

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
January 17, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Village Council held at 442 N. Grand Street 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:

Present: President Gunnett, Trustees Mastenbrook, Rochholz, Carlin, Stodola, Bergland, and Barnes.
Absent: None.
Also Present: Village Clerk Theresa O'Leary, Finance Director/Assistant Manager Tammi Youngs, Joe Beck, and Rob Peterson,

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Rochholz, seconded by Barnes, to approve the (revised) agenda with the following change:

Omit

7. Unfinished Business
Discussion regarding infrastructure needs.

Ayes: President Gunnett, Trustees Rochholz, Mastenbrook, Bergland, Barnes, and Carlin.
Nays: Trustee Stodola

Council members discussed the revised agenda.

Council members made the following statements:

Trustee Stodola:

- He stated his concerned over the fact the entire Council wasn't consulted about cancelling the topics under New Business.
- He stated this is an unnecessary delay of discussion on two extremely important topics.
- He stated any changes to the agenda should be presented to the entire Council.
- He stated it is not appropriate to have the President of the Council make the decision to change the agenda to not include the presentation from Prein and Newhof and Baker Tilly.
- He stated everyone should work together.
- He stated he would like a special meeting scheduled, inviting Prein and Newhof and Baker Tilly to give their presentations.
- He stated he believes cancelling the meeting and delaying the conversation about important subjects, leads to an unfavorable public perception.
- He stated delaying the discussion and vote is costing time and money.

President Gunnett made the following statement:

- He stated he would like to hear more than one proposal.

Trustee Mastenbrook:

- She stated the deadline to submit the application for Intent to Apply for a grant from Drinking Water Revolving Fund is January 31, 2022.
- She stated she is insulted the Council was not consulted about the changes on the agenda and the meeting cancellation.

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- She stated she doesn't believe a vote was going to take place at this meeting as it was an informational meeting.
- She stated the meeting should not have been cancelled. Discussion is needed on this important topic.
- She stated she has compiled a list of questions she was going to ask Prein and Newhof at the meeting.

Trustee Rochholz:

- He stated the meeting could have been held.
- He stated before a meeting is cancelled the Council should discuss the reasons, then make a decision based on the conversation.
- He stated that the President and Village Manager compose the agenda. They can change the agenda.

Trustee Bergland:

- He stated his concern over the meeting being cancelled without consulting with the rest of the Council.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Rochholz, seconded by Barnes to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Ayes: President Gunnnett, Trustees Rochholz, Mastenbrook, Carlin, and Barnes.

Nays: Trustees Stodola and Bergland.

Stodola requested a comment be added under Village Manager Reports. He stated he believes Village Manager Lutz stated she would invite Prein and Newhof to attend the Council Meeting on January 17, 2022 so the Council can ask questions regarding funding of infrastructure needs.

Mastenbrook stated that change can be made at an upcoming meeting, after confirming with Village Manager Lutz that it was said.

Subject was tabled until the statement could be confirmed.

CITIZEN'S ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

TABULATION OF BIDS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS:

Trustee Stodola made the following statements:

- He stated in a couple weeks he will be out of state for an unknown amount of time. He will make every effort to attend all meetings.
- He stated Michigan is establishing a Rural Development Office.
- He stated some areas are going through redistricting.

Trustee Mastenbrook made the following statements:

- She stated she is in support of holding a special meeting for Prein and Newhof and Baker Tilly to give their presentation, saying she would like to hear their proposal.

Trustees Mastenbrook, Stodola and Bergland agreed a special meeting should be held.

The Council asked Finance Director/Assistant Manager Tammi Youngs to call Prein and Newhof and Baker Tilly to see if they are available Monday, January 21, to attend the special meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Keith F. Gunnett, President

Theresa O'Leary, Village Clerk