

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
May 2, 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 Bergland, Carlin, Barnes, and Stodola.
Absent: Trustees Rochholz and Mastenbrook.
Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Village Clerk Theresa O'Leary, Finance Director/Assistant Manager Tammi Youngs, Chief Scott Smith, Rob Peterson, Linda Barnes, Joe Beck, and John Gisler.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Bergland, seconded by Carlin, to approve the agenda as presented. 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:

Kalamazoo County Commissioner John Gisler provided an update on Kalamazoo County activities.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The information regarding the South County Sewer & Water Authority's Ordinance Proposal was discussed.

President Keith Gunnett made the following statements:

- He stated he doesn't want to sign something he doesn't agree with.
- He stated he is going to discuss the Ordinance at the next South County Sewer and Water Authority (SCSWA) meeting, then a vote can be taken.
- He stated he doesn't want to vote on it until the Village of Schoolcraft decides if they want sanitary sewer.
- He stated he was given an honorary position on the SCSWA Board.
- He stated the Village Council voted in the past to not be a paying member of SCSWA.

Trustee Stodola made the following statements:

- He stated SCSWA requested review of the proposed ordinances in April. The SCSWA minutes of early 2022 noted the proposed ordinance revisions were coming to member municipalities for a vote.
- He expressed concern that the proposed revisions were received April 4, 2022 and were not provided to trustees until April 29, 2022.
- He expressed concern that the Council was not responding in a timely manner to a request from a board of which the Village is a member.
- He offered the opinion that he is concerned that pulling away from SCSWA will isolate the Village and possibly hinder future opportunities.

- He asked why the Village has been paying to send a representative to SCSWA meetings for many years if we are only honorary members.

Trustee Todd Carlin made the following statement:

- He questioned the urgency of adopting the ordinances presented by SCSWA.

TABULATION OF BIDS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS:

President Keith Gunnett made the following statement:

- He stated he, and a group of people, are visiting Bloomingdale on Wednesday to see their waste water system.

Village Clerk Treasurer Theresa O'Leary made the following statement:

- She stated Point and Pay is up and running and resident's can now pay their water bill using a credit/debit card.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz made the following statements:

- She stated she attended the Open House for Mercury Broadband at 610 E. Eliza Street.
- She stated her concern over the possibility of not having a quorum at the scheduled Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 9, 2022.
- She stated (a) representative(s) from the 4th of July Committee will attend the next Council Meeting.
- She stated she is going to attend the Open House for the Vicksburg Foundation.

Chief Scott Smith made the following statement:

- He stated he and the police department have been working on ordinance violations.

Trustee Todd Carlin had the following statements:

- He stated in April, calls increased for the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority.
- He stated SKCFA is going to purchase a new water truck.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Keith F. Gunnett, President

Theresa O'Leary, Village Clerk