

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
December 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, Linda Barns, 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 Rochholz, seconded by Mastenbrook 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:

- a) The memorandum from Village Clerk Theresa O'Leary regarding appointment of President Pro Tempore was discussed. President recommended Trustee Mike Rochholz.
Motion by Beck, seconded by Barnes to appoint Trustee Mike Rochholz to President Pro Tempore.
All aye.
- b) The proposed budget for South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority was presented.
Trustee Mastenbrook made the following statements:
 - She stated that the budget should be put in the same format as the audit.
 - She stated if the budget is in the same format as the audit, money and time could be saved in the future.

Trustee Rochholz made the following statement:

- He stated the budget line items should match up with audit.

Motion by Carlin, seconded by Barnes to approve the SKCFA proposed budget as presented.

By roll call:

Barnes	Yea
Carlin	Yea
Mastenbrook	Nay
Rochholz	Nay
Bergland	Nay
Gunnnett	Nay
Beck	Nay

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Motion did not pass.

- c) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding 2023/24 Council goals was discussed.

Trustee Rochholz made the following statement:

- He stated the goals presented are goals for both the Council and the Village Manager.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz made the following statements:

- She stated five (5) water lines will be replaced on US 131 during the road project in 2023 or early 2024.
- She stated information about financial aspects on lead line replacement will be presented in January 2024 from Baker Tilly.
- She stated that given the staff shortages in all Village departments, it would be a challenge to begin new large projects.
- She presented a chart on how some of the ARPA funds were dispersed; saying some municipalities were late submitting their application and received funding, some received funds that didn't submit an application. She questioned why the Village of Schoolcraft didn't receive any funds for replacing lead pipes, which is state mandated. An application was submitted in a timely manner and was done correctly.

It was the consensus of the Council to assign Village Manager Lutz to write a strategic plan on how to reach each goal and present them at a future meeting.

TABULATION OF BIDS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

Chief Scott Smith made the following statements:

- He confirmed Village Manager Lutz's statement about staff shortages.
- He stated the blight issue on Lincoln Street is being cleaned up.
- He stated that addressing ordinance violations is not about fines, it is about compliance.

Trustee Todd Carlin made the following statement:

- He stated the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority will meet December 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.