

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
April 4, 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, Bergland, Carlin, Barnes, and Stodola.
Absent: Trustee Rochholz
Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Clerk Theresa O'Leary, Finance Director/Assistant Manager Tammi Youngs, Acting Chief Jamie Edwards, Scott Smith, Noelle Smith, Rob Peterson, Linda Barnes, Joe Beck, Doug McMillan, Christy Fitzsimmons and Scott Fitzsimmons.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Mastenbrook, seconded by Barnes, to approve the agenda with the following modification:

Add: Under New Business Add: C) Swearing in of Scott Smith as new Chief of Police.
All aye.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Stodola, seconded by Barnes to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All aye.

CITIZEN'S ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Ms. Christy Fitzsimmons and Mr. Scott Fitzsimmons appeared before the Council to express their concerns over the parking ordinances.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) President Keith Gunnett introduced Scott Smith, who will be the new Chief of Police for the Schoolcraft Police Department beginning April 11, 2022.
- b) President Keith Gunnett read aloud Resolution 2022-04. A Resolution of Appreciation to Sergeant Jamie Edwards.
- c) Before the Council, Mr. Scott Smith was sworn in as Chief of Police, Schoolcraft Police Department.

TABULATION OF BIDS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS:

President Keith Gunnett made the following statement:

- He stated a waste water plant is being built in Park Township.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz had the following statements:

- She asked the Council if the \$2,500 usually donated toward 4th of July fireworks, could be donated to the 4th of July Committee this year.

Motion by Mastenbrook, seconded by Barnes to donate \$2,500 to the 4th of July Committee. All aye.

- She stated she has talked to Kalamazoo Experiential Learning Center, the organization that organizes Food Truck Rallies. The cost to hold a rally and have a live band, once a week for the month of August, will cost approximately \$2,000.

Motion by Stodola, seconded by Bergland to approve funding of \$2,000 for the Food Truck Rally and a live band during August at Burch Park. All aye.

- She stated she has contacted Prein and Newhof regarding loans from the State of Michigan Revolving Fund. No new information was given.
- She stated if the Village of Schoolcraft receives money from the State of Michigan Revolving Fund, they will be loans, not grants.
- She provided a brief update on the status of the ARPA grant.

Trustee John Stodola made the following statements:

- He stated he would like to discuss the strategic plan and Council goals. These topics will be on the agenda for the next Council meeting.
- He inquired about the status of DDA/Planning Commission merge.

Trustee Mastenbrook had the following statement:

- She stated she thought being "shovel ready" was not a requirement to apply for the Kalamazoo County ARPA grant.
- She, on behalf of the Council, thanked Sergeant Jamie Edwards for his service.
- She welcomed Scott Smith to the Village of Schoolcraft Police Department.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Keith F. Gunnett, President

Theresa O'Leary, Village Clerk