Management Corp. for an Addendum to Sunset Lake Weed Control Contract, adding the Clipper treatment.

Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Scott to approve the Addendum to Sunset Lake Weed Control Contract, adding the Clipper treatment.

Motion carried 5-0

Citizens Time for non-agenda items: Schoolcraft Township resident and land owner, Jerry Schuring expressed dissatisfaction of the cost of recently issued building permits, stating that he believes that the costs are completely out of line.

Supervisor Ulsh told Mr. Schuring that the costs depend on the type of building permit requested, and that Mr. Siegwart, of MTS, SW follows State of Michigan construction charts to calculate the costs.

Clerk Mongreig suggested getting bids on the identical plans from two other companies to compare costs.

Assessors Report – Reviewed

Planning Commission Report: No Meeting since June Township Board Meeting

Zoning Board of Appeals Report: None

Township Park Committee Report

Concessions receipts to be reported at the end of season.

Members Time

Feldmeier: Trustee Feldmeier stated that the meeting he and Supervisor Ulsh had with Supervisor Dave Healy of Texas Township was very informative explaining the process of obtaining funds for road improvements, and suggest inviting him to Schoolcraft Township and give a power point presentation to the board.

Trustee Hovenkamp asked if the MTA may have information that will help. Supervisor Ulsh will contact MTA.

Trustee Feldmeier suggested and was supported by Trustee Hovenkamp and Clerk Mongreig to begin the process soon so that the funding may be available for the 2012 road repair season.

Supervisor Ulsh will check with Attorney Rolfe as to the timeline for public hearings and legal noticing.

Trustee Feldmeier commended South County Commercial Express reporter Pat Temple on her recent article on JRS Rettenmaier.

Clerk Mongreig referred the board to two items in particular on the current attorney statement, and also discussed the increase in attorney bills in recent months. Trustees Hovenkamp and Feldmeier requested copies of the statements for review.


Clerk Mongreig shared photographs of various gravesites in the Vicksburg Cemetery where “decorations/memorials” are placed outside of the required 12 inch planting space. Letters were sent to all in violation.

Treasurer Scott stated that tax statements are out and payment is slowly rolling in.

Supervisor Ulsh discussed Ordinance Officer Roberts issuing many citations for RV and boats parked in the streets and on property.

Supervisor Ulsh will schedule a meeting with Supervisor Healy of Texas Township in the near future.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.


Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft