

Schoolcraft Township Board
Schoolcraft Township Hall
October 12, 2010

Call to Order 7:00 p.m.
Oath of Allegiance

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

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion by Scott with support by Feldmeier to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 14, 2010 with the following correction:
"Trustee Feldmeier stated that it is critical to include the farmers of the district be in discussions."
Motion Carried 5-0

Approval of List of Bills: Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Feldmeier to approve the list of bills as presented.
Motion Carried 5-0

Approval of Treasurers Report:

Interest Income for September 2010	\$ 145.98
Income for September 2010	\$89,892.41
Expenditures for September 2010	\$186,977.16
Total Cash	\$221,503.47

Motion by Mongreig with support by Hovenkamp to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.
Motion Carried 5-0

Citizens Time for Non-Agenda Items:

John Stodola of the Schoolcraft Community Library gave a synopsis of finances, membership, programs and the spring 2011 building expansion.

New Business

a.) Enhanced Access Agreement: The City of Kalamazoo is requesting permission to receive annual digital updates from the cities, villages and townships within Kalamazoo County, and from Kalamazoo County. The digital parcel data will be used with the City of Kalamazoo's 911 dispatching system (Intergraph Public Safety) to achieve the highest level of accuracy for identifying the location of an emergency situation.

Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Mongreig to approve the Agreement "To Allow The City Of Kalamazoo Access To Digital Parcel Data For Public Safety Dispatching"

Motion Carried 5-0

b.) Web Site Design: The Township received two website design quotes; Christopher Jones with an annual bid of \$990.00, and I.T.Right with an annual bid of \$650.00.

Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Scott to accept the I.T. Right bid of \$650.00.

Motion Carried 5-0

c.) Acceptance of Zoning Board of Appeals Member Resignation: ZBA member, Darlene Brockman submitted a letter of resignation stating that due to work obligations she will have to resign for the board.

Motion by Mongreig with support by Feldmeier to accept the resignation of Darlene Brockman from the ZBA.

Motion Carried 5-0

d.) **Discussion of Trail Easement:** The board received a letter of recommendation from the South County Intermunicipality Committee along with a drawing for a trail way easement through the Schoolcraft Township property located on W Avenue east of the entrance to Angel's Crossing Golf Course.

Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Mongreig to direct Schoolcraft Township Attorney Crag Rolfe to begin legal the process for the easement including any liability issues the township may encounter.

tion Carried 5-0

Assessor's Report: The board reviewed the Assessor's Report which included:

Update data on changes of addresses

Review of suspicious Principal Residence Exemptions

Compilation of tax issues to take to the December Board of Review.

Motion by Feldmeier with support by Scott to approve the assessor's report as presented.

Motion Carried 5-0

Planning Commission Report: Trustee Hovenkamp reported of continuing work on the new AG District, and noted that the Planning Commission will be mailing letters to the Schoolcraft Township property owners of 40 acres+ prior to a public hearing.

Trustee Hovenkamp also informed the board of Planning Commission discussions regarding Section 22.1.4 of the Schoolcraft Township Zoning Ordinance generally requiring non-agricultural buildings to be located in the rear yard, and considering revisions to the ordinance.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report: Supervisor Ulsh reported that a variance request for a 46x60 pole barn was approved at the October 7, 2010 meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Township Park Committee Report:

Ryan LaPorte reported on the following:

The Park Committee is reviewing an Ordinance/Enforcement policy for Swan Park users.

set of rules/welcome sheet will be distributed to all Little League teams at the beginning of the 2010 season.

e Eagle Scout project - Flag Pole is to be pulled and straightened this month.

Ryan will complete winterization of the grounds by the end of October.

Members Time:

Treasurer Scott: Questioned closing days for Federal Holidays

Clerk Mongreig: Working on the November 2, 2010 Election

Reported notification by Canadian National Railroad the 16th Street railroad crossing will be closed for one week beginning Monday, October 18, 2010.


Trustee Feldmeier: Does the township have an ordinance on leaf burning? He was advised that indeed the township does have an ordinance. Burning is allowed with a township-issued permit. If the burning bothers anyone, the fire must be extinguished. Failure to comply will result in fines.

Trustee Feldmeier requested an accounting of Schoolcraft Township expenses and Kalamazoo County Road Commission contribution to the road work completed in the township this year.

Supervisor Ulsh: Supervisor Ulsh found three errors while reviewing the newly drafted recreation plan which he has forwarded to Sherrin Hood at LSL Planning, Inc.

The Planning Commission has scheduled a December 6, 2010 meeting with the 40+ acres landowners of Schoolcraft Township

tion by Scott with support by Feldmeier to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.


Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk

