



December 12, 2023

Including Zoom

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

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

Member Absent: Trustee Fryling

Motion by Stafford with second by Scott to approve the **Agenda** as presented. **Unanimously carried.**

Motion by Stafford to amend a portion of the minutes as written with no support. Motion by Scott to change the language in reference to Zoom Video, and correction of Kalamazoo County Road Commission member name to Mark Warden. Motion by Stafford with second by Scott to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2023, Regular Board Minutes. **Unanimously carried.**

Motion by Scott with second by Stafford to approve the **List of Bills** as presented. **Unanimously carried.**

Treasurer Scott reported:

Income for month of November 2023	\$ 115,892.85
Expenditures	\$ 88,543.34
Balance October 31, 2023,	\$ 351,411.25
Balance November 30, 2023,	\$ 378,760.76
Total ARPA Funds	\$ 500,117.21

Motion by Mongreig with second by Stafford to approve the **Treasurer's Report** as presented. **Unanimously carried.**

Citizen's Time:

Kalamazoo County Commissioner, Wendy Mazer reported that the Judge Charles A. Pratt Justice Center is now open.

Motion by Scott with second by Ulsh to approve the Draft Proposal of the **South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority**. **Unanimously carried.**

Schoolcraft Township 2024-2025 Budget Workshop has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 12 Noon.

Planning Commission: Trustee Stafford reported the conditional approval of the Site Plan presented by TM Asphalt. Conditions to be submitted to Zoning Administrator, Christine Hamilton of SCMCCI.

The Planning Commission also discussed the Schoolcraft Master Plan draft, and short-term rentals. Due to an error in mapping by the representative of the WE Upjohn Institute the Planning Commission anticipates receiving corrected mapping prior to their January 8, 2024, meeting for consideration of approval of the Master Plan.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Schoolcraft Township Attorney Michael Homier recommended the Zoning Board of Appeals agree to the agreement between the neighbors. Attorney Homier dropped the Clapp Ordinance Violation citation without prejudice.

Swan Park Report: More dug outs are under construction.

South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority: Above

South County Sewer & Water: Continued study on the US 131 Lockport Waste Water System Feasibility Study and the potential of the expansion of the Lockport Municipal Water system to provide water service along the US 131 Corridor and including Schoolcraft Township. Supervisor Ush gave an estimate of \$7K to \$10K for the study, with a Letter of Intent with Lockport Township expected at the January 9, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Schoolcraft Township Board. Supervisor Ush told of the owner of property just south of Schoolcraft Township who is investing \$250mm to the project and a future steel plant coming to the Township.

Member Time:

Treasurer Scott: SCMCCI is seeking a building inspector to replace current building inspector, Christine Hamilton.

Attorney Homier has informed Treasurer Scott that Schoolcraft Township is listed as an interested party of the Plainsman Motel which is again in foreclosure.

Scott has received two bids for the automated signage.


Clerk Mongreig: Dugouts are going up at the Schoolcraft Little League fields – volunteers.

Consumers Sand and Gravel has donated \$1,000.00 to the Little League.

The South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority will be burning brush at the Schoolcraft Township Cemetery on US131, and Dustin Barrett, DJL Dirtworks, LLC will be removing soil from the cemetery.

Supervisor Ush: Circulated a Kalamazoo County map reflecting the boundary lines of surrounding townships, noting that Schoolcraft Township is the remaining township with an open border to the City of Portage. A discussion of Charter Township pros and cons with constituents commenced, along with best steps to get information to the voters rather than inaccurate comments on social media. Town hall meetings and/or direct mailings detailing the needs necessary to become a Charter Township.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15


Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft