



SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP

August 9, 2022 Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Including Zoom

Members Present: Supervisor Ulsh, Clerk Mongreig, Treasurer Scott, Trustee Fryling, and Trustee Stafford.

Motion by Fryling with second by Stafford to approve the **Agenda** with the addition of:

New Business:

g.) US 131 South County Sewer & Water Authority

h.) Horse Boarding Ordinance

i.) ARPA Discussion

Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Scott with second Fryling to approve minutes **Regular Meeting July 12, 2022. Motion Carried 5-0.**

Motion by Stafford second Scott to approve **List of Bills. Motion Carried 5-0**

Treasurer Scott Reported:

Income July 2022	\$ 93,946.08
Expenditures	\$207,125.40
June 30, 2022 Balance	\$564,849.36
July 31, 2022	\$436,149.25
Total ARPA Funds	\$250,061.45

Motion by Mongreig second Fryling approve as presented. **Motion Carried 5-0**

Public Comment:

Helen Schultz would like a discussion/meeting regarding her husband's grave in the Vicksburg Cemetery.

Supervisor Ulsh will be in contact with her.

Kalamazoo County Commissioner, John Gisler:

1.) Kalamazoo County Fair update-more livestock and 4-H programs with no midway.

2.) The Justice Center is on schedule. The State of Michigan has determined that the heavy caseload in Kalamazoo County warrants another judge. The addition of another judge of Kalamazoo County has presented the need for more chambers and office space. The County is planning for the addition.

3.) United Airlines is no longer flying out of the Kalamazoo Battle Creek International Airport. A new airline, Avelo Airlines will begin non-stop flights direct to Orlando in October 2022 through February/March 2023.

Supervisor Ulsh asked Gisler the status of the Gourdneck Lake property that the county is trying to claim.

Gisler stated that due to an error by the County's attorney in filing of the condemnation the process has been delayed.

Motion by Fryling with second by Stafford to approve the 2021-2022 Siegfried Crandall P.C. **draft audit of financial statements** of the Township of Schoolcraft. **Motion Carried 5-0**

Motion by Ulsh with second by Fryling to approve the amendment to the **JRS Rettenmaier Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption.**

Motion by Scott with second by Ulsh to approve the **U.S. Signal –Metro Act agreement. Motion Carried 5-0**

Discussion of **RV setbacks:** Treasurer Scott and Clerk Mongreig reminded the board of all of the work involved, time and money spent creating this ordinance. And that safety was a significant issue. No action was taken.

Motion by Scott with second by Ulsh, by recommendation of the Planning Commission, to adopt **Ordinance to Amend Schoolcraft Township's Zoning Ordinance Regarding Accessory Buildings**.

Roll Call Vote: Fryling – yes, Stafford – yes, Ulsh – yes, Scott – yes, Mongreig – yes. **Motion Carried 5-0**

***At this point the Vicksburg Village water increase was erroneously listed as an agenda item. The item was correspondence only. No action.**

Motion by Fryling with second by Stafford to submit a \$10,000.00 refundable fee to JPR Architecture and Engineers who along with Wightman, Inc. will begin a preliminary engineering report in preparation of a possible **Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF)** and collection system in an area of St. Joseph County which could jointly serve up to five jurisdictions, also known as **"Proposal For South County Sewer and Water Authority Feasibility Study"**. **Motion Carried 5-0**

Motion by Scott with second by Ulsh, by recommendation of the Planning Commission, to adopt **"Ordinance To Amend Township's Zoning Ordinance Regarding Horse Boarding"**.

Roll Call Vote: Fryling – yes, Stafford – yes, Ulsh – yes, Scott – yes, Mongreig – yes. **Motion Carried 5-0**

Treasurer Scott has been reviewing area financial institutions for the deposit of Schoolcraft Township's remaining **ARPA Funds**. Trustee Fryling has written a survey to be mailed to all property owners of Schoolcraft Township for input on spending the funds wisely for lasting benefit to the community. The Township plans to mail a newsletter to all property owners in late 2022 which will include the survey.

Planning Commission: Trustee Stafford reported that the Planning Commission approved the site plan for Connections Community Church.

Swan Park Report: Split rail fencing repairs needed on the east end of the park.

South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority Report: Trustee Fryling is experiencing difficulty with the omissions of information in the SKCFA minutes.

Members Time:

Fryling reported that road projects are moving along as expected.

Clerk Mongreig distributed examples of two drop boxes, of which one will be purchased and installed, replacing the current box at the front of the Township Hall. Motion by Ulsh with second by Scott to allow up to \$2,500.00 for the project. **Motion Carried 5-0**

Clerk Mongreig reported that of 7,416 voters in Schoolcraft Township 2,023, or 27.28% turned out for the August 2, 2022 Primary Election.

Clerk Mongreig distributed a map showing a road improvement request at the Schoolcraft Township Cemetery on US 131. The board directed her to obtain bids for the work.

Treasurer Scott will be depositing the balance of the ARPA Funds, \$250,055.76, into a 12 month certificate of deposit with Consumers Credit Union.

Scott also informed the board that work on the next Barton Lake Weed Treatment Assessment will begin in September with a Public Hearing on the Assessment Roll in October 2022.

Meeting adjourned 7:20 p.m.


Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk