

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
June 7, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Village Council held on Zoom, was called to order by President Gunnett at 7:00 p.m.

The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were led by President Gunnett.

ROLL CALL:

Each Council Member stated their name and location.

Present: President Gunnett, Trustees Rochholz, Mastenbrook, Stodola, Bergland, and Barnes, and Carlin.
Absent: None.
Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Clerk Theresa O'Leary, Finance Director/Assistant Manager Tammi Youngs, Chief Scott Boling, DPW Superintendent Rob Coffman, Water Superintendent Adam Wood, Tom Wheat and Mike Presta from Prein and Newhof, Jennifer Doorn, Rob Peterson, Rob Bingaman, Joe Beck and Kim Parker.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Rochholz, seconded by Barnes, to approve the agenda as presented. By Roll Call; All aye.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Mastenbrook, seconded by Bergland to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. By Roll Call; All aye.

CITIZEN'S ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Mr. Mike Presta and Mr. Tom wheat appeared before the Village Council to provide an update on current and future infrastructure as follows:

Mike Presta:

- o He provided information regarding grant funding for East Lyon Street through Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS).

Costs as follows:

- o \$126,000.00 KATS award
- o 45,000.00 Engineering costs (Village pays)

\$171,000.00 Total Cost

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- He stated KATS (grant) will pay \$100,000 of the total Engineering and Construction cost, and the village would be responsible for the additional payment of \$70,000.00. Total cost of project to be approximately \$171,000.

Motion by Rochholz, seconded by Barnes to approve the funding for the road project on East Lyon Street, commencing in the spring or summer of 2022. All aye.

Tom Wheat had the following statements:

Roads.

- He stated that overall, the roads are in decent shape, but will need attention in the near future.
- He stated that Prein & Newhof is in the process of estimating condition of, and a time for re-paving.

Infrastructure

- He stated the water system is in good shape.
- He stated it is a priority to change out the 4" cast iron lines and replace with 8" lines.
- He stated an inventory of water lines needs to be completed by 2025.

Well Site

- He stated that identification of a new well site is a priority, and that a parcel would need to be 400 x 500 feet to accommodate one well.
- He stated that the Wellhead Protection Grant cannot be used to purchase a site for a new well.
- He stated that the American Recovery Grant can be used to land for a new well site.

Sanitary Sewer

- He stated that it would not be cost effective to install sanitary sewer along US 131, and that the entire Village would have to be a part of that project.
- He stated that combining projects like sanitary sewer installation, and changing water mains and lines would not impact the overall cost of a sanitary sewer project.

- b) Ms. Jennifer Doorn presented information sheet to the Council regarding urban chickens.

Trustee comments:

Trustee Rochholz stated that he has concern regarding how people would care for their chickens.

President Keith Gunnett stated Council must take into consideration the cost to institute an ordinance, and the cost to make sure residents who wish to raise chickens are complying with the ordinance.

Trustee Stodola stated concern regarding predators entering the Village to attack chickens; and whether the value of a home would go down if there was a chicken coop located next door.

It was the consensus of the Council to do some research and discuss this topic at the July 5, 2021 Council meeting.

TABULATION OF BIDS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter from Mr. and Mrs. Mark Parker was acknowledged for file.

STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS:

Village Manager Cheri Lutz made the following statements:

- She stated at the June 14, 2021, Planning Commission meeting, site plans for Clark Logic will be reviewed.
- She stated Bert Gale from Associated Government Services will be attending the next few Planning Commission meetings to assist with procedures and details.

Chief Scott Boling had the following statement:

- He stated the Schoolcraft Police Department is actively working on ordinance violations.

Trustee Todd Carlin had the following statement:

- He stated the practice burn of the Plainsman Hotel has been delayed until further notice.

DPW Superintendent Rob Coffman had the following statement:

- He stated the refuse drop off on Saturday, June 5, 2021 went well and one truck was used from Best Way Disposal.

The Council will consider a fall drop off if the budget permits.

Mr. Rob Bingaman questioned the purpose of the Planning Commission if pre-meetings are held in advance of Regular Planning Commission meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Keith F. Gunnett, President

Theresa O'Leary, Village Clerk