

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
February 5, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Village Council held at 442 N. Grand Street, was called to order by President Pro Tem Mike Rochholz 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 Pro Tem Rochholz, Trustees Mastenbrook, Beck, Bergland, Barnes, and Carlin.
Absent: None.
Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Village Clerk Theresa O'Leary, Chief Scott Smith, Linda Barnes, Toni Rafferty, Keith Gunnett, Jenny Sportel, Tracy McMillan, Tracy Locey, Brian Julian and Steve Waldron,

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Beck, 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:

Ms. Toni Rafferty, from the Fourth of July Committee, made the following statement:

- She stated the committee cannot find a location to have the fireworks.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding Consideration of Ordinance for Cost Recovery for Emergency Hazardous Waste Clean Up was discussed.

Fire Chief Tracy McMillan and Ms. Tracy Locey described the necessary steps that need to be taken if a hazardous event happens and explained the benefits having a Cost Recovery Ordinance.

A Cost Recovery Ordinance will be written and presented to the Council at a future meeting.

- b) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding Resolution 2024-02. A Resolution to Relinquish Membership on South County Water Authority Board or to Adopt the Amendments to Articles of Incorporation was discussed.

Village Manager Lutz and Council members agreed it would be beneficial to have a seat on the Board and participate in discussions.

Motion by Beck, seconded by Barnes to adopt the Articles of Amendments of the South County Water and Sewer Authority. By Roll Call, all aye.

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- c) Discussion took place regarding appointment of Village President.

Motion by Mastenbrook, seconded by Carlin to appoint Mike Rochholz President of the Village Council. By Roll Call, all aye.

Motion by Rochholz, seconded by Carlin to appoint Kathy Mastenbrook President Pro Tem of the Village Council. By Roll Call, all aye.

TABULATION OF BIDS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

Village Clerk/Treasurer Theresa O'Leary made the following statements:

- She stated the last two years, there have been no nominations for the Citizen of the Year Award.
- She stated the attendance at the Food Truck Rally in July and August was low
- She stated it may be difficult to get Food Trucks to attend the rally this year, as it was not profitable for them last year.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz made the following statements:

- She stated initially the Matching Gift Program was set up to help businesses during the Covid Pandemic. She asked if the Council would like to continue?
- She stated she and Mr. Bert Gale from Associated Government Services are in the process of accepting bids for the demolition of 203 Pine Street.
- She stated Plante Moran has been hired to assist with year end financials, audit and any other accounting deemed necessary.
- She stated the Village's auditor, Dough Wohlberg, is supportive of Plante Moran assisting.
- She stated Frank Lapier from South County Sewer and Water will attend the February 19, 2024 Council Meeting.

President Mike Rochholz asked that the subjects of Citizen of the Year Award, Food Truck Rally and Matching Gift Card be put on the agenda for a Council Meeting in March.

Chief Scott Smith made the following statement:

- He stated after doing some research and looking for options to trade in old firearms and purchase new ones, he found a company that would take the old firearms and sell SPD new ones. The cost is \$4,300 less than what was budgeted, at a total cost of \$700.

Trustee Todd Carlin made the following statement:

- He stated EMS is asking the entire county to use one ambulance service.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Michael J. Rochholz, President

Theresa O'Leary, Village Clerk