

VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS September 19, 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, and Barnes.
Absent: None.
Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Village Clerk Theresa O'Leary, Finance Director/Assistant Manager Tammi Youngs, Chief Scott Smith, DPW Superintendent Rob Coffman, Rob Peterson, Linda Barnes, Joe Beck. Tom Gill, Julie Baird, Keith Baird, Robert Lint, Pam Ballett, Lucas Furney, Sandie McGehee, Sue Glasheen, Mike Presta and John Gisler.

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 with the following amendment to the September 6, 2022 meeting minutes:

The Fifth bullet point under President Keith Gunnett's statements will be changed to read:

- He stated as a board member, he does not vote on rates or issues pertaining to costs affecting individual users.

All aye.

REPORTS FROM VILLAGE CONSULTANTS:

- a) Mr. Doug Wohlberg presented the Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending February 28, 2022. He commended the Village Staff on their work and diligence of the handling of all the financial aspects of the operation of the Village of Schoolcraft.

Motion by Bergland, seconded by Rochholz to accept the Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending February 28, 2022 as presented. All aye.

- b) Mr. Mike Presta from Prein and Newhof discussed the right of way from an engineering perspective. He made the following statements:
- He stated the edge of the roads are the weak point of every road.
 - He stated parking in the right of way changes the shape of the shoulder, hindering or changing where rain water runs. Instead of flowing to a ditch, it may cause it to stand to run down the road.
 - He stated parking in the right of way can obstruct access to utilities that are located in that area.
 - He stated some utility lines are located in the right of way. Parking in the right of way can damage these lines.
 - He stated it costs \$20-\$30 thousand to lay a top coat of asphalt on one block. The cost is approximately \$50-\$60 thousand to repave one block of road.
- c) Mr. Mike Presta from Prein and Newhof discussed the progress report on roads, water and sewer. The following statements were made:
- He stated re-paving of W. Lyon St., Hayward St., and 14th St. will be completed by the end of next week.
 - He recommended the Village Council submit another letter of intent to apply for funding, for 2023, for a DWRP loan to help with the costs of replacing lead service lines.

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- He stated DWRF is a long-term loan. The ARPA funds are a grant.
- He stated the Comprehensive Plan will be discussed at a future meeting.

CITIZEN'S ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

- a) Village President Keith Gunnnett made the following statements:
 - He asked members of the audience that wished to speak, to approach the podium, state name and address.
 - He stated there is a three-minute time limit per person.
 - He stated the Council trustees will not respond to any questions or comments.
 - He stated that at the last meeting a resident made a comment that it is not the Police Department's job to issue warnings for parking in the right of way. President Gunnnett stated the Police Department in all municipalities handle parking violations.
 - He stated to change an ordinance, a petition must be signed with 5% of the people that voted in the last gubernatorial election.
 - He stated in the future E. Cass Street will be made into a parking zone.
- b) Residents of the Village of Schoolcraft made the following statements:
 - It was asked if the parking restrictions were the same for all districts of the Village.
 - It was asked if Spring Clean Up could be offered using curbside pick-up.
- c) Kalamazoo County Commissioner John Gisler provided an update on Kalamazoo County activities. Village Manager Cheri Lutz made the following statements:
 - She asked Commissioner Gisler to explain why the Village of Schoolcraft was not awarded any grant monies from the ARPA.
 - She stated the Village of Schoolcraft was not aware of the meeting when the grants were awarded.
 - She stated the Village of Schoolcraft was not informed that matching monies to the grant was recommended.
 - She stated she will follow up with a letter to the Kalamazoo County Commission.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Keith Gunnnett requested a motion be made to appoint Trustee Mike Rochholz to the South County Sewer and Water Authority Board as an alternate.

Motion by Carlin, seconded by Barnes to appoint Trustee Mike Rochholz to the South County Sewer and Water Authority Board as an alternate. All aye.

TABULATION OF BIDS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

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STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS:

Village Manager Cheri Lutz made the following statements:

- She stated MDOT will set a Public Hearing in October to discuss the US 131 road project. Every address on US 131 (Grand St.) will receive a notice of the Public Hearing.
- She stated site plans from Craft Precision and Chemlink will be brought before the Planning Commission in the near future.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Keith F. Gunnett, President

Theresa O'Leary, Village Clerk