

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
July 17, 2023**

Special Meeting

The Special Meeting of the Village Council held at 442 N. Grand Street, was called to order by President Keith Gunnett at 7:00 p.m.

The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America were led by President Gunnett.

Present: President Gunnett, Trustees Rochholz, Mastenbrook, Beck, Bergland, and Carlin, and Barnes.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Clerk Theresa O'Leary, Chief Scott Smith, Linda Barnes, Steve Waldron, Tracy Locey, and Tracy McMillan.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Rochholz, seconded by Barnes, to approve the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND ACCOUNTS

Motion by Mastenbrook, seconded by Bergland to approve the Bills and Accounts as presented. All aye.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A TANKER TRUCK BY THE SOUTH KALAMAZOO COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

Trustee Todd Carlin made the following statement:

- He stated the plan to pay off the tanker truck in three years which will also save interest payments.

Trustee Joe Beck made the following statement:

- He expressed his concern over lack of communication about the process of purchasing the tanker truck from SKCFA.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz made the following statement:

- She stated that the Council will receive a copy of the SKCFA meeting packet from now on.

Trustee Kathy Mastenbrook made the following statements:

- She asked Tracy Locey if SKCFA could revise their Budget Report to reflect the Standard Accounting Principles and Practices, as it would be easier for the Council to understand.
- She stated that for major purchases it is always a good idea to seek information from experts or consultants to assist in that purchase.

Ms. Tracy Locey, President of SKCFA made the following statements:

- She reviewed the policy and procedures the SKCFA followed to purchase the new tanker truck.
- She stated the SKCFA did discuss the procedure to purchase a tanker truck at their meetings. It is up to the representative from Village of Schoolcraft Council to relay that information to the Council.
- She stated the SKCFA Finance Committee will explore other options for lower interest rates.
- She stated she will approach the SKCFA Board about the requests to revise their financial statements and reports given to the Village of Schoolcraft Council.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Keith F. Gunnett, Village President

Theresa O'Leary, Village Clerk