

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
December 16, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Village Council held at 442 N. Grand Street, was called to order by President Pro Tem Mastenbrook at 7:00 p.m.

The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America were led by President Pro Tem Mastenbrook.

ROLL CALL:

Present: President Pro Tem Mastenbrook, Beck, Bergland, Carlin, Doorn and Rance.
Absent: President Rochholz.
Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Village Clerk Theresa O'Leary, Sergeant Jamie Edwards, Anne Marie Clark, Jan McNally, Jill Strake, Shannon Bruner. Wendy Mazer, Kathy Rance, and Steve Waldron.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Beck, seconded by Doorn, to approve the agenda with the following change:

Add under New Business:

Memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding Request for Funding for utilities for the Eagles Nest.

All aye.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Bergland seconded by Carlin, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All aye.

CITIZEN'S ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Kalamazoo County Commissioner, Ms. Wendy Mazer stated that at the Commissioner's meeting tomorrow evening, Village of Schoolcraft will be awarded \$100,000 in ARPA monies.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding a Request for Funding for Utilities for the Eagles Nest, in the amount of \$2040.00 was discussed.

Volunteers from the Eagles Nest and the Food Pantry provided an update on the activities and thanked the Council for their contribution.

Motion by Carlin, seconded by Doorn to approve funding for utilities for the Eagles Nest. By Roll Call, All Aye.

TABULATION OF BIDS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

Village Manager Cheri Lutz made the following statements:

- She stated in 2024 the following grants were received:
 - Vicksburg Foundation in the amount of \$47,000 to assist local businesses during the US 131 road construction project.
 - KATS awarded the Village of Schoolcraft \$450,000 for the reconstruction of E. Lyon Street; 14th Street to US 131. This will take place in 2028.
 - The State of Michigan awarded the Village of Schoolcraft a grant of \$400,000 for the reconstruction of West Eliza Street; US 131 west to the Village Limits.
 - Kalamazoo County awarded Village of Schoolcraft \$100,00 to assist in the State mandated lead line replacement that needs to be complete by 2041.
- She stated it is inappropriate and unprofessional to dress in a costume for a Council meeting.
- She stated a representative from MI CLASS will give a presentation at the January 20, 2025 Council meeting
- She stated that Baker Tilly will attend a future Council meeting to discuss the water rate study they performed.

President Pro Tem Kathy Mastenbrook made the following statement:

- She stated SKCFA became a member of KVIAA (Kalamazoo Valley Intermediate Ambulance Authority). It was stated they will not honor contracts purchased by residents for Life EMS and Pride Ambulance.

President Pro Tem Kathy Mastenbrook, on behalf of President Rochholz, read a note thanking the Council for their work and wished them a happy holiday.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Kathy Mastenbrook, President Pro Tem

Theresa O'Leary, Village Clerk