

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
March 18, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Village Council held at 442 N. Grand Street, was called to order by President 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 Rochholz.

ROLL CALL:

Present: President Rochholz, Trustees Mastenbrook, Beck, Barnes, and Carlin.
Absent: Trustee Bergland.
Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Village Clerk Theresa O’Leary, Chief Scott Smith, Linda Barnes, Brian Julian, Toni Rafferty, Steve Waldron. Jenny Sportel, and Shawn Rance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Mastenbrook, seconded by Barnes, to approve the agenda as presented. All Aye.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Beck, seconded by Barnes, to approve the Consent Agenda with the following amendment to the minutes of March 4, 2024:

STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

Trustee Kathy Mastenbrook, change statement to read;

- She stated she obtained minutes from the January 17, 2024 meeting of the SKCFA (South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority) and spoke with Tracy Locey regarding discussion with Dr. Fales (State Medical Director & Medical Director of KCMCA (Kalamazoo County Medical Control Authority)). Dr. Fales spoke to SKCFA Board regarding KVIAA (Kalamazoo Valley Intergovernmental Ambulance Agreement) and how it works.
All Aye.

CITIZEN’S ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President Mike Rochholz led a discussion regarding the handout showing revisions made to the Council Opportunities and Protocols.

Motion by Mastenbrook, seconded by Carlin to adopt the Council Opportunities and Protocols with the specified revisions. By Roll Call:

Mastenbrook	Aye
Barnes	Aye
Rochholz	Aye
Beck	Nay
Carlin	Aye

Motion passed 4-1.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding Draft Ordinance #246. An Ordinance to Provide for Defraying Portion of Expenses Relating to Hazardous Materials was discussed.

No changes were made to Draft Ordinance #246.

The Ordinance will be presented at the next Meeting for adoption.

- b) The memorandum from Village President Mike Rochholz regarding Committee Appointments was discussed.

The following Council members were appointed by President Rochholz:

South County Sewer and Water Board

4-year term beginning March 1, 2024

Appointed are Rochholz, Primary Designee and Village Manager Lutz, Alternate Designee. Rob Coffman, DPW Superintendent, will be asked to attend the meetings that pertain to infrastructure. Motion by Mastenbrook, seconded by Barnes to approve the appointments. By Roll Call, All Aye.

Finance Committee

2-year term beginning March 1, 2024

Appointed are President Rochholz, Trustees Mastenbrook and Carlin.

Motion by Beck, seconded by Mastenbrook to approve the appointments. By Roll Call, All Aye.

Infrastructure Committee

2-year term beginning March 1, 2024

Appointed are Trustees Mastenbrook, Beck and Bergland.

Motion by Rochholz, seconded by Barnes to approve the appointments. By Roll Call, All Aye.

Executive Committee

Meet once in July and in August, 2024 to discuss bills and accounts.

Appointed are Beck, Bergland, and Barnes.

Motion by Mastenbrook, seconded by Barnes to approve the appointments. By Roll Call, All Aye.

TABULATION OF BIDS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

Village President Mike Rochholz made the following statement:

- He stated he will be attending a meeting of the South County Water and Sewer Authority, a water meeting in Lockport Township, and a Kalamazoo Waste Water meeting.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz made the following statements:

- She stated she has received bids for the demolition of 203 Pine Street
- She stated she spoke to a representative from the electric company and gas company regarding removal of service from 203 Pine St.

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- She stated she spoke with the project manager of the US 131 construction project. He advised her of the following:
 - The project will begin April 15.
 - The Southbound lanes will be done first.
 - The detour will be from U Avenue to 8th Street to XY Avenue to US 131.
 - After completion of the Southbound lanes, the Northbound lanes will be done.
 - The detour will be from XY Avenue to Portage Road to U Avenue to US 131.
- She stated MDOT will not issue a parade permit (for the 4th of July) during the construction project.

Discussion regarding the 4th of July parade being on side streets of the Village took place. Chief Scott Smith made/had the following statements/questions:

- He asked where the parade would be set up and disbursed?
- He asked where cars would park?
- He asked where would the detour be? With a detour in place on US 131, it would be difficult and unsafe to have another detour.
- He stated if the parade were on side streets in the Village, he may not be able to get assistance for traffic control from Kalamazoo County or Michigan State Police
- He stated Schoolcraft should have an Ordinance regarding parades.
- He stated it would be very difficult for personnel to get to an emergency if one occurred during the parade.
- He stated his job is to protect the residents, the community and his officers. This would pose some safety concerns.

President Mike Rochholz made the following statement:

- He stated if cars parked in the right of way, where would people be able to view the parade.

Ms. Toni Rafferty of the 4th of July Committee made the following statements:

- She stated she agreed with Chief Smith regarding having a Parade Ordinance.
- She stated if the parade route were on the side streets, it would not be fair to those residents on those streets as people drop garbage in their yards.

The Village Council thanked Ms. Rafferty and the 4th of July Committee for all their work. Village Manager Lutz will provide a sample of a Parade Ordinance to the Council.

Mr. Shawn Rance made the following statement:

- He stated he wanted to put a service shop at his address at 560 S. Grand Street.

President Rochholz told Mr. Rance he should contact Bert Gale at Associated Government Services to discuss this matter.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.