

Schoolcraft Township Board
May 11, 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 Ken Hovenkamp
And Trustee Feldmeier

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Scott with support by Hovenkamp to approve the agenda as presented
Motion Carried 5-0

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Scott with support by Hovenkamp to approve the minutes of the Schoolcraft Township Regular Board Meeting of April 13, 2010 with correction in Attorney's Time, B.) should read Mr. Larry Rolfe, not Mr. Stanley Rolfe.
Motion Carried 5-0

List of Bills: Motion by Feldmeier with support by Hovenkamp to approve the List of Bills.
Motion Carried 5-0

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

Interest Income - April 2010	\$239.16
Income - April 2010	\$13,716.61
Expenditures - April 2010	\$82,980.06
Total Cash	\$458,174.56

Motion Carried 5-0

Citizens Time On Non-Agenda Items: Leonard Jaworski - See New Business, Item B.

Attorney's Time:

A.) Sunset Lake Special Public Hearing On Sunset Lake Improvement Project Special Assessment District:

Attorney Rolfe spoke to the failure of the Township to properly notice the Resolution Creating Special Assessment District and Granting Approval To Proceed With Project, held April 13, 2010 to a number of parcel owners within the proposed district.

Motion by Mongreig with support by Scott to open the public hearing.

Motion carried 5-0

There being no questions or comments from the residents/property owners, a motion was made by Hovenkamp with support by Scott to close the public hearing.

Motion carried 5-0

B.) Public Hearing Sunset Lake Improvement Project (Aquatic Vegetation Control)

Resolution Confirming Special Assessment Roll:

Attorney Rolfe addressed the audience stating that if anyone wanted to formally protest their assessment they need to sign the form made available for this meeting.

Motion by Mongreig with support by Scott to open the public hearing.

Motion carried 5-0

c. James Hainen 12893 Bayview Drive- Can the time of the assessment be extended?

d. Attorney Rolfe- This is a 5 year Assessment Roll. The Township cannot extend the Assessment Roll without further proceedings i.e.: Public Hearing

Mr. Hainen - Is the village itself in this?

Attorney Rolfe - No. The Village of Vicksburg has committed \$6,000 per year for a total of \$30,000.00.

Mr. Hainen - Fixed cost per year?

Attorney Rolfe - That is the typical way of doing it.

Ron Smith 300 McKain Street - Every year PLM gives a quote for the service. The Association only comes up with half need by donations. Over the years we have not done what is required.

Cliff Kegeler 12921 Bayview Drive - Can we put stuff (chemicals) in the lake since the mill is closed.

Supervisor Ulsh - The mill owns the water rights - not the lake.

Don DeBruin 109 East North Street - I have spoken with other around the lake about incorrect amount given (on petition).

Mark Crawford 12925 Bayview Drive - If excess dollars after treatment. What next?

Attorney Rolfe - If the surplus is more than 5% the Township must refund. If the surplus is less than 5% the Township may roll in to the general fund.

Tom Jones 202 Sunset Drive - How are the funds budgeted?

Attorney Rolfe - Special Assessment revenues are not received for approximately one year. The Treasurer has set up a Special Assessment Revolving Fund. As assessment revenues come in, the funds are paid back to the township.

Ron Smith - \$333.88 is ok.

Cliff Kegeler - What about the lake level?

Attorney Rolfe - The Public Hearing is for weed control, not lake level.

Attorney Rolfe - Although the township board relies upon the lake association, decision is up to the board to meet with PLM on how to treat.

Motion by Feldmeier with support by Scott to close the public hearing.

Motion carried 5-0

To Trustee Feldmeier's question of success in treating the weeds on Barton Lake, Trustee Hovenkamp stated that he has noticed a distinct difference (for the better) in the lake since treatment.

Mark Crawford 12925 Bayview Drive - Did PLM treat Barton Lake

Attorney Rolfe - Yes

Attorney Rolfe informed the audience that the publication cost could be approximately \$2,000 which including legal costs may very well go over the \$6,000 from the Vicksburg Foundation.

Supervisor Ulsh stated that the total costs will be revisited once all invoices have been received.

Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Feldmeier to adopt the Resolution Confirming Special Assessment Roll.

Roll Call Vote:	Feldmeier	yes
	Hovenkamp	yes
	Mongreig	yes
	Scott	yes
	Ulsh	yes

Motion carried 5-0

New Business:

A.) KRW & WC Intergovernmental Agreement:

Supervisor Ulsh explain that the City of Kalamazoo has not been in co-operation with the initial Intergovernmental Agreement which was executed in 1998 and amended in 2002 and 2003. The City of Kalamazoo continues to raise rates and not let the Commission know why. The "2002 New Day Agreement", a separate agreement with the City of Kalamazoo expired three years later and negotiations with the City of Kalamazoo for a new water service agreement terminated. Among several amendments, the most significant amendment establishes that membership is limited to these government entities that purchase or may in the future purchase water or wastewater services from the City of Kalamazoo. It clarifies the City of Kalamazoo is no longer a member of the Regional Water and Wastewater Commission. The proposed amendment also clarifies membership rights, the agreement's purpose, the duration of the agreement, the specific powers of the Commission, voting rights, meeting times, and the requirements for quorum and majority vote.

Motion by Ulsh with support by Mongreig to adopt the Kalamazoo Regional Water and Wastewater Commission Resolution Amending Paragraphs 1, 3E, 3F, 3G AND 3H Of The Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement Kalamazoo Regional Water and Wastewater Commission.

Motion carried 5-0

B.) Ordinance Enforcement and Zoning Administration Discussion:

The board discussed issues with Michigan Township Services, S.W. and expressed disappointment in their performance in ordinance enforcement and site plan reviews over the past few years.

Supervisor Ulsh has begun discussions with other providers.

Motion by Mongreig with support by Scott to give 60 day notice to MTS, S.W.

Motion carried 5-0

C.) Determine 2010 Road Maintenance Expenditures:

Motion by Feldmeier with support by Hovenkamp to make the repairs to the following streets/roads in 2010:

Oakland Drive North of U Avenue to the Portage City limit:	\$ 2,040.00 -Crack Seal
Oakland Drive North to North of U Avenue:	\$ 5,040.00 -Crack Seal
Oakland Drive - VW Avenue to U Avenue	\$ 32,667.25 -Chip Seal
Oakland Drive VW Avenue to U Avenue	\$ 6,000.00 -Crack Seal
23rd Street U Avenue to T Avenue and	
U Avenue 22nd Street to 23rd Street	\$ 38,250.00 -HMA Wedging
V Avenue 18th Street to Portage Road	\$ 21,642.25 - Chip Seal
14th Street YZ Avenue to XY Avenue	<u>\$ 92,049.75</u>
	\$197,689.25 TOTAL

Motion carried 5-0

Total costs for road repairs for 2010 \$197,689.25 with \$150,000 budgeted from Schoolcraft Township and balance from Kalamazoo County Road Commission.

D.) Kalamazoo County Substance Abuse Task Force Proclamation: Motion by Scott with support by Hovenkamp to approve the Kalamazoo County Substance Abuse Task Force Proclamation, proclaiming the month of May 2010 to be: "Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking" Month.

Motion carried 5-0

E.) Recreation Plan:

Supervisor Ulsh distributed to the board members a copy of the draft Schoolcraft Township Parks and Recreation Plan by LSL Planning, Inc. A joint meeting of the Township Board, Planning Commission and Swan Park Committee will be scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Assessor's Report: Distributed

Report From Planning Commission: Trustee Hovenkamp reported that that Planning Commission is working on the AG District.

Township Park: Ryan LaPorte reported of a break in of the women's restroom.

Trustee Hovenkamp reported that he has located a trailer for the Little League to use for concessions.

Member's Time:

ott - BS&A Net software installed and working

ldmeier - Voiced concerns of the farmers planting too close to the streets. He was referred to the Kalamazoo County Road Commission.

Mongreig - Asked what was being done with the trailer parked at U Avenue and 131. Ulsh and Hovenkamp replied that the trailer has a "For Sale" sign on it.

Ulsh - Motion by Ulsh with support by Mongreig to approve the following terms of SCIC Members:

Through 13/31/10....Hisko Timmermans, Charles Bibart

Through 12/31/11....Bill Brumleve, David Reno


Through 12/31/12....Tim Frisbee, Ken Hovenkamp

Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Ulsh with support by Hovenkamp to change to Volunteer Energy Services, Inc., a natural gas supplier to Consumers Energy.

Motion carried 5-0

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:14 p.m.



Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft