

VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS May 19, 2025

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

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, Doorn and Rance and Carlin.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Village Clerk Theresa O'Leary, Brian Julian, Mike Presta, Phyllis Rose, Matt Curtis, Colin Loker, Zach Baumann, Dan Eckert, Matthew Cramer, Jennifer Sportel, and Debbie Vernon.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Doorn, seconded by Rance to approve the agenda as presented. All aye.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Mastenbrook seconded by Rance, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. By Roll Call, all aye.

CITIZEN'S ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

TABULATION OF BIDS:

- a) Mr. Mike Presta from Prein and Newhof recommended the Council award the contract to Balkema Excavating for lead service line replacement in the amount of \$152,000.
 - Mr. Presta stated this project includes replacing lead pipe service lines at 33 addresses, between the road and the home.
 - Village Manager Cheri Lutz stated that \$100,000 of the cost would come from ARPA funds issued by Kalamazoo County.

Motion by Doorn, seconded by Rance to award the contract to Balkema Excavating for lead service line replacement. By Roll Call, all aye.

- b) Village Manager Cheri Lutz led a discussion regarding resurfacing Lyon Street, from US 131 to 14th Street.
She made the following statements:
 - She stated the cost of the project is estimated to be \$79,000.
 - She stated the work will be done by Kalamazoo County Road Commission.
 - She stated the railroad tracks on E. Lyon Street will also be worked on.
 - She stated striping the road is not included in this cost.

Motion by Mastenbrook, seconded by Rance to award the bid to Kalamazoo County Road Commission to resurface E. Lyon Street. By Roll Call, all aye.

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NEW BUSINESS:

The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding Mercury Fiber installing fiber optics for high speed internet was discussed.

Village Manager Lutz made the following statement:

- She stated there are a few details that need to be submitted to Mr. Mike Presta from Prein and Newhof for approval.

Representatives from Mercury Broadband, Directline, and Troyer Group were present.

Motion by Beck, seconded by Rance to approve Mercury Fiber's request contingent upon Mr. Presta's approval, and that no work will begin until that approval has been received. By Roll Call, all aye.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A thank you note from the 4th of July Committee was acknowledged for file.

STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

Village Manager Cheri Lutz made the following statements:

- She stated discussion regarding golf carts is tentatively scheduled to take place at the June 2, 2025 Council meeting.
- She stated the staff is currently reviewing and making suggestions/changes to the water ordinance

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Michael J. Rochholz, President

Theresa O'Leary, Village Clerk