

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
December 4, 2023**

The Regular 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 Flag of the United States of America were led by President Gunnett.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: President Gunnett, Trustees Rochholz, Mastenbrook, Beck, Bergland, Barnes, and Carlin.  
Absent: None.  
Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Village Clerk Theresa O'Leary, Chief Scott Smith, Linda Barnes, Steve Waldron, Derek Saidla, Brian Julian, Rodney Borger, Vaughn Reed, and Jennifer Sportel.

**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:**

Mr. Rodney Borger appeared before the Council to ask for an extension on the deadline for demolition of his property.

The Council unanimously agreed that Mr. Borger should contact Bert Gale from Associated Government Services to discuss this matter.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- The memorandum from President Keith Gunnett regarding December Stipends for Village Employees was discussed.

Motion by Rochholz, seconded by Barnes to approved the December Stipends for Village Employees as presented. All aye.

- The Memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding Council Compensation Pay was discussed.

Motion by Beck, seconded by Mastenbrook to approve the Council Compensation Pay as presented. All aye.

The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding the Draft Budget for South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority for FY 2024/2025 was discussed.

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Trustee Kathy Mastenbrook made the following statement:

- She recommended the draft budget not be approved because SKCFA are not following the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

Trustee Mike Rochholz made the following statement:

- He stated the SKCFA need to put structures in place; mentioning the occurrence when SKCFA asked the Village of Schoolcraft for funding of a new fire truck, later finding out they had the money.

Motion was not made. The Village Council did not approve the Draft Budget for South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority.

**TABULATION OF BIDS:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS**

President Keith Gunnett made the following statement:

- He provided a brief update on the activities of the South County Sewer and Water Authority.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz made the following statement:

- She stated on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 her and DPW Superintendent Rob Coffman will meet with MDOT to discuss the 2024 construction project on US 131. She will then put information in the January 1, 2024 Village Newsletter.

Sergeant Jamie Edwards made the following statement:

- He stated there has been an increase in larceny cases. He asked everyone to take precautions by locking car doors not leave valuables in car.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Keith F. Gunnett, Village President

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Theresa O'Leary, Village Clerk