

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
June 6, 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 Rochholz, Mastenbrook, Bergland, Carlin, Barnes, and Stodola.

Absent: None.

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, Erica Rice Williams, Lori Marnell 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:**

- a) Ms. Lori Marnell appeared before the Council to inquire about the procedure for adopting Ordinances.
  
- b) Ms. Erica Rice-Williams appeared before the Council to inquire about new Ordinances that have replaced Ordinances that have been in place for a long time. She stated she parked in the right of way for many years, and now it is against the ordinance to do so.

President Keith Gunnett made the following statements:

- He stated the Planning Commission discusses the ordinances and determines if any changes or additions are needed.
- He stated once an ordinance is changed, it is sent to the Village Attorney to write.
- He stated houses on a corner lot are considered to have two front yards
- He stated a fence cannot be solid in a front yard.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz made the following statement:

- She stated that a regulatory ordinance cannot have a grandfathered clause; whereas a zoning ordinance can have a grandfathered clause.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding Ordinance 242. An Ordinance to Amend the Schoolcraft Village Code of Ordinances to Reduce the Members of the Planning Commission to Five; to Reduce the Members of the DDA From Nine to Eight; to repeal All other Ordinances and Parts Therein Inconsistent or Contrary to this Ordinance was discussed.

Motion by Rochholz, seconded by Barnes to adopt Ordinance 242 as presented. All aye.

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- b) The memorandum by Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding the Purchase of Property for South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority (SKCFA) was discussed.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz made the following statements:

- She stated a meeting regarding the purchase of property for SKCFA, was held last week. Ten people attended.
- She stated that most participants at that meeting were concerned that there have been no studies done by professionals/experts.
- She stated there were only six members of the SKCFA board at the meeting when the purchase of the property was discussed.

Trustee Todd Carlin made the following statements:

- He stated the SKCFA believes the property in question will allow for quicker response times to more citizens.
- He stated the current fire station in Vicksburg is too small.
- He stated the current fire station is being rented.
- He stated with a new station, fire trucks would be able to pull through the garage to park as opposed to backing up into the garage, which is what they are currently doing.

Trustee John Stodola made the following statements:

- He stated moving the fire station to the property being discussed would bring fire protection service to the least populated area.
- He stated the purchase of the property is not in the budget for the Village of Schoolcraft.
- He stated the Village of Schoolcraft pays SKCFA, monthly, based on number of calls they receive.
- He expressed his gratitude to the fire fighters.

Trustee Mike Rochholz made the following statement:

- He questioned the value of the property.
- He stated the SKCFA is not following their purchasing policy.
- He stated the discussion of purchasing the property was not on the agenda for the SKCFA board meeting.
- He stated the committee tasked to research a new fire station was developed last year.
- He stated studies should have been done regarding population of the entities.

Trustee Kathy Mastenbrook made the following statements:

- She expressed her concern over lack of communication.
- She stated the short-term financial commitment is not in the budget.
- She stated the long-term financial commitment is unknown.

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by Carlin to approve the purchase of property for SKCFA.

By Roll Call:

Ayes: Gunnett, Carlin and Barnes

Nays: Rochholz, Mastenbrook, Bergland and Stodola.

Motion did not pass.

**TABULATION OF BIDS:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS:**

President Keith Gunnett made the following statement:

- He stated the South County Sewer and Water Authority's rules and regulations are being reviewed by an attorney.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz made the following statements:

- She stated at the Planning Commission meeting next week, Wind & James' PUD revisions to allow retail sales will be discussed.
- She stated after approval of the revised PUD, a public hearing will be held at a Council meeting.
- She stated Clark Logic is building a \$10 million expansion.

Financial Director/Assistant Manager Tammi Youngs made the following statement:

- She reminded everyone of the Food Truck Rally and live entertainment in Burch Park next Wednesday.

Chief Scott Smith made the following statement:

- He stated he is working with Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department in preparation for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Toni Rafferty appeared before the Council to provide updates on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Keith F. Gunnett, President

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Theresa O'Leary, Village Clerk