

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
October 7, 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, Bergland, Barnes and Carlin.  
Absent: None.  
Also Present: Village Clerk Theresa O'Leary, Sergeant Jamie Edwards, Linda Barnes, Shawn Rance, Brianna Wurtsmith, Brian Julian, Steve Waldron, and Brandon Bordner.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion by Carlin, seconded by Mastenbrook, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All Aye.

**CITIZEN'S ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**TABULTION OF BIDS:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS**

Trustee Kathy Mastenbrook made the following statements regarding the September 18, 2024 meeting of the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority (SKCFA) she attended:

- She stated Brian Julien asked the SKCFA Board to consider increasing hours of coverage at the fire stations, believing this could improve response time.
- She stated Tim Frisbee, Council President of Village of Vicksburg, stated that given the projected needs of the SKCFA (new facility, repairs and maintenance on existing facilities, trucks, equipment etc.) the SKCFA Board should review how the Authority is being funded and determine how these expenses will be financed.
- She stated Kalamazoo County Commissioner John Gisler provided an update Kalamazoo County activities.

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- She stated that regarding the Ambulance Provider Agreement, five RFPs were sent out; however, one was returned from Life Ambulance. Dr. Fales (State Medical Director & Medical Director of KCMCA (Kalamazoo County Medical Control Authority)).and the committee are currently reviewing their proposal and hope to have an update at their next meeting.
- She stated the Board did not approve the 2023-24 audit. After a discussion, President Locey requested that Administrator Dee obtain quotes from Siegfried, Crandall, Vos and Lewis for monthly and quarterly accounting services.
- She stated the Board approved an investment policy which was created for the purpose of participating with the Michigan Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities Systems (MI Class).
- She stated Chief McMillan informed the Board that emergency personnel are now equipped with Carter Kits. These kits were originally designed for first responders to help them comfort and distract children during emergencies. They can be used in situations involving children with autism, children who are overwhelmed, or children who have experienced a traumatic event.
- She stated Board members continue to reiterate the need for a strategic planning session and consulting, to determine best location for a new facility.

Trustee Carlin thanked the DPW for their work in keeping the sidewalks clean.

Trustee Beck made the following statements:

- He stated his concern over the condition of some of the sidewalks.
- He stated he would like to add playground equipment for small children to Burch Park.
- He stated he would like to have a playground on the east side of Grand Street.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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Michael J. Rochholz, Village President

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Theresa O'Leary, Village Clerk