

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
April 18, 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 Bergland, Carlin, Barnes, and Stodola.
Absent: None.
Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Clerk Theresa O'Leary, Finance Director/Assistant Manager Tammi Youngs, Chief Scott Smith, Rob Peterson, Linda Barnes, Joe Beck, and Toni Rafferty.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

CITIZEN'S ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Resolution 2022-04. A Resolution of Appreciation to Sergeant Jamie Edwards for his Exceptional Service to the Village of Schoolcraft was read aloud.

Motion by Stodola, seconded by Barnes to adopt Resolution 2022-04 as presented. All aye.
- b) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding Resolution 2022-05. A Performance Resolution for Municipalities was discussed.

Motion by Rochholz, seconded by Mastenbrook to Adopt Resolution 2022-05 as presented. All aye.
- c) The memorandum from Finance Director/Assistant Manager Tammi Youngs regarding Resolution 2022-06. A Resolution to Amend the Fiscal year 2021-2022 Budget to Allow the Transfer of Funds to Create a Balanced Budget was discussed.

Motion by Stodola, seconded by Barnes to adopt Resolution 2022-06 as presented. All aye.
- d) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding appointment of Planning Commission to DDA was discussed.

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Village Manager Cheri Lutz made the following statements regarding the merge of the Planning Commission and DDA:

- She stated if the Council wishes to pursue the merge a Resolution needs to be adopted and Bylaws need to be drafted.
- She stated it is mandatory there be at least 9 members on the Commission/Board.
- She stated she would like to vet people who wish to volunteer; saying they should be positive ambassadors for the Village, attend meetings, and work in a positive and productive manner with Village Staff.
- She stated the other option would be to reduce the Planning Commission to five members.

It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with the merge.

- e) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding Council Goals was discussed. Trustee Stodola made the following statements:

- He stated some of the goals have been met, or have been started.
- He stated the Village should ask early and ask often for grants or funding.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz made the following statements:

- She stated the Village of Schoolcraft did not qualify for the first round of funding from Federal Drinking Water and Sewer Revolving Fund.
- She stated Mike Presta from Prein and Newhof is doing research on ways to make the Village of Schoolcraft more qualified for federal funding.
- She stated goals are directly related to the amount of money the Village can spend. Without money, some of the goals are not attainable.

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by Carlin to hold a special meeting on a date to be determined, to review all Council goals to determine which ones are attainable. All aye.

- f) Trustee Kathy Mastenbrook made the following statement regarding a site visit to Bloomingdale to look at their waste water plant.

She made the following statements:

- She stated that Prein and Newhof should be invited to visit the plant, along with the Village of Schoolcraft.
- She stated as a professional courtesy, Prein and Newhof should be made aware of the Village of Schoolcraft's visit to the waste water plant in Bloomingdale.

Trustee John Stodola made the following statements:

- He stated when the Village of Schoolcraft has the opportunity to learn about a system, Prein and Newhof should be included. This will help refine options for sanitary sewer for the Village of Schoolcraft.
- He stated the South County Sewer and Water Commission should also be informed about any sites the Village of Schoolcraft visits.

President Keith Gunnett made the following statement:

- He stated he will inform Tom Wheat from Prein and Newhof that the Village of Schoolcraft is visiting Bloomingdale.

- g) Toni Rafferty appeared before the Council to provide an update on the 4th of July parade, fireworks, and their website.

TABULATION OF BIDS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS:

Village Manager Cheri Lutz had the following statement:

- She stated the Food Truck Rally and live band in Burch Park are scheduled for June 15, July 20 and August 17, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Chief Scott Smith made the following statement:

- He stated he has been working with Sergeant Jamie Edwards the past week.

Trustee Todd Carlin had the following statement:

- He stated the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority will meet Wednesday, April 20, 2022 in person.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Keith F. Gunnett, President

Theresa O'Leary, Village Clerk